



FROM THE EDITOR

'CAN YOU TAKE your bike out of the airing cupboard? I want to dry my clothes.' Cycling facilities were limited at university years ago. There might have been a few Sheffield stands, but they were exposed to the weather and the attention of thieves. My bike – a Muddy Fox Pathfinder fitted with a pannier rack that I used for anything and everything – was the only item of value I owned. So I parked it in the airing cupboard, vertically.

Dropping my own sons off at university in recent years, there were still Sheffield stands – inside a bespoke bike store, with a key-coded locked door and a cavernous amount of space. There were quite a few traffic-free cyclepaths too.

What hasn't changed is that cycling remains an excellent way to get around as a student. After buying the bike itself, costs are minimal compared with public transport or, even more so, a second-hand car. And it's practical for the short distances that students tend to travel.

Regular cyclists know this. But university is a time when young adults often come back to cycling, having drifted away in their teens. It's a chance for them to find out how fantastic – and how fantastically practical – cycling is. It's an education.

University is a great time to take out individual membership of CTC too. I would say that: that's when I joined.

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Clockwise from far left: Steve Rock, Alamy, Dave Barter

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