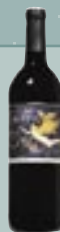


# Gear up



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## Islabikes Trailerbike >>

£225

Reviewed by CTC Campaigns and Policy Officer Adam Coffman

If you want your children to enjoy longer distance rides and they are getting bored sitting in a child-seat with nothing to do, one option is a trailer-cycle or tag-along. It is a great way to teach starting, stopping, balancing and shifting, as well as the rules of the road. There are many options on sale, but most of them attach via the seat post, which is not designed as a hitching post, and this arrangement is not always stable when cornering. The original 'Rann trailer' had a much better and more stable arrangement, with the towing hitch vertically above the towing bike's back wheel, on a specially reinforced rear carrier. But lately, the only available trailer-cycle of that design has been the excellent but rather expensive Burley Piccolo. The good news is that Isla Rowntree is once again selling her signature Trailerbike – for £100 less than a Burley Piccolo! This Trailerbike also has the ideal rear carrier hitch arrangement (different from and a further improvement upon her original 1990s' Trailerbike). The fastening is simple and very secure: two quick release skewers and a safety catch. The whole trailer-cycle is beautifully finished and very light, so that even with a passenger on the back you hardly notice you're towing it. The passenger has six (mainly low) gears, which are a useful added boost on hills, and a mudguard to keep them dry in the rain. The adjustable handlebars meant that even a small 3 1/2 year old had a comfortable riding position. Highly recommended.

Info: Islabikes, tel: 01746 710835, [www.islabikes.co.uk](http://www.islabikes.co.uk)



Left: Adam Coffman. Right: Roland Seber