

Lôn Las Cymru 2012

The Dawes had served us well but, as with most tandems, was limited by its length as to where we could travel with it. Train travel is very difficult with a tandem, particularly in the UK, and if we needed to take the bike into a hotel or up to a flight of stairs then we would have been struggling. We therefore decided to buy a Thorn Discovery that came complete with [S&S couplings](#). This ingenious design allows the bike to be split quickly and easily as and when required but without affecting the strength of the bike.

To test our new bike out we loaded it onto several trains between Bristol to Holyhead and cycled home again using the cross-Wales Sustrans route: The [Lôn Las Cymru](#).

Days of Riding: 6

Distance Covered: 290 miles

Ferry Journeys: 0

Countries: 2



Waiting for the train from Bristol



On the train from Newport



Leaving Hollyhead Station



RAF VALLEY, Anglesey





RAF Valley



Neolithic Tomb, Anglesey



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Menai Bridge



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Ross on Wye



Caernarfon Castle



Onto the bike path to Caernarfon



Dinner in a bus stop, Penygroes



Camping Penygroes



Topping up with water



Lunch in Porthmadog



Porthmadog



Steep hills approaching Harlech



Harlech Castle



40% hill Harlech



Views from harlech to The Llyn Peninsula



Las Vegas Amusements, Barmouth



Barmouth Beach



Barmouth Beach



Barmouth Bridge



Cycle track into Dolgellau



Un-tandem friendly bike gate



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Near Dolgellau



Road from Dolgellau



Above Machynlleth



Bridge approaching Machynlleth



Machynlleth



Mountain road from Machynlleth to Llanidloes





Lunch stop near Llanidloes



Market Place, Llanidloes



Our Yurt for the night, Llanidloes



The Yurt, Llanidloes



The dinner bus, Llanidloes



The diner bus, Llanidloes



The dinner bus, Llanidloes





Sheep under the yurt



Approaching Builth Wells



Lunch in Builth Wells



Broken chain at Builth Wells



The split in the Lon Las Cymru, near Hay on Wye



Hereford Cathedral



I think we're in Hereford





Oilseed Rape, Ledbury



Ledbury Market Place



Dogs at the Farm





May Day in Ross on Wye



Goodrich Castle



Lunch in St Briavals



The Severn Bridge



Nearly home



Home again



The Lon Las Cymru with a slight Detour to Ledbury