



Cyclepods

Transforming bike storage



LONDON WATERLOO STATION

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Cyclepods were contacted by South West Trains, on behalf of Network Rail and Transport for London, to provide additional cycle storage facilities at London Waterloo Station, the country's busiest rail station with over 96 million entries and exits per year. With the massive increase in cycling across the UK and particularly in London over the past few years, the need for bike storage is a priority faced by many train operating companies, and none more so than in city stations. South West Trains wanted to provide the most effective bike storage solutions available on the market in terms of space-efficiency and sustainability.

As the main contractor for this significant improvisation project, Cyclepods were responsible for the design, systemisation and installation. We designed the layout for the additional storage and our efficient design and expertise ensured a smooth process of the venture from conception to completion.



The storage solution of choice for Waterloo were our cutting edge two tier bike racks – the Easylift+ – considering the very limited space available at the station this was the best option to provide the 330 new secure cycle parking spaces to support the sustainable travel choices of its daily commuters.

The Easylift is a highly convenient two-level bicycle parking system. Both space-efficient and user friendly, the gas-assisted lifting system ensures that a bicycle can be parked on the top level effortlessly. The end of the light-weight aluminium groove rests on the ground so that the bicycle can simply be wheeled onto it and hardly has to be lifted at all. The two levels mean that the parking capacity is doubled!



The high number of daily traffic through Waterloo Station meant that whatever storage was supplied would have to be a sustainably viable option that could withstand a high volume of use. The Easylift+ has been stringently tested to ensure that there is no compromise in the operation of the product through heavy use. The gas-assisted lift was tested up to 18,000 times, each time representing the loading and unloading of a bike. This equates to each space storing 4 bikes every day over a 12 year period and no deterioration in the EasyLift's performance.

We undertook the necessary groundwork requirements for the project which meant constructing a new concrete base in one of London's busiest environments without disrupting the day-to-day running of the country's busiest transport hub.

As part of the new storage, new security elements were required to ensure that the large number of bikes being stored at the station were as safe as possible. To provide extra security, Cyclepods oversaw the installation of security lighting systems and CCTV to provide Waterloo Station with optimum secure cycle parking necessary for a busy city station environment.

The result is a state-of-the-art cycle parking area which provides the secure and spacious cycle storage necessary for commuters, cycling enthusiasts, tourists and the general public, at our capital city's busiest railway station.



WHAT OUR CUSTOMERS SAY:

"After using Cyclepods for the first time I was very impressed with their professional way of working, the installation from the start to completion was seamless."

PAUL BEST - PROJECT MANAGER - SOUTHERN RAIL

"Cyclepods products ideally tackle the issues of providing an stylish space solution that is also cost-effective and maintenance free."

DAVID SMITH - ARCHITECT - PATIENCE AND HIGHMORE ARCHITECTS

"The 200 Spacepods are popular with our staff and are well used on a daily basis. They are practical, easy to use and their design allows for a number of racks in a limited space."

KATE PEMBERTON - WORKPLACE MANAGER - KPMG HEAD OFFICE, LONDON

"We installed the Streetpods at our school a few months ago and they have been really great. We have found them very secure and the overhead cover keeps the bikes dry. We have lots of different bikes here - mountain bikes, road bikes and electric bikes and they hold all of them!"

PENNY WARREN - CYCLE CHAMPION - ST ANNS SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOOL, MERTON

"The pods are used regularly by both male and female cyclists who always speak positively about their function. They also provide a great visual message about sustainable travel within our organisation and are regular talking point amount the local community."

FIONA DALY - ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER - ST BARTS AND THE LONDON HOSPITAL

"Spacepods are an elegant, environmentally friendly and extremely efficient solution where space is limited. We have installed 189 Spacepods at our new London HQ and they are proving extremely popular with staff."

LUKE DODD - DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES - GUARDIAN NEWS AND MEDIA

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