



YEAR BOOK 2021



**THE RACING COLLECTIVE IS A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ROAD AND GRAVEL BIKEPACKING CLUB FOR SELF-SUPPORTED RACERS. INSPIRED BY RACES LIKE THE TRANSCONTINENTAL AND THE TOUR DIVIDE, WE SET OUT TO CONSTRUCT A SERIES OF TRIALS WITH THIS SPIRIT OF SELF-SUFFICIENCY, BUT WHICH CAN BE COMPLETED CLOSER TO HOME.**

We seek the freedom and feral mindset that comes from riding fast and far. Meanwhile, all too aware that the environment we ride in needs protecting, our long-term aim as a club is to rewild over 100 hectares of land in the UK for wildlife and future adventurers to enjoy.

2021 was bookended by two focal points – COVID-19 restrictions at the start of the year, and the COP26 climate summit in Glasgow towards the end. The former meant we delayed many of our rides; the later brought some joyous winter miles as riders from all over the country converged on Glasgow via the Route to Net Zero.

As the world learns how to live with coronavirus, and the limitations of top-down governance, we are also starting to see an ever-increasing number people voicing concern about the climate crisis. We have been organising rides to climate marches since 2014 and it is uplifting to see growing interest. Just like coronavirus, the sooner we act, the better.

Thank you and good luck!

The Racing Collective



# TRANSENGLAND21

• 28-29 MAY 2021 | 270KM | 4,550M ASCENT

NAME

TIME (H:M)

LIAMBROMILEY 11:50

RICHYJMO 12:37

LEEBOYBROWN 13:19





**"FOR ME, THIS EVENT REALLY  
DELIVERED ON WHAT IT PROMISED: A  
TEST OF MIND, BODY AND EQUIPMENT.  
IT NEARLY BROKE ME, BOTH  
PHYSICALLY AND EMOTIONALLY, AND  
I WAS GENUINELY SURPRISED TO FIND  
MYSELF AT THE FINISH LINE"**

**VERA NGOSI-SAMBROOK**







Many thanks to John Baston for this illustration inspired by his TransEngland ride :)



# OXDURO 21

12 JUNE 2021 | 130KM | 1,500M ASCENT

NAME	TIME (H:M:S)
FELIX BARKER	01:07:10
DAVID HEWETT	01:10:02
BRADLEY SHENTON	01:15:23

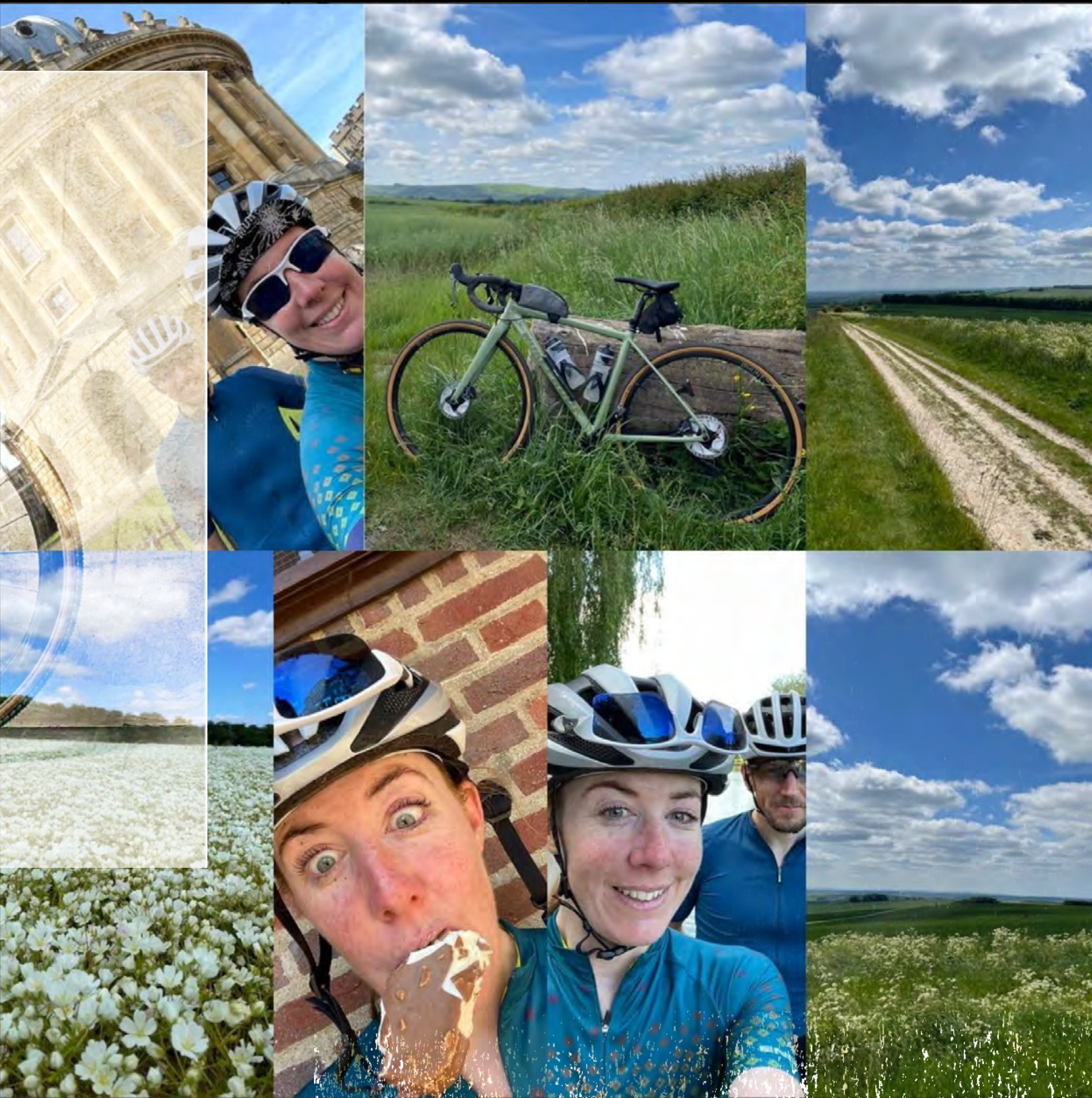






"20KM IN THE PATH  
OPENED UP FROM  
WOODLANDS TO  
LONG MEADOWS  
WITH GRASS UP TO  
OUR HIPS"

JAGGERS PADDA







# TRANSWALES 21

18-19 JUNE 2021 | 350KM | 6,200M ASCENT

NAME	TIME (H:M)
GINGEFARMER	13:03
HLARBALESTIER	15:33
LEEBOYBROWN	16:02



## STEVE HASKEW TALKS ABOUT HIS FIRST ULTRA-DISTANCE EXPERIENCE ON TRANSWALES

The world of ultra-endurance cycling had piqued my interest in early 2020, but lack of time, courage and, of course, Covid had kept me from doing anything about it. So, by 2021 I was keen to stop watching dots from my desk and get out there and give it a go. TransWales was on some reasonably familiar roads in places and a challenging but achievable distance and so I made plans; lots of them. I probably planned too much and ended up being too cautious. I carried far too much water at times and more food than I needed.

The big new thing for me was riding right through the night: would I be too tired? Would I just be miserable in the early hours? I loved it. One of the biggest highlights was hurtling down from Hirnant Pass to Lake Vyrnwy, briefly turning the pitch-black road into a dazzling pool of light, weaving through the forest. Riding and racing against others made it different to any

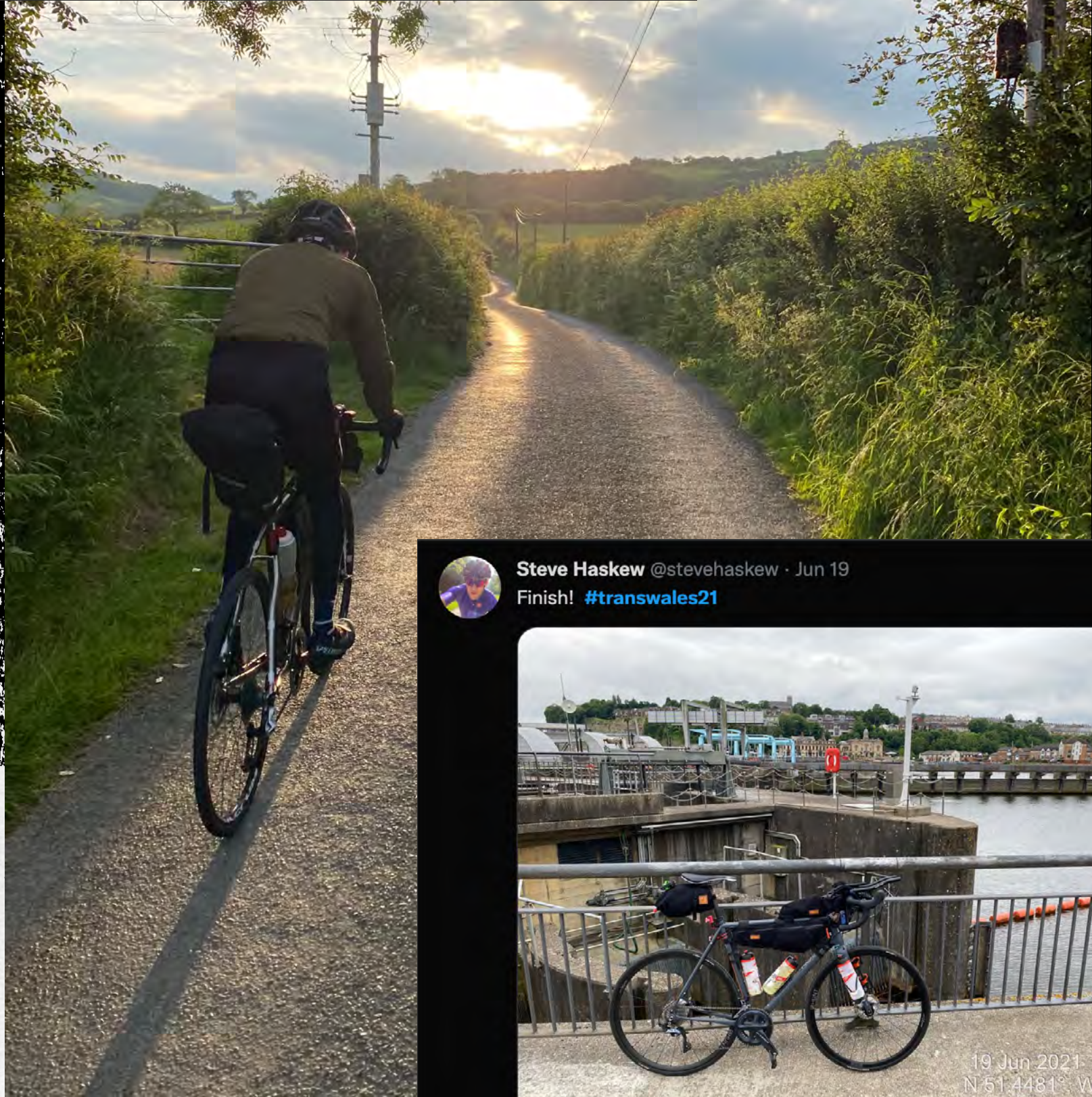
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normal long ride - the brief interactions with other riders on the road brought a mix of emotions – from being overtaken by a blur of Hannah ascending out of the Vale of Ffestiniog reminding me how slow I was, to an enjoyable early-morning chat with Mally on the run out from CP3 to the valley below.

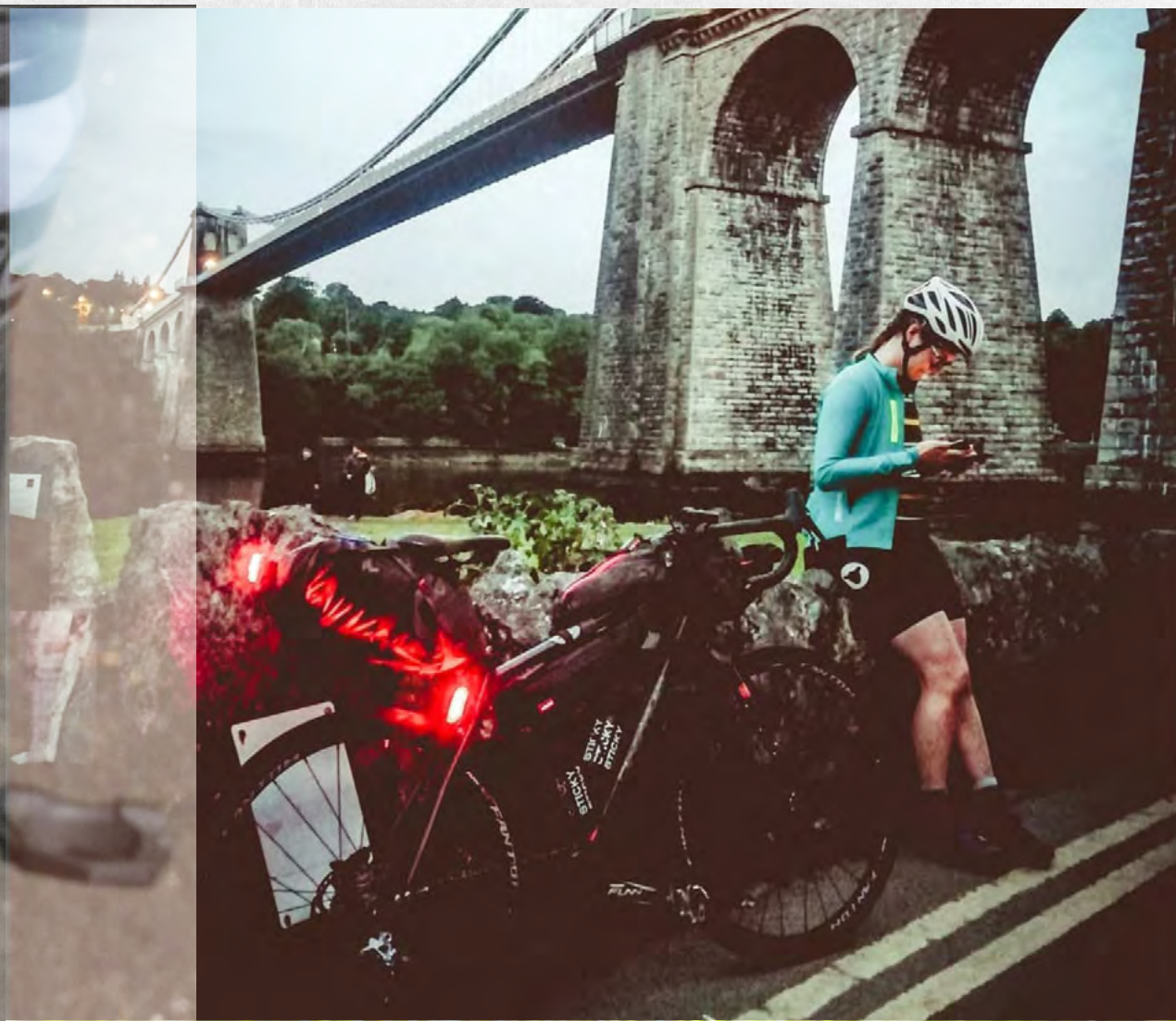
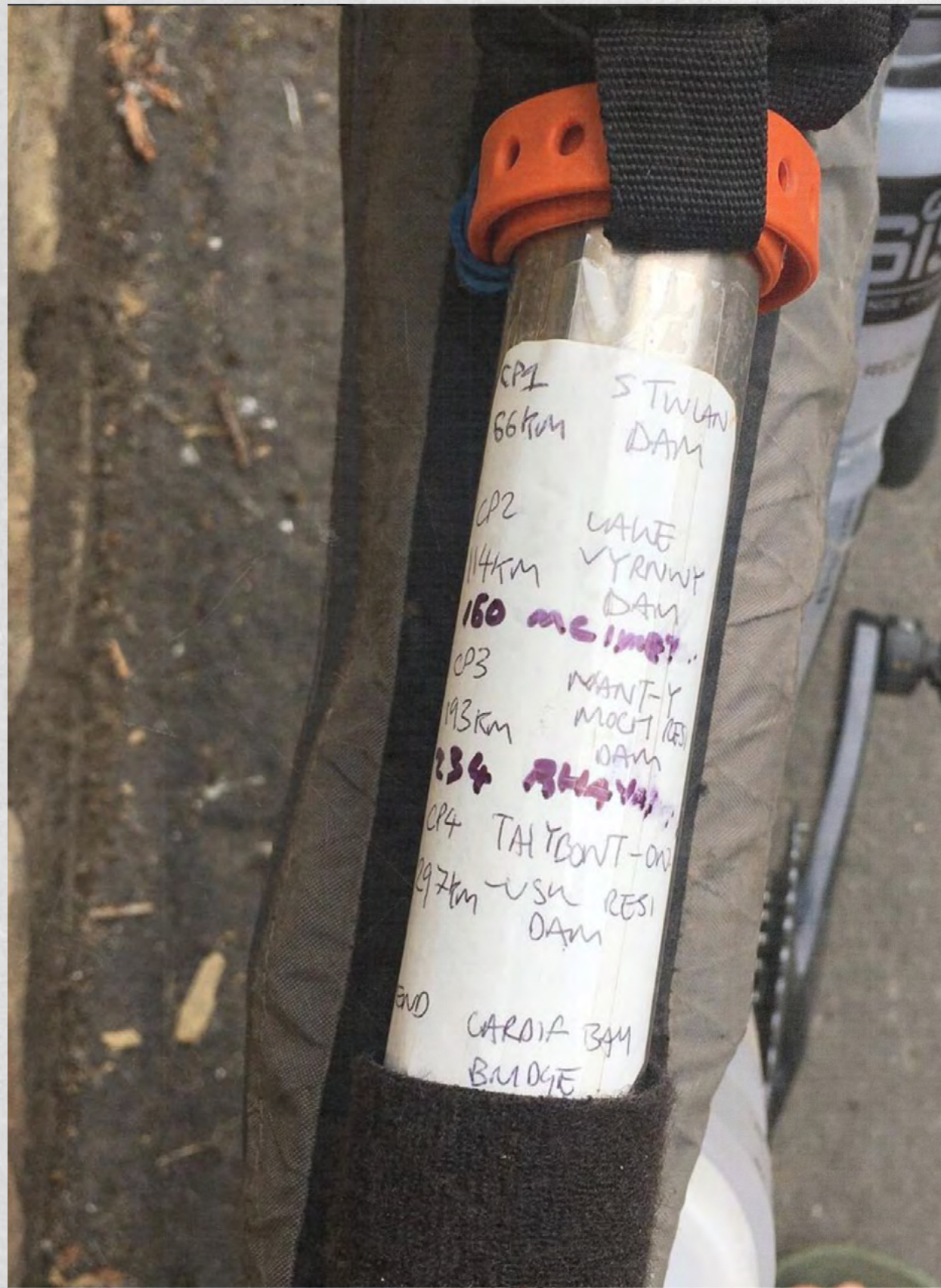
The sun came up, the temperature rose and morale with it, then the clouds came back and the headwind started to blow. As my over-optimistic time-goal gradually faded from the realms of possibility the motivation to push on declined a bit and the faff started to creep back in. An eventual elapsed time of 22h30 for

a moving time of 17h40 told me very clearly where I lost most time!

So did I enjoy it? Well it speaks volumes that by Sunday afternoon I was already making plans of what I would do differently to improve my time in 2022... See you in Bangor.









# COTSDURO 21

26 JUNE 2021 | 100KM | 2,000M ASCENT

NAME	TIME (H:M:S)
ED JARVIS	00:18:22
JAMES CRAVEN	00:19:50
CHARLIE HOLDEN	00:20:09





"COTSDURO '21. WHAT A RIDE!  
LOTS OF HILLS, SO MANY  
BEAUTIFUL BRIDLEWAYS"

JO





# WALES DURO21

3-4 JULY 2021 | 350KM | 6,200M ASCENT

NAME	TIME (H:M:S)
HARRY WALTON	04:16:11
CHARLIE HOLDEN	04:30:11
BRETT DAUGHTREY	04:42:17



**"I BLAME TURNING 40 THIS YEAR FOR  
TO TAKE ON THIS CHALLENGE! I'M R  
MENTAL HEALTH CHARITY @MINDCH  
TO INSPIRE OTHERS TO CHALLENGE**

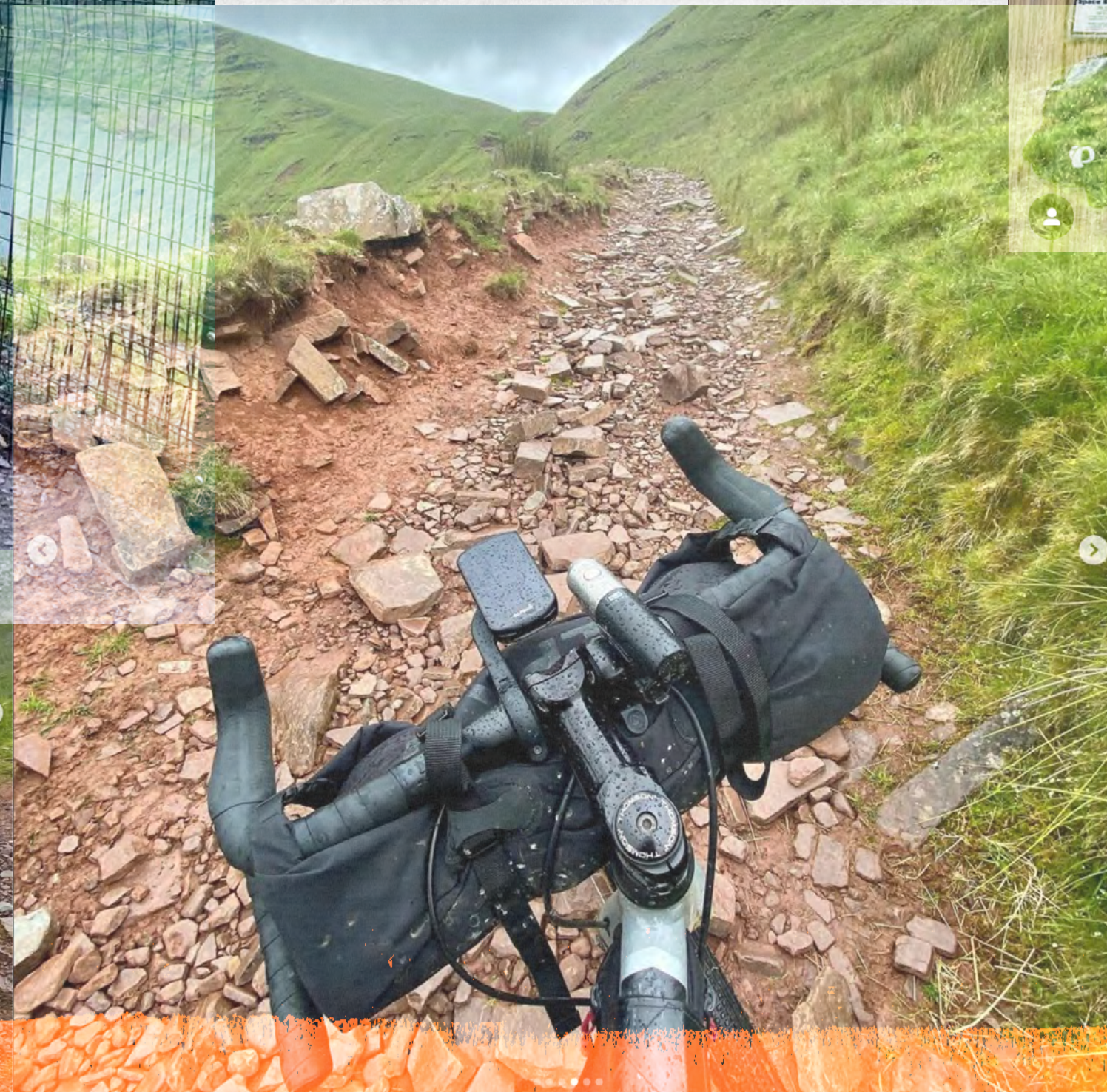
**OLLIE YOUNG**

A man wearing a black cycling jersey with white and red accents, black shorts, a white helmet, and glasses stands next to a silver road bike. The bike has a black pannier bag on the rear rack and a blue water bottle. He is standing on a gravel path next to a green wire fence. In the background, there are green mountains, a body of water, and a cloudy sky. The image is part of a social media post, with a back arrow icon on the left and a share icon on the right.

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# TRANSSCOTLAND 21

17-18 JULY 2021 | 540KM | 5,800M ASCENT

NAME	TIME (H:M)
ROB_WEBB_DBBC	24:14
GUTSIBIKES	24:15
FYASPTNUTRITION	26:11





SEEN A FAIR BIT OF BRITAIN BY DOING @THERACINGCOLL NATIONAL TRIALS THIS YEAR. I'VE NOW COLLECTED THE FULL SET OF 3 FANTASTIC RIDES: 49 HOURS, 45,000 FEET, 708 MILES. NEXT UP THE BIG ONE IN AUGUST!

LEE BROWN



"AFTER 590KM, 5855M OF ELEVATION, 5 MECHANICALS, CARRYING BIKES OVER MOUNTAINS, ROUGHING IT FOR 4 HOURS IN BIVVYS AND ALMOST MISSING THE FERRY AT HUNTERS QUAY WE ARRIVED AT GEORGE SQUARE AT 2.32 THIS MORNING."

HARRY WOOD

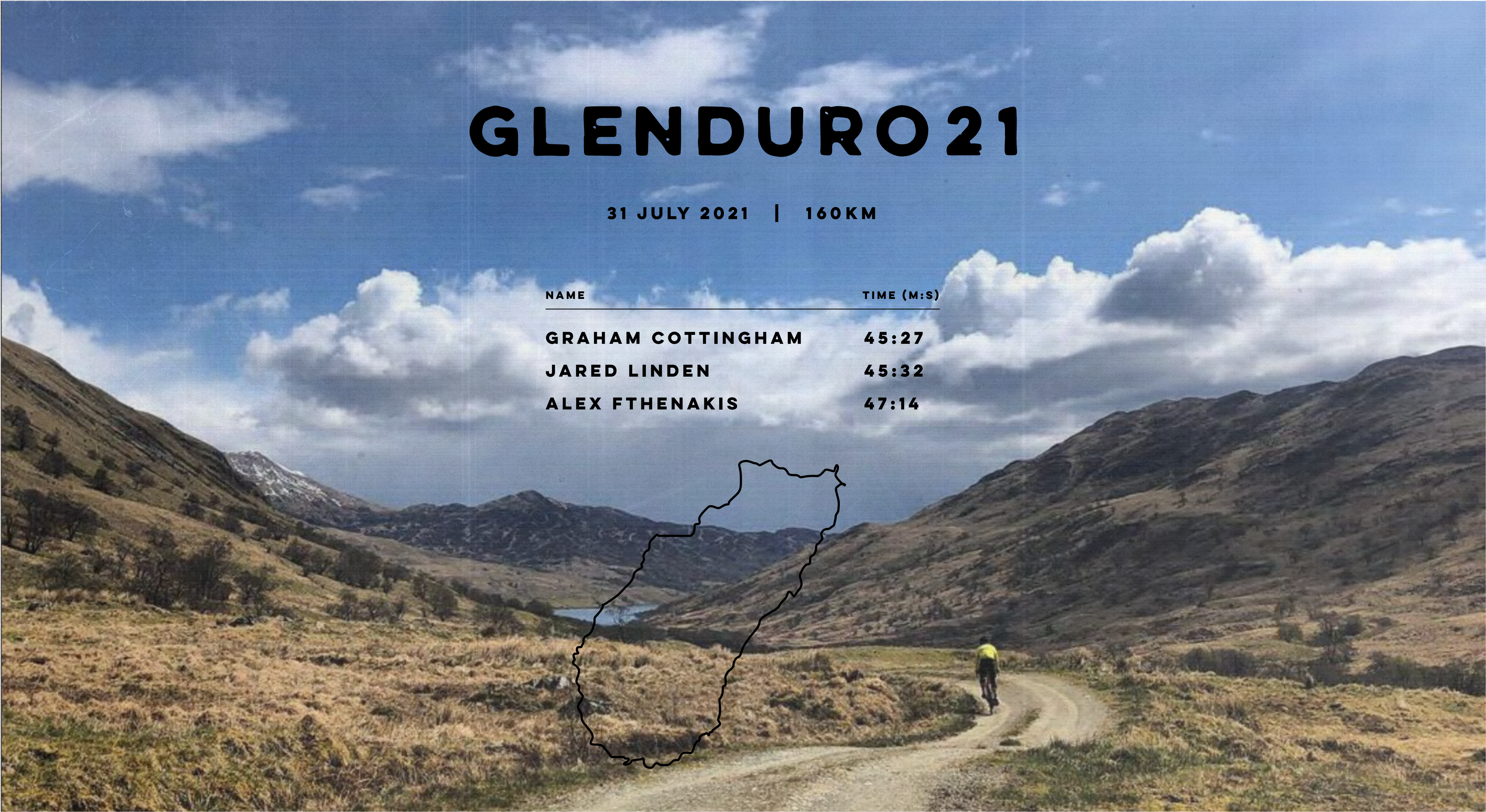




# GLENDURO 21

31 JULY 2021 | 160KM

NAME	TIME (M:S)
GRAHAM COTTINGHAM	45:27
JARED LINDEN	45:32
ALEX FTHENAKIS	47:14

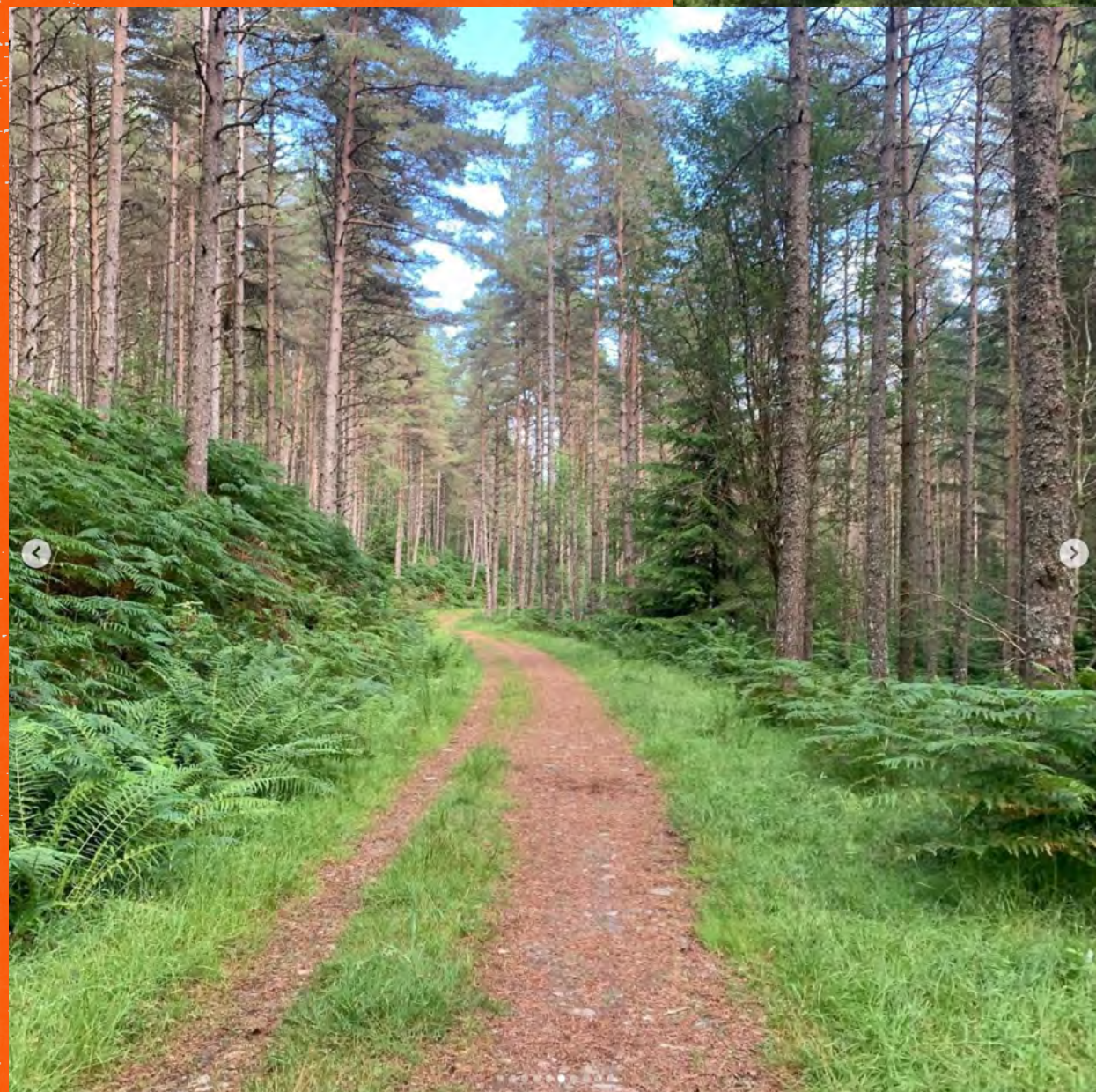






**"AMAZINGLY MANAGED 61 MINUTES COMPARED TO THE WINNER'S 45MIN. ESPECIALLY SINCE I HADN'T REALLY EMPTIED MY BIKE PACKS AND WAS CARRYING FULL WATERPROOFS, FIRST AID KIT, A BIKE LOCK AND EVEN MY TRUSTY TROWEL "**

**HOWARD PERKINS**



**"ROUTE WAS AN ABSOLUTE BANGER; 10/10 WOULD BURST MYSELF ON THE ROUTE AGAIN"**

**MATTHEW HAWKINS**



# ENGLANDURO21

7-8 AUGUST 2021 | 300KM | 2,700M ASCENT

NAME	TIME (H:M:S)
JACK FERGUSON	01:58:05
A OWEN	02:17:12
PETE LUNT	02:17:25







"THE CITY CENTRE BUSY  
WITH PUB & RESTAURANT  
GOERS; THE THOUGHT  
CROSSES MY MIND TO FIND  
A BED FOR THE NIGHT, BUT I  
OPT TO RIDE ON INTO DARK,  
DAMP SOLITUDE"

JOHN BASTON







**"24HRS OF RAIN.  
300KM LIVERPOOL TO  
SCARBOROUGH THROUGH  
YORK & THE PEAKS. 24HRS  
LATE FINISHING"**

**ALI SHEPHERD**



**"WHAT A BELTER.  
APOCALYPTIC WEATHER,  
BROKEN BIKES, A GREAT  
ROUTE, AND AWESOME  
COMPANY.  
220 MILES OF LAUGHS,  
GIGGLES AND MOANING"**

**MICK COLLINS**





# GBDURO 21

14 AUGUST TO 24 AUGUST 2021  
~2000KM | ~30500M ASCENT

JOHN O' GROATS  
1960 KM

NAME	TIME (D:H:M)
MARK BEAUMONT	05:15:24
OLLIE HAYWARD	06:02:19
JAIMI WILSON	06:04:39
CARL HOPPS	06:08:18
PHILIPPA BATTYE	06:13:20
NICK SPENCER-VELLACOTT	07:00:00
ALICE LEMKES	07:01:33
EMILY HARPER	07:07:31
CHRIS SIMPSON	07:18:05
VICTORIA PEEL	08:10:10
ED MILBOURN	08:20:28
SIMON WAREING	09:07:08
HOWARD PERKINS	09:09:22
CLAIRE STEVENS	09:12:05
IZZY FRESHWATER	FIN
CHRIS BOWER	FIN
PHOEBE HEVRON/JACK WILLIAMS	FIN
LOO NALTON/PETE WORSFOLD	FIN

LAND'S END



"BEST CHECKPOINTS I'VE  
ENCOUNTERED ON AN  
ULTRA EVENT WITH THE  
ADDED BONUS OF HAVE  
SOME TIME TO CHILL OUT  
THERE."

NICK SPENCER-VELLACOTT





"SLOW PROGRESS THIS MORNING  
AT THE START OF STAGE 2  
OF GBDURO21. THE WEATHER  
AND RIVER CROSSINGS COULD  
CONVINCE ME I'M BACK IN  
SCOTLAND ALREADY!!!"

HOWARD PERKINS







JOHN O' GROATS  
1960 KM

"WE WERE THRILLED TO  
HAVE 5 WOMEN IN THE TOP  
10 FINISHERS AT GBDURO21,  
BUT WE WANT TO SEE A  
50:50 GENDER SPLIT AND  
A MORE DIVERSE FIELD  
ON THE START LINE FOR  
GBDURO22"

THE RACING COLLECTIVE





# PUBDURO NORTH YORK MOORS 21

28-29 AUGUST 2021 | 140KM | 2,750M ASCENT

NAME	TIME (H:M:S)
JADE FIELD	03:16:52
OLLY BOWLES	13:30:24
JACK DAVEY	14:28:13









# SCOTDURO19

4-5 SEPTEMBER 2021 | 330KM | 5,500M ASCENT

NAME

TIME (H:M)

FELIX BARKER

03:41:41

DAVID HEWETT

04:04:42

IAIN WEBSTER

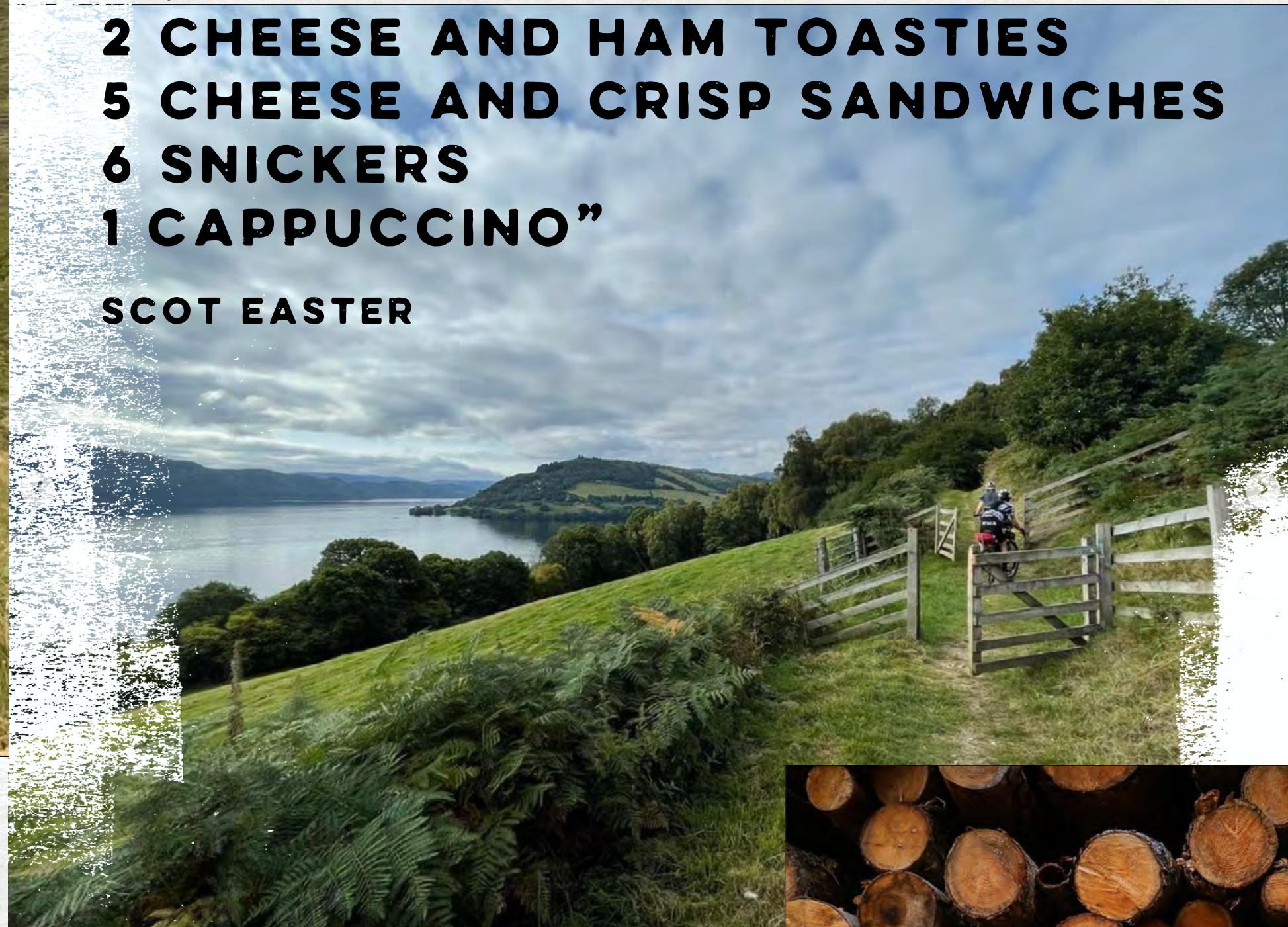
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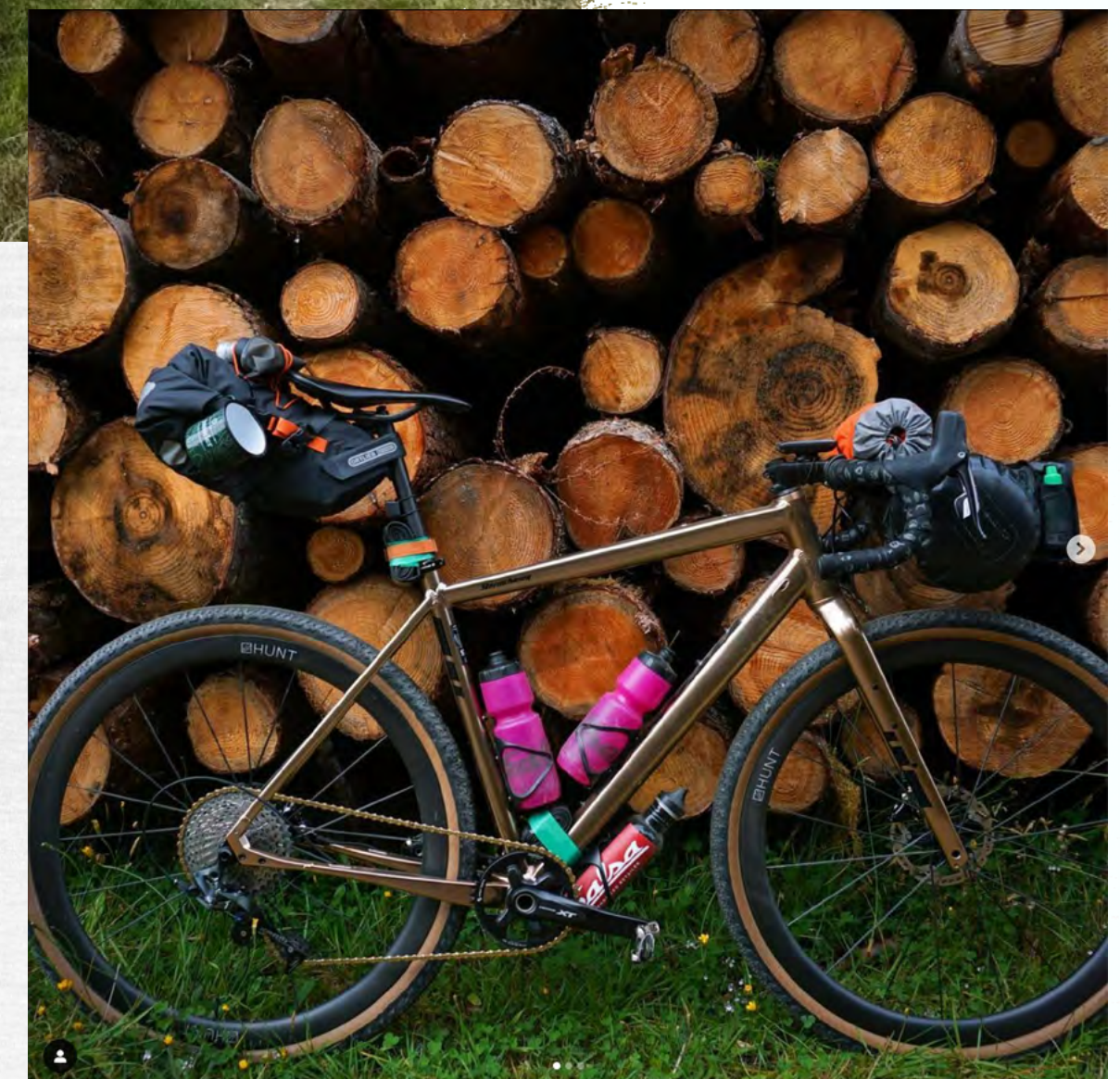
**"SCOTDURO.  
207MILES  
18,000FT CLIMBING  
2 CHEESE AND HAM TOASTIES  
5 CHEESE AND CRISP SANDWICHES  
6 SNICKERS  
1 CAPPUCCINO"**

**SCOT EASTER**



**"THINK THAT'S MY TOUGHEST WEEKEND  
EVER ON A BIKE. FROM THE 300+KM OF OFF  
ROAD TERRAIN, TO SLEEPING IN A BIVY  
BAG ON RANNOCH MOOR UNDERNEATH THE  
MILKY WAY, THIS CHALLENGE WAS EPIC IN  
SO MANY WAYS."**

**DAVID HEWETT**





# PENNDURO21

2 OCTOBER 2021 | 170KM | 3,000M ASCENT

NAME	TIME (M:S)
VELOFONDISTA ED	34.50
STEVAN BROWN	35.28
ALEX SMITH	41:25







**"PLEASED TO COMPLETE PENNDURO TODAY  
AFTER BAILING LAST YEAR. CAME CLOSE  
THOUGH AS THE SANDY PENNINE MUD  
DESTROYED ALL OF MY BRAKE PADS BUT I  
DETOURED INTO BURNLEY WHERE HALFORDS  
HAD ONE SET THAT SAW ME THROUGH"**

**STEVAN BROWN**





# THE TRIPLE CROWN



CONGRATULATIONS TO:

LEE BROWN (@LEEBOYBROWN)

ROBERT WEBB (@ROB\_WEBB\_DBBC)

...WHO JOIN THE VERY SHORT LIST OF PEOPLE WHO  
HAVE COMPLETED TRANSENGLAND, TRANSWALES, AND  
TRANSSCOTLAND IN THE SAME YEAR.





# ROUTE TO NET ZERO

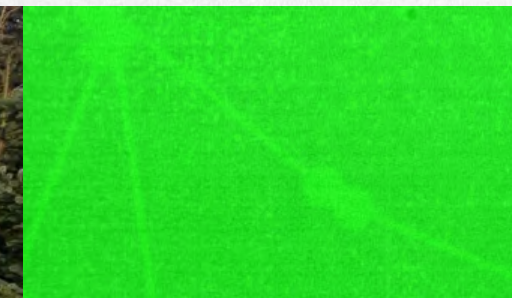


During the week commencing Saturday 6th November 2021, The Racing Collective organised a ride from London to Glasgow for COP26: the most important climate conference since the Paris Agreement in 2015.





**"THE FUTURE IS NOT A  
SPECTATOR SPORT"**  
JEREMY LENT, THE WEB OF MEANING



**"WOH! THAT WAS FUN, AND HARD, AND  
CLARIFYING AND MANY THINGS I WASN'T  
QUITE PREPARED FOR."**

NEIL MCKIE



**"HUMILITY NOT EGOISM,  
EMPATHY, NOT APATHY"**

ANGUS MORTON, THEREABOUTS





# 300 MILES IN 3 DAYS ON A 30 QUID BIKE

**DEMONSTRATING THAT  
BIKEPACKING CAN BE  
FOR EVERYONE**

**ADVENTUREPEDLARS RODE 'THE  
DEMONSTRATOR' BIKE AS PART OF  
ROUTE TO NET ZERO TO HIGHLIGHT  
THESE CAUSES:**

- 1. BIKE RIDING AS DEMONSTRATION IN  
SUPPORT OF COP26**
- 2. BIKEPACKING FOR EVERYONE**
- 3. DEMONSTRATING AGAINST  
PROHIBITIVE TRAIN BIKE POLICIES**



£30







# ZERO WASTE WEEK

THIS IS TWO PEOPLES' HOUSEHOLD WASTE FOR ONE WEEK. THE AIM OF ZERO WASTE WEEK IS TO TAKE STOCK OF THE AMOUNT OF WASTE WE GENERATE AND TO THINK ABOUT HOW TO REDUCE IT.

GET INVOLVED IN 2022



# PLANTING 826 TREES IN 1 WEEKEND

Bikepacking isn't just for summer. We managed to sneak in an excellent tree planting weekend at Heart of England Forest in early December. Cal won the non-existent prize for furthest distance ridden at over 200km and kudos to Liam who plotted an off-road route from Bristol (as you do).

With the weekend falling between Storm Arwen and Storm Barra, it meant for an 'interesting' camping experience in the wind!

Thanks to all that came - collectively we planted 826 trees.







**THANK YOU!**

**HOPE TO SEE YOU ON A RIDE IN 2022**

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