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Bike Project: Trailer Visibility Improvements

Despite my recent project to add rear reflectors to the trailer, and having 2 rear lights; I nearly got wiped out by an errant motorist the other day as they started to pull out of a junction immediately I passed on the bike but before the trailer was clear of them. It was a close thing.

This made me think a bit more about visibility from the side as I guess motorists don't expect to see a trailer on the back of a bike and therefore don't look for one (I'm not making excuses for them).

I know I've got some tape left over from when I put some highlights on the bike so time for action. The tape is very cheap and I'll blog about it when I hunt the details out. In the meantime, if you type 'reflective tape' into Amazon or eBay you'll find some.

Tools & Parts

This is a very easy project so you will not need a lot, this is what I used.

- Reflective tape, less than a tenner
- Scissors or utility knife

Step by Step

This really is a quick (15-minute project) and looks smart when complete.

1. Check the layout of your trailer, there is no point in putting tape in the places that will be hidden by the frame.
2. Decide on the tape colours, there may be local legislation to cover this. In the UK it is red to the rear, yellow for the sides and white to the front.
3. Cut and fit tape, I had to do this in several pieces due to strengthening sections in the trailer box.

No excuses now

Impressive Results

I was happy with the results, very effective and good value. These will be much harder to knock off.

