

EUROPE 2023

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It's cold outside!!

All rugged up with 3 layers of clothing plus Heather's gloves, I jumped on Christian's electric bike to go on a short ride today. Heather decided instead that a walk around town would be the more sensible alternative. She has tried a powerful e-bike before but did not find it to her liking - hearing her screams of horror still remain with me to this very day. Her little Brompton is a different matter all together but unfortunately we could not bring the battery with us. And so, while Heather went in one direction, I rode off in the other. A minute into my ride and it was frigging freezing!! The strong battery power was very comforting but the gloves let in the cold and my woollen hat and scarf only marginally kept out the icy air. As I left the town limits it was obvious my ride would only be short. I reached the other side of Saab (all uphill) before I realised that hypothermia was a distinct possibility. I turned around. Going downhill increased the wind chill factor so I was even colder until I finally arrived back to the comfort of the house. Not surprisingly Heather had a an excellent walk and is now reading a novel while I am watching European football replays. Gotta keep warm!!

