

Case Study

Cars Exchanged for Bikes at Barnsley General Hospital

Car parking is a major problem at **Barnsley General Hospital**, and a radical new initiative by the **Trust Board** is aimed at persuading car users to cycle regularly to work. As an incentive to give up their car parking pass, staff can now have the use of a secure **cycle-safe**[®] locker, allowing them to store their bike and accessories in confidence.

“As a trial, eight **cycle-safe**[®] lockers have been installed near the main staff entrance, and so far the uptake has been encouraging”, said Mr W R Lievesley, Director of Estates and Facilities at the Hospital. “If the experiment is a success further lockers will be purchased. Each locker should result in one less car on site.”

The move has been welcomed by pro-cycling staff at the hospital, who have formed a Bike User Group (BUG), to help promote cycling. “Cyclists in the BUG believe that many cyclists want to bike to the site rather than drive, despite the climate - and the hills. This is a very welcome facility, and we support this major initiative to improve bicycle security,” explained nursing officer Keith Elliot.



Nursing Officer Keith Elliot supports the **cycle-safe**[®] locker programme

The American **cycle-safe**[®] lockers are the first in Yorkshire, and were chosen after extensive testing and evaluation.

They allow the cyclist to leave their bike securely, keeping accessories like pump, panniers, computer and lights on the bike while at work.