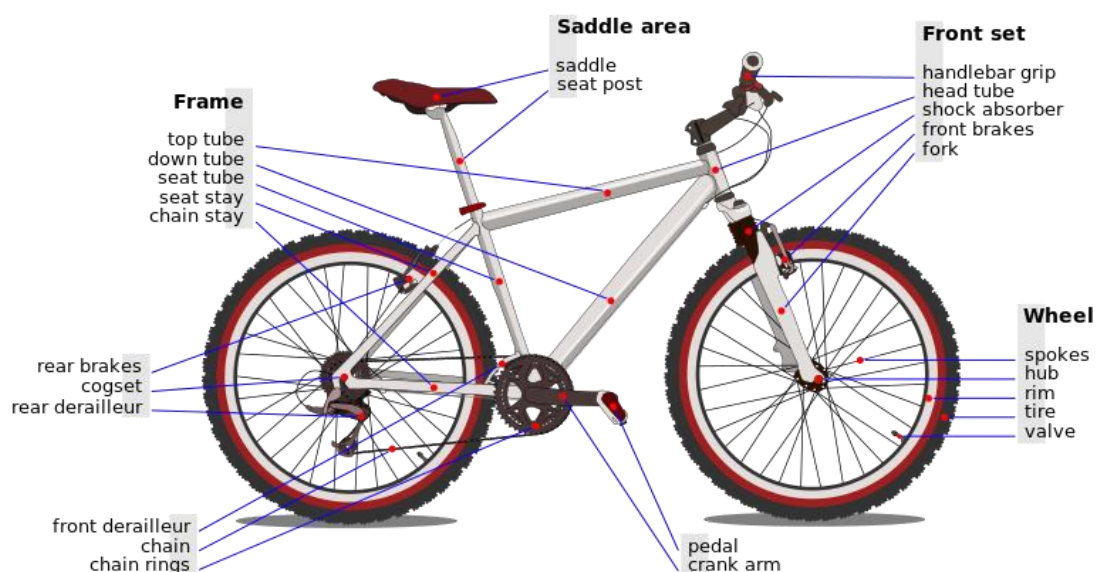




## TIPS ON BUYING A SECOND HAND BICYCLE

- **Size:** You should be able to comfortably reach the ground with your feet while sitting in the saddle – if not the bike is too big/small or the seat needs to be adjusted up/down
- **Type of bike:** Choose what kind of bike you need. Road racing bikes usually have dropped handlebars, a light frame, thin tyres and are good for fast cycling. Mountain bikes have sturdier frames, thicker tyres and are good for off road cycling. Touring bikes are heavier, more comfortable, and more suited for attaching paniers and baskets. There are also many hybrid bikes.
- **Test ride the bike before buying:** Don't buy a bike without viewing it first and testing it out.
- **Cost:** A second hand bike in reasonable condition is around £100-£200. A reasonable quality new bike- usually from £200. Don't pay until you have seen the bike and checked it out.
- **Condition:** The frame should not be cracked, tyres should be in good condition, chain not badly rusted, brakes working and gears changing easily.
- **Stolen:** Check [BikeRegister's database](#) of stolen bikes against the frame ID or bike code of the bike.
- **Lights and locks:** The University offers discounted lights and locks. Visit the [Oxford University Stores](#) for more information.
- **Safety training:** The University offers 6 hours of bike safety training. Book via the [Broken Spoke website](#).



# GETTING A BIKE IN OXFORD

## Second Hand Bikes

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- **Broken Spoke**  
St Thomas School, Osney Lane, Oxford OX1 1NU, Cycle sales Tues 8.30-6.00pm
- **Stuart's Bikes**  
View online and arrange delivery, [www.oxfordbicycles.co.uk](http://www.oxfordbicycles.co.uk), 07889 050494
- **Oxford's Reconditioned Bicycles**  
View online and arrange delivery, [www.oxfordsreconditionedbicycles.co.uk](http://www.oxfordsreconditionedbicycles.co.uk), 07411 262957
- **Students of Oxford Swap** – [Facebook group](#)

## Local Bicycle Shops


These sell new bikes & some second hand too. Show your card and ask for a University discount!

 **Beeline Bicycles** 205 Cowley Road, Oxford, OX4 1XA, 01865 246615

 **Bike Zone** 28-32 St Michael's Street, Oxford, OX1 2EB, 01865 728877

 **Cycloanalysts** 150 Cowley Road, Oxford, OX4 1JJ, 01865 424444


 **Decathlon** 3-4 Seacourt Tower Retail Park, West Way, Oxford, OX2 0JJ, 01865 797910


 **The Electric Transport Shop** 125 Magdalen Rd, Oxford, OX4 1RJ, 01865 243937


 **Halfords** Botley Road, Meadowside Retail Park, Oxford OX2 0FE, 01865 251093

 **Oxford Bicycle Company** 251A Cowley Road, Oxford, OX4 1XG, 07766 239800

 **Reg Taylor Cycles** 285 Iffley Road, Oxford, OX4 4AQ, 01865 247040

 **Summertown Cycles** 200-202 Banbury Road, Oxford, OX2 7BY, 01865 316885

 **Walton Street Cycles** 78 Walton Street, Oxford, OX2 6EA, 01865 311610

 **Warlands** 63 Botley Road, Oxford, OX2 0BS, 01865 723100

## Bicycle Repair Co-operative

**Broken Spoke** St Thomas School, Osney Lane, Oxford, OX1 1NJ, 01865 807753  
<http://bsbcoop.org/>