



## In the frame

Effective, environmentally friendly cleaners and chain lube



FENWICK'S

### Complete Cleaning Kit

£30, [fenwicksbike.com](http://fenwicksbike.com)

- + EFFECTIVE ON ALL BIKE PARTS
- + BIODEGRADABLE
- + AVAILABLE AS SEPARATES

As I surveyed my newly pristine cycle, having just cleaned it using the contents of Fenwick's Complete Cleaning Kit, I had to ask myself: "How can stuff this effective be biodegradable?"

And yet even the Foaming Chain Cleaner is just that, ticking the most important of several boxes on my stringent bike-cleaning-product requirements checklist. Others include ease of application, effectiveness at shifting dirt and 'rinsability' – how much time and effort it takes to rinse the grey water off. This is no small thing; one product aimed at motorcycles I have tried resists rinsing every bit as effectively as it lifts dirt.

No such problem with either the chain cleaner or the Bike Cleaner, both of which rinsed off quickly using the moderate outpouring of a hand-pumped pressure washer. The kit also contains a 95ml refill bottle of concentrated Bike Cleaner.

Enough to make one litre at ready-to-use strength, it can also be used neat on chains and cassettes, presumably once you've run out of the foaming stuff. A brush, sponge and bottle of chain lube complete the kit, the latter formulated to repel water and suitable for all weather conditions. The sponge is rough, full of large holes and shaped to envelope the chain. The Gear Cleaning Brush has long bristles to really get stuck into the less savoury areas of the transmission.

Pressing the nozzle of the chain cleaner, a long stream of shaving-foam-density cleaner issued forth. After pulling the chain through the sponge and working the brush between the sprockets, I flushed the two with water, expecting a marginally less oily pair of components. I was instead pleasantly surprised to see them emerge near spotless.

Following the Bike Cleaner

### Other options



#### REHOOK REVIVE 6-IN-1 BIKE CARE KIT £20

Eco-friendly cleaning kit available online only. [rehook.bike](http://rehook.bike)



#### MUC-OFF 8-IN-1 BIKE CLEANING KIT £50

Brushes, sponges and bike wash in a handy tub. [muc-off.com](http://muc-off.com)

### Verdict

Super-effective bike and chain cleaning products presented in one convenient package. All parts of the kit are available individually as needed; the brush and sponge should last a season or two.

instructions to the letter obtained much the same result on the bike itself. It even restored the rear tyre's skinwall sidewalls to near-new appearance. With such a hard act to follow, the chain lube would have had its work cut out to impress, but it seemed to work just fine.

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