

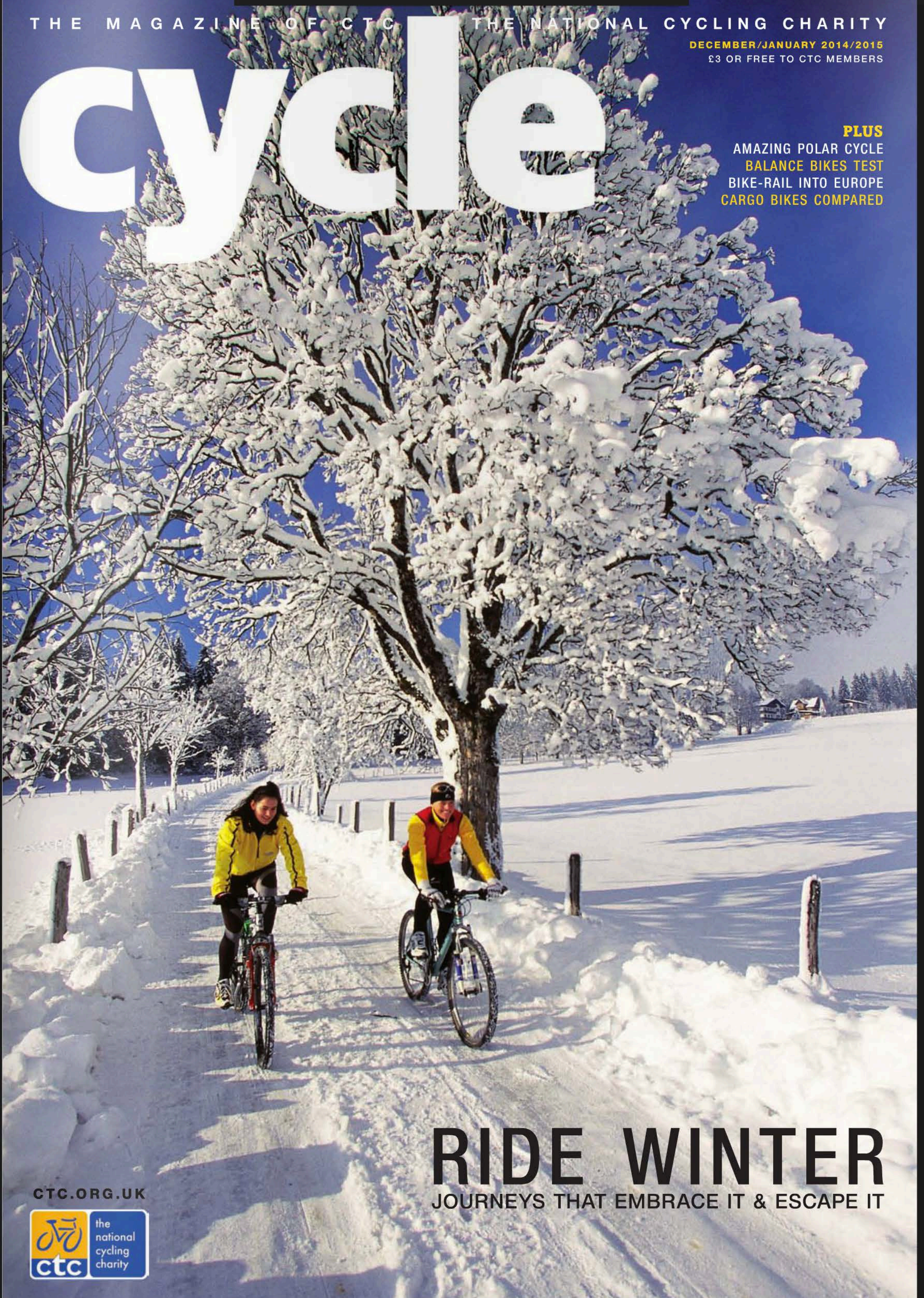
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This issue: cycling jeans, a multitool, and more

REVIEW
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Osloh
LANE JEANS
\$178 PLUS P&P
olsoh.com

I FOUND these US-designed jeans on Kickstarter after looking for some trousers that I could cycle in but also wear to work. I invested, as did enough other backers for them to go into production. Six months later, my Lane Jeans arrived, packaged beautifully like the precious cargo they were. They've hardly been off me since! I use them commuting around London on my Brompton. After four months of heavy usage, they still look good as new. On a recent trip to Berlin, which included a cycle tour on city bikes, my European colleagues all wanted to know where they could get their pair!

The detail is what makes them special. The quilted, chamois-reinforced crotch is superb: very comfy and durable. The pockets are deep and double lined, so as not to wear through. Like a lot of men, I keep my wallet in the right rear pocket. Normal trousers mean this can be uncomfortable when cycling, but on the Lanes the wallet is nestled in a deeper

pocket and you don't end up sitting on it when riding. There's also a side pocket for your phone and deep front pockets for coins or keys. Other features I like are the panel reinforcement on the right inner leg near the chain, plus an ankle snap so I don't need to tuck the jeans into my socks. The stitching is the best I have seen on any trousers.

At around £112 plus shipping, these jeans are not cheap, but pound for pound they are great value for money because they should last for years. CTC members can get a 15% discount on a single pair of jeans by using the code 'CTC15'. That code also grants a 14-day return-or-exchange service using a UK address.

Reviewed by Paul Tuohy

- PROS**
- + Comfortable, durable seat
 - + Neat details
- CONS**
- Good value but not cheap

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Swrve
Cordura Regular Fit jeans

£80

swrve.com

WHILE I DO most of my miles in bike gear, I do most of my journeys in jeans. Given a suitable saddle, this doesn't cause discomfort – although it does wear holes in the denim eventually. That should take longer with these Swrve jeans, as the cotton (55%) is blended with Cordura. The jeans are cut well for cycling, with an extra panel in the (unpadded) gusset so you don't sit on a seam, and knees that are stitched to articulate. There's some stretch in the fabric too. The legs are cut close at the ankle. I use a cycle-clip because I ride fixed; I'm too old to roll the right leg part way up my calf, which reveals a reflective stripe. Two of the belt loops are reflective too. I like these jeans a lot: they're tough, comfortable, and the price is fair. Sizes: 28-36in waist.

Reviewed by Dan Joyce

- PROS**
- + Abrasion & shower resistant
 - + Comfortable cycling cut
- CONS**
- Roll up my trouser leg? Really?

