



Cyclepods

Transforming bike storage



BRIGHTON CYCLE HUB

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Brighton Cycle Hub is Cyclepods' biggest and possibly proudest achievement to date. With a huge 500 space storage facility, security lighting and state of the art entry and exit access technology all provided by us, it is a fantastic addition to Brighton station and the town's cycling community.

Officially opened on 26th March 2015 by Baroness Kramer, this cycle hub will prove itself to be a priceless asset to the station with the building itself being a multi-use communal area! It's a project we are very proud to have been involved in.

We developed the bike storage and access technology for the hub, all of which was designed to Southern Rail's specific needs. The entire ground floor of the Cycle Hub is full of Cyclepods' Easylift+ Two-Tier storage. Our Two-Tier was the ideal product for this kind of project due to the need to be as space efficient as possible.





Our Easylift+ was the first in the UK with gas assist upper arms. This makes lifting and lowering the upper arms both easier and safer. Further improvements on other basic two-tier designs found on the market include having the lightweight aluminium arms on casters so cyclists aren't dragging metal along metal. Once drawn out, the upper arms of the Easylift+ don't come crashing down which means they are easy and safe to use.

Combined with all of this, our Easylift+ is still the only two tier in the UK market whose upper arm reaches all the way to the floor. This means that cyclists are not required to lift their bikes to load them on to the upper tier. Other models require lifting the bike to either knee or even waist height. This might be okay for a super fit cyclist with a carbon fibre bike but to encourage casual users, the unfit or those with little upper body strength or with Dutch style bikes to cycle you need the upper arm to reach the floor.



The bespoke entry and exit system Cyclepods created for this 500 space hub features a swipe card system linked to Southern Rail's 'The Key' card. This one card provides access for commuters to the bike hub and doubles up as their travel card! Cyclepods designed the gate based on the exact needs for Brighton and the design can easily be adapted for use in any hub and in any location. Both the Easylift+ and the gate itself are built to stand the test of time. The Easylift has been stringently tested to ensure its operation will endure and not compromise with use. The gas-assist had been tested up to 18,000 times, with each time representing a loading and unloading of a bike. This means that even if 4 bikes a day were stored in an Easylift space, it will still last 12 years with no deterioration on performance.





The gate has been constructed from marine grade steel to ensure its strength and resistance to chipping and denting. It has also been used for safety reasons, with it being a poor conductor for electricity & heat as well as non-magnetic. It has also been fitted with rubber sensors to prevent collisions whilst exiting and entering, so the gates won't close on any bikes unexpectedly!

Other features at the hub include the Repair Station. Each cycle space is numbered so visitors can leave their bike lock keys and space number at the repair station and have their bike serviced while they are out and about.

The numbered spaces also mean that local businesses with no facilities available for bike parking can hire bike spaces in the hub for their employees to encourage sustainable travel.

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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