

Equipment REVIEW

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When I attended the Beaulieu Show this year I only had one thing on my shopping list - a replacement Hi-Viz jacket. I ride to work every day and ride most weekends too. I am also, as you know, an Observer for SAM. All this means that I am clocking up over 15,000 miles a year and working on the understanding that the more you ride the greater the chance of being involved in an "event", I take no chances with them-what-can't-see bikes.

Hence I wear a Hi-Viz every time. The cheap and cheerful ones are OK but they don't stay shut and the yellow fades and car drivers are now so used to seeing them that they no-longer see them - if you know what I mean.

So when I saw that a company had decided to design and manufacture a modern replacement for the "builder's waistcoat" I was very interested. For those of you with access to the web, you can see the full details at <http://www.urban-glow.com/>. The item was designed and is manufactured by Urban-Glow of Dorchester 01305 267113.

As you can see from the pictures it is based on a black high quality mesh fabric and has distinctive 3M reflectives and uses a strong zip for fastening.

It also has two large pockets at the front with Velcro closers and one at the back, it has a chest pocket for a phone/sunglasses on the front and an inside coin pocket which is also fastened with Velcro.



They have even put a D-ring on the front to clip your keys onto and has two side-adjusters for a snug fit.

I wore it throughout the recent trip to Belgium/Luxemburg and found the mesh construction brilliant in the very hot weather, and I loved having easy access pockets for cash/passport/tickets/gloves etc.

Note: They also manufacture a cover for a rucksack made from water-resistant nylon with the same distinctive chevron design

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