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Cardiff Cycle City News

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Bike storage secured, at a better price

Bike theft remains a problem in Cardiff, but the city now has residential hangars, a network of city-centre lockers, and a lot of other options to keep your wheels safe.

The cost of a residential bike hangar has been more than halved after campaigning from Cardiff Cycle City and you can now store your bicycle in a hangar, instead of at home or on the street, for £52 a year.

Some hangars already have people on waiting lists but others still have spaces available. More hangars are yet to be installed and you can suggest a location on the hangar website and app (Hooplr).



A Cardiff bike hangar can store six bicycles

With over 300 bicycles reported stolen across Cardiff in the first half of this year, cyclists still need to be careful about where and how they secure their bike.

Dozens of short-term lockers are now available across the city, via the BikeDok and SpokeSafe apps. Prices for these start at just £1.50. And The Bike Lock cafe on Windsor Place (just off Queen St) will store your bike securely from just £4 for a half-day.



New bike lockers near Cardiff's National Museum

You can always leave your own bike at home and rent a fold-up Brompton outside the main train station (or in Cathays, or in Whitchurch) at a cost of £5 for 24 hours.

And remember, if you are going to lock up your bike on a regular stand use a D-lock and get it marked (police in Cardiff offer frequent bike marking sessions).

Better commuting on a bicycle

Sara Redwood re-discovered cycling for her commute to work at one of Cardiff's Foodbank locations. Now she wouldn't be without it.



Sara with Foodbank colleague Andrew

I started to cycle to work early in 2022 when Ukraine was invaded and long queues at petrol stations formed.

I initially hated that my cycle commute was longer than if I drove and that I had to think about logistics more but quickly grew to love it and now get frustrated if I can't cycle in at least twice a week.

My commute is a journey of two halves - across the barrage with beautiful views both sides (I stop every time and have a moment of mindfulness facing the sea and the morning sky) and then up over the incinerator road (Ffordd Ewart Parkinson) where the cycle path is always littered with glass and debris from lorries, making it feel a bit like dodging the obstacles on Mario Kart!

There are often pedestrians and other cyclists using every part of my commute and I feel very fortunate that there is a safe and cycle-friendly way for me to get to work. I feel fitter because of it and it's a good way to mentally separate work and home responsibilities. Quite a number of the Cardiff Foodbank staff and volunteers cycle to the warehouse in Splott from all over the local area and we're grateful that there's secure bike racks available on site for us to use.

Help make Cardiff the UK's top cycling city!

Want better cycle lanes, safer routes, and a greener city? Cardiff Cycle City (C=CC) needs your voice. By joining us, you aren't just supporting vital advocacy — you're driving the change. Why join C=CC?

- Have your say: Help set our campaigning priorities and enjoy free entry to all our meetings.
- Exclusive perks: Get 10% off at The Bike Lock (excluding alcohol) and 10% off repairs at Fettle.
- Build a better Cardiff: Support the push for a healthier, more cycle-friendly capital.

Scan the QR Code or go to cardiffcyclecity.org/membership for more details

C=CC supporting local bike shops



Cyclopaedia: serving Cardiff's cyclists for over three decades



Cyclopaedia offering years of bike expertise

The independent bike shop Cyclopaedia has been in the trade for over three decades, spending most of that time in its current location on Crwys Road.

Owner Ian Jeremiah opened the shop in 1994 when he was a racing cyclist (on and off the road). He went on to compete in the Commonwealth Games in 2002.

"I love riding any bike and try to encourage all staff to ride to work", he said. "Four of us ride in every day".

Over the years Cyclopaedia has fixed all types of bikes and this experience has given the staff a really wide and varied knowledge base.

"We are happy to ask other experts in the industry if we are uncertain about the answer to a technical problem", Jeremiah said.

He said the development of cycle lanes in the city has led to amazing change for cyclists in Cardiff. "I know they are not ideal but we need to encourage people to use them and then try to get them improved", he said. "Negativity is not encouraging change".

His bike maintenance tips are "Check tyre pressures regularly, and use a bucket of soapy water on the bike: it is actually good maintenance!", he said. "And most people are using too much lube — try using less".

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Police point to success fighting bike crime

Police say patrols will continue on the Taff Trail after robberies earlier this year, while in the courts a bike thief has been banned from riding any bicycle in Cardiff for three years.

Local police say recent patrols have worked and that “the Taff Trail is safe” following a series of attacks and robberies there earlier this year. However Inspector Tim Ursell told a public meeting organised by Cardiff Cycle City that high visibility patrols would continue on the Trail.

Police will also continue to target illegal e-bikes and have seized “823 illegal e-mobility two-wheelers since August 2025”, said Insp Ursell.



Police say the Taff trail is safe, but that patrols continue

He described some of these as “Frankenstein” bikes capable of speeds up to 90 miles an hour, but without the brakes to match.

Other problems raised at the meeting included a lack of arrests for bike theft, dangerous and aggressive drivers and abuse directed at women cyclists.

Since then, a prolific Cardiff bike thief has been handed a six-month suspended sentence and banned from riding any bicycle in central Cardiff for the next three years.

Bike hire scheme supplier to be chosen

Applications are expected this month (September) from companies who want to run Cardiff’s next (electric) bike hire scheme, with the bikes expected to be in operation across the city after the contractor takes up work in December.

This will replace the Nextbike scheme that ended in early 2024 and will provide e-bikes and e-cargo bikes. The hire bikes will be in dedicated parking bays so footpaths are kept clear and the scheme aims to provide thousands of bikes for use, at almost no cost to the city.