

## Tour of Britain Cycle Race

### The legacy of the knitted jersey bunting

#### The start

It was back in the summer of 2018, the three of us along with many others attended a parish meeting to discuss ideas for the Tour of Britain Bike Race.

It was great to hear about the activities for the school children and also the virtual bike race however we wanted to do something that everyone could take part in and that created a legacy from the people - so we decided on the knitted jersey bunting, which could then be sewn up into jumpers and given to charity.

#### The Race

We were up bright and early on race day and the jerseys were all threaded through very long washing lines and suspended on the Rectory Field railings which was alongside the race route through the village.

Lots of people admired the jerseys and were trying to spot which one's they had knitted. Many jerseys had been donated by Keyworth residents, however we also received jerseys from much further afield.

As the jerseys were being donated to charity, we didn't leave them out in case they got damaged by the weather.

#### Sewing Up

We knitted a few more jerseys to make a total of 73 jumpers. Trying to match the wool to all the different colours used was fun as we had more colours in the jerseys than originally anticipated.

#### Photos

Having collected all the jumpers together we thought it would be nice to have some pictures of the finished articles to show everyone what they had participated in. We had a fun afternoon putting the jumpers into various designs to show off the work that had been done.

Donation to charity

From this original idea, it was always the plan to make sure the jumpers were put to good use. So, in April this year, they were passed onto the local collector for the National Police Aid Convoys (<http://www.npac.org.uk/>) and we understand they have been sent to Malawi.

Thank you

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has taken part in this project. To:

everyone who knitted a jersey or two (or ten) and helped with the sewing up

the Parish Council for their support

all the businesses who advertised the pattern for the jerseys

Rob Inglis ([www.imagesRi.co.uk](http://www.imagesRi.co.uk)) for the photos of the finished jumpers

David Rickards for the loan of the cardboard bikes for the photos

And to everyone in the village who supported the project on the day.

A copy of this article and the colour photos are available on the Keyworth Parish Council web site ([www.keyworthparishcouncil.org](http://www.keyworthparishcouncil.org)).

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