



Advice to GNR runners and spectators

Runners and spectators of this weekend's Great North Run events are reminded that the Tyne Pedestrian and Cyclist Tunnels are currently closed for refurbishment.

Many people traditionally use the tunnels to avoid the crowds and congestion on the roads and the Metro.

Although a free, half-hourly shuttle bus service runs between the tunnel entrances it can only carry 24 passengers and 16 bikes at a time.

Paul Fenwick, project director for the tunnels' owner, the Tyne & Wear Integrated Transport Authority, said: "We would not like people to turn up at the tunnels and suddenly find their journey plans spoiled by the closure.

"They should either allow a lot more time for their journey or find another way of travelling between Newcastle and South Shields."

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