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## THE FIRST PROPER BIKE

### Islabikes

It's almost impossible to talk about children's cycling without mentioning Islabikes. Founded by former multiple cyclo-cross national champion Isla Rowntree — who is of diminutive proportions herself — the Ludlow-based company makes the finest small bikes we've seen.

"We are in love with Islabikes because everything is built just the right size for children's little bodies," father Richard Seago says. "You notice things like crank sizes — that makes such a difference at that age. The brake levers can be reached with little hands. And the bikes are light."

Other kids' bikes manufacturers have started to buck up their ideas lately, and Islabikes do come at a slight premium, but the overwhelming opinion of every 'Islabiker' parent we've met is that it is money well spent.

Small but perfectly formed



The family Scarsbrook, as featured on p108

