



Raleigh Bicycle Fitted with a BSA Engine  
B.S.A

Sold



## Description

Vintage 1950's Raleigh bicycle fitted with a BSA engine.

A 1950's gentleman's Raleigh bicycle fitted with a BSA Winged Wheel. The Raleigh bike is original and tidy and is with original black enamel and original Raleigh heron head badge. A good Brooks leather saddle is fitted as is front and rear mudguards, with number plates. The BSA engine is in working order.

The BSA Winged Wheel was introduced in Britain in 1953 and at the time there was competition from other cycle-motor manufactures, notably Cyclemaster. The Winged Wheel is a well-designed and engineered 'powerwheel' which was available to fit to your own bicycle. The engine is fitted within a special rear bicycle wheel with the petrol tank sitting above on the carrier rack. The powered bicycle had a short life as by 1955 mopeds began to take over being faster and more stable, but the Winged Wheel still sold having the great name of B.S.A behind it.

B.S.A (The Birmingham Small Arms Company) is a British based company formed in Birmingham in 1861. BSA is a former manufacture of guns, vehicles and military equipment located in an area of Birmingham called "the Gun Quarter". In 1910 BSA began producing complete motorbikes and at its peak in the 50's BSA was the largest motorcycle producer in the world.

The Raleigh Bicycle Company was founded in 1887 and was originally based in Nottingham, England. A gentleman called Frank Bowden had bought a bike in Raleigh Street, Nottingham, and was so impressed he bought the business. Three years later a new premises was needed as production of three bikes a week soon rose. A four-storey building in Russell Street was found and the company's name was changed to Raleigh Cycles in recognition of the original address. Raleigh is one of the oldest bicycle companies in the world although it has had several expansions and mergers along the way.

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