

'Tern' your life around and...

# GSD

Get Stuff Done



The Tern GSD first caught my eye on Adventure Cycles' stand at Guernsey's West Show in July 2018. Having obtained information from the staff it was onto the Wibbly Wobbly Web to find out more. What I learned convinced me this was the bike I needed.

Without dwelling on the following point, I have an eye condition that meant I'd had to hang up the car keys three years prior and since then I'd been using my trusty Dawes Super Galaxy to commute and get around. While it is a great bike to ride, like any standard pushbike it has its limitations; a 'tag-along' enabled me to transport one of our children, but as we have two it didn't help much with the school run! And with a large wheel (27") it tended to be unstable when carrying significant weight, such as a selection of power tools.

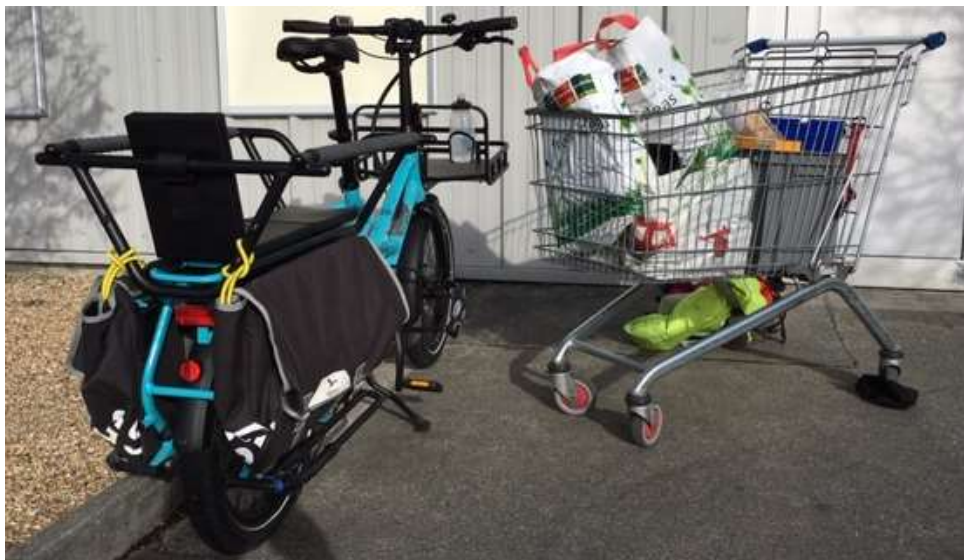
Friends often said that with the mileage I was covering and in all weathers, I should consider an electric bike, but given the Dawes was doing its job fine I couldn't justify the expense; however, on seeing and researching Tern's GSD I felt this might actually be a piece of kit that would be of help to me. It's rather ironic that I looked beyond the cost of the bike, given

that was my original reason for not going electric, but that's probably because the expense was always highlighted as the 'downside' at the outset of every report and review. And it was the only downside anyone could find.

So, on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2018 I rode out of the cycle shop having bought my GSD and ordered a list of bolt on goodies. It's a lot of money to shell out for a bike, so while I felt a similar level of excitement as when I got my very first bike as a child, there was a whole heap of trepidation as to whether this machine would live up to the hopes and expectations raised by the reviews.

Seven months on, to the day, and having clocked up 2000 miles, I am still enjoying the GSD, it has gone way beyond my expectations, has met every challenge I've asked of it and it is still 'Tern'ing' heads! Why? Well, there's not many bikes that can do this...

.... The weekly shop packs away neatly



2+ metre lengths of wood (2 x 4 batten and pack of six floorboards) do present a challenge, but cut them in half and the challenge is met...



.... "As you're going out can you get the shopping?" Yep, four bags of groceries will tuck away neatly in the large panniers... and a crate of beers fits perfectly in the front rack, purely for balance!



Need to carry tools? Add a euro-crate for additional carrying capacity. Stowed away are: Circular saw; hammer drill; power screwdriver; mitre saw, belt sander; orbital sander; two clamps, spirit level, drill bits, screw drivers; lump hammer; claw hammer; screws; nails, set square; work clothes; boots; flask of coffee; sandwiches; banana and an apple...



Emergency MedEvac...



We needed to get our cat to the vet urgently but my wife was out with the car; there was only one option. The cat hates going in the car, she whinges and whines constantly, but on the GSD, not a peep! Just needed to cycle carefully and not throw it in to bends. I had the kids on the back too!

The real god-send is being able to help on the school run, a five mile journey carrying two children with some steep inclines and the GSD handles it with ease. And yes, there's shopping in the panniers again!



The versatility and carrying capacity of this bike is amazing, the power of the four speed motor and range of the two batteries (approximately 85 miles carrying varying loads) makes it very easy to use and inspires use.

Since I bought my GSD I have used it almost daily, I've enjoyed riding it and after 2000 miles I still do. It's not fast, but it's consistent and lycra is not a requirement!