

## **Spokes Competition 2011 - My Cycling Solution - Entry Comp2011-13**

A problem I have encountered with cycling:

### **Storing my bike under cover at a holiday cottage with no suitable indoor space**

Ever been to a holiday cottage which has been lovely...but has had nowhere under cover to store the bike you've carefully brought there on or in your car? It may not be at risk of being stolen (there's usually something solid you can lock it on to), but do you want it standing out in all weathers?

### **How I solved it:**

For around a fiver, I bought a 9' x 6' tarpaulin and some rope (string will do) from the hardware shop. All I needed now was something approximately the height of the bike to which to start fixing the tarp – the garden seat was just right, but downpipes or a fence would also work. Lean the bike against the wall or fence. Using short lengths of rope, fix one edge of the tarp to the seat or fence (one short length per eyelet). Cover the bike. Feed the remaining rope through the eyelets on the opposite side (in and out, continuous rope) to form the bottom fastening, and pull the rope tight before tying it at both ends to the seat, fence or downpipes. Here's what it looks like – a bike bivvy.

