

## **SECOND-HAND BICYCLES FOR SALE**

Our used bicycles are mechanically almost as good as new. A world apart from the second-hand bikes you might buy from a classified ad or on ebay, all cycles sold by Jake's Bikes are fully serviced and reconditioned to British Standard BS6102 and the CTC's safety standard, typically with new cables and brake blocks, and often with new tyres, new drivetrain or new wheels. Additionally, all used bikes come with an anti-theft certificate, a free tune-up after 2 weeks, and a 6-month warranty (unless otherwise stated).

*"Jake's bikes is an amazing store, the best bicycle shop I have ever been in by a long way. I recommend anyone who wants a new bike to see what Jake's Bikes has to offer."*

**Robin Lovelace, Bristol - 30th May 2008**

## **WHY BUY A USED BIKE INSTEAD OF A NEW ONE?**

- **Value for money:** You get a lot more bike for your cash. A second-hand bike bought from Jake's Bikes for e.g. £250 would have been worth e.g. £450 when new – and because we fully service all our bikes and replace anything that's worn out, it will be mechanically almost as good as new. If you're on a budget of £200 or £300, your money is better spent on a good second-hand bike than a budget new bike (and please do not to spend less than £300 on a new bike, it is a false economy and you will regret it in a year or two – see our tip sheet "What Type of Bike is Best" for more information).
- **Environmentally friendly:** Repairing and re-using a bike is an environmentally sound option. It means one less old bike in landfill, and one less new bike being manufactured - with a consequent saving in materials and energy.
- **Bike theft:** A second-hand bike is far less attractive to thieves, and less is lost if it does get damaged or stolen. If you have the space to store two bikes, why not buy a second-hand bike for everyday use around town, and reserve your expensive bike for use on occasions when it's less likely to be damaged or stolen? (To learn more about our strict anti-theft measures please see overleaf).

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## **WHY BUY USED FROM JAKE'S BIKES INSTEAD OF PRIVATELY?**

- **Fully serviced:** Unlike what you might buy on ebay or from a classified ad, all bikes sold at Jake's Bikes are fully stripped down, cleaned, checked and serviced. This means that you can rest in the knowledge that you will have properly adjusted gears, safe brakes, and a bike which has been professionally safety-checked. On many bikes the work will also include the replacement of brake blocks, inner tubes, tyres, wheels, chain and cassette... anything that needs replacement is replaced. When you buy a second hand bike from Jake's Bikes, you are buying a bike which is mechanically almost as good as new.
- **Warranty:** One of the reasons often given for not buying a used bike is that new bikes come with a manufacturer's warranty. However, Jake's Bikes offers a 6-month warranty on almost all our used bikes as well as a free follow-up service – see [www.jakesbikes.co.uk/content/warranty.php](http://www.jakesbikes.co.uk/content/warranty.php) for more details.
- **Correct sizing:** We can advise you on the correct type and size of bike for your intended use. If you buy a used bike privately, e.g. from an ad in the paper, you do not get this kind of advice and service.
- **Seven-day money-back guarantee:** All used bikes come with a 7-day no-quibbles money-back guarantee, so if you change your mind soon after buying you can just bring it back for a full refund (provided the bike is clean and undamaged). And of course you will have the opportunity to test ride any bikes prior to buying (please bring a debit card or cash to leave as a security deposit – other forms of security are also acceptable including a more expensive bike or your partner!)
- **Anti-theft certificate:** All bikes we sell come with a certificate which proves that their frame numbers have been theft-checked and shown not to have been reported as lost or stolen to the police.

## **MEASURES TAKEN TO HELP PREVENT BUYING AND SELLING STOLEN GOODS**

All bikes we sell come with a certificate issued by [www.checkmend.com](http://www.checkmend.com), used by the majority of UK police forces to check property theft. The certificate proves that the bike you buy has not been reported lost or stolen.

As an additional precaution we request proof of ID and proof of address from individuals from whom we buy second-hand bikes. We keep proper records of all bikes bought and sold including make, model and frame number, meaning that the purchase and sale process is transparent and open. This also means that if you purchase a bike from Jake's Bikes and then have the misfortune of it being stolen, the police should find it on the database and contact us if it is ever recovered, and we can attempt to reunite you with it!

Any donated or found bikes whose provenance cannot be adequately identified are reported to Avon and Somerset police. They compare the description and frame number with their records and keep the details on file. Only after 6 weeks, and if a bike of matching description has not been reported stolen, is the bike deemed to be 'clean' and put up for sale.

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