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BRISTOL TEMPLE MEADS

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New Cyclepods cycle storage facilities have now opened just outside Bristol Temple Meads station. The new racks replace cycle storage from inside the station where they had to be removed due to upcoming roof refurbishment work at the station, and for station security. The new facility houses just over 450 bikes, matching the capacity from inside station platforms.



Network Rail have installed 10 bays of Cyclepods Easylift Premium two-tier bike racks, which are signposted A-J to help remind users which bay they have parked their bike in.

Each bay has at least one dedicated CCTV camera and lighting strip, with PIR motion sensors to automatically light up when they sense movement, so users can feel safe and secure at any time of the day, all year round.



The racks are covered by Cyclepods specially designed Brighton two tier shelter, specifically for the Easylift two tier racks to curve with the arc of the upper tier when loading and unloading and providing ample height for all types of bikes.

The Brighton shelters the bikes in both tiers as much as possible whilst maintaining clear and open lines of sight for better security. The curved roof also stops leaves and debris from gathering on top and becoming unsightly, so is easier to maintain and keep looking attractive.





Network Rail specified Cyclepods' Easylift Premium two-tier racks for the cycle parking due to the user friendliness and accessibility the racks offer.

Gas-assist lifted means users don't have to lift the full weight of their bikes, only the front wheel so cyclists of all ages and abilities can use the upper tier. Top tier racks can take the weight of up to a 23kg bicycle.

Wide space troughs for each bike which accommodates up to a 50mm width tyre, with head height for up to a 139cm tall bike on the upper tier and 120cm bike on the lower tier. Each bike is held separately and securely in their own trough to stop bikes knocking into each other or getting tangled together.

Generous spacing of the racks allows for pannier racks on bikes without taking up space for other bikes.

Low loading height means users only have to lift the front of their bike 31cm in order to get the front wheel into the rack and can then roll the rest of the bike up into place.

Three locking points are available per space, one for each wheel and another locking point in the middle for the bike frame.

Plastic grip handles for a better grip and for easy use all year round, metal handles get cold in winter!

Easy glide casters on the top racks for smooth and quiet operation.





Security has been carefully considered in the provision of the new racks which are sited next to a main public thoroughfare, making the area open to constant foot traffic. As well as the CCTV and PIR lighting security measures, the racks are regularly patrolled by British Transport Police.

Each cycle parking space in the racks has 3 locking points so cyclists can lock both of their bike wheels and the frame, in line with advice from British Transport Police who recommend using at least 2 locks to secure at least the back wheel and the frame of a bike to keep it safe.

Cyclepods recommend cyclists always use **Sold Secure** accredited locks for their bikes to ensure maximum security, with experts suggesting spending around 10% of the value of a bike on a bike lock ([source](#)).

Network Rail have made a short video on [how to use the new racks](#) and Cyclepods have two videos showing how to securely lock your bike in both the **upper** and **lower** tiers.



Jon Turton, Network Rail, Project Manager, said:

“We understand how much cyclists value the convenience of the cycle storage facilities that are available at the station and we wanted to provide the best possible experience for passengers by making sure the new cycle storage was user friendly and easily accessible.

The new facility and location were agreed in partnership with British Transport Police and Network Rail will continue to work closely with them ensuring that the area is regularly patrolled. NR will also continue to share information and answer any questions from the local community including cycling forums and passenger groups.”

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