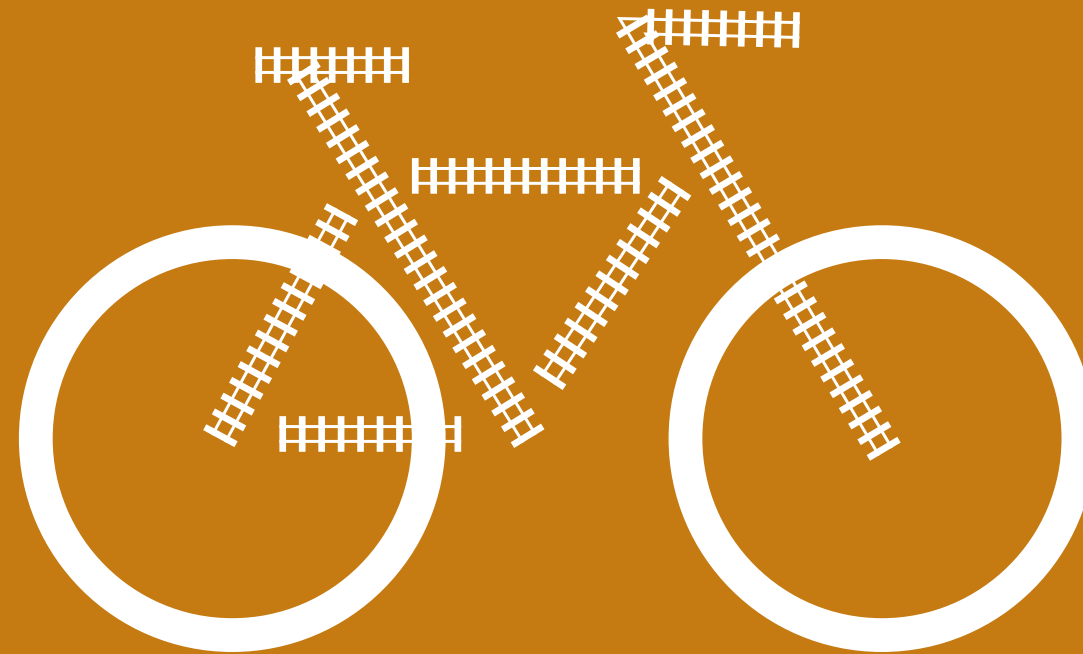


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Cycle Rail Awards

Showcase Event, January 15th 2020
London's Living Room





Foreword by
Will Norman
Walking & Cycling
Commissioner for London

Increasing the number of people walking, cycling and using public transport has the potential to transform London and improve the lives of everyone who lives, works in and visits our great city. As part of this, it is critical that London's rail stations and others connecting to them are designed and managed to enable more people to walk and cycle as part of their journeys.

The Cycle-Rail Working Group (CRWG) has demonstrated that relatively small investments in facilities such as secure bike parking, yield significant results - with trips to and from stations by bike more than doubling in England. Over the next five years we need to see this more than double again if we are to keep up with the ever-increasing demand.

The Cycle Rail Awards provide Train Operating Companies with an opportunity to showcase and share their achievements in making stations more convenient and attractive for thousands of people travelling by bike. I look forward to this year's event and hope the occasion will inspire us all to do more to make our rail stations better active travel hubs for communities across the capital.

Cycle Rail Awards Showcase Event

| Start time | |
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| 13:45 | Registration opens |
| 14:00 | Displays from Cycle Parking Manufacturers |
| 15:00 | Welcome and start of Cycle Rail Presentations |
| | Will Norman Walking and Cycling Commissioner for London |
| | Quality standards for parking equipment |
| | Showcase of a station community links programme success, phase 1 |
| | Keynote Address (Minister invited) |
| | Introduction to the Cycle Rail Showcase Awards |
| | Awards presentations |
| | Concluding remarks |
| | Further networking and viewing of Cycle Parking Manufacturers' stands |
| 17:15 | Event closes |

Cycle and Rail – an industry success story.

Cycling to and from the station, as part of a daily commuting journey not only makes good sense, but it's increasingly popular – indeed it's become a great rail industry success story. Over the last decade the number of train journeys that started or ended on a bike has more than doubled -



and it's not surprising. Getting to the station is usually quite a short trip, so it's easy by bike; it's convenient, with no time wasted finding a parking place; so it's reliable in terms of timing; it's much cheaper than driving, and for many families it means that they don't even need a second car, parked at the station all day. And on top of all that, the health benefits are free!

To cater for this ever-increasing demand, there are now over 80,000 high-quality, secure, cycle parking spaces installed across the country. Over 700 stations in England now offer proper facilities for cyclists, not just parking handy to the platform, but also additional facilities, from simple maintenance to the latest on-screen travel information for onward journeys. Train Companies know that constantly improving the quality and convenience of getting to work by bike and train is good sense and good business.



The Cycle-Rail Working Group has an important part to play in this continuing programme of improvement. For the last seven years, this group, on behalf of the Department for Transport has coordinated and managed over £40 million of Government investment to help improve cycling infrastructure – installing additional cycle parking spaces, cycle facilities and security features to keep customers and their bicycles safe and secure at stations.



The Cycle Rail Awards, which have been running almost continuously since 2012, provide an annual opportunity to highlight some of the



successful projects, large and small, that Train Operating Companies, Transport for London and Network Rail have installed, and to commend

the teams and individuals who work hard to make on-going improvements to day-to-day travel. From major multi-storey Parking Hubs, to Cycle Points at key Interchanges, to good, workable parking stands across the Network, the Awards each year aim to recognise the important contribution to 'door-to-door' journeys that even modest investment can make.

These awards aim to recognise excellence, inspire better facilities, and improve the communication of best practice across the industry.

The Cycle Rail Awards spotlight just a few notable initiatives each year in the spirit of friendly competition. In the end it is the collaboration between train operators and their partners, particularly in Local Authorities, which is really important, and helps encourage more and more people each year to get to the train on a bicycle.

In 2018, Sustrans was appointed by the Department for Transport to take over the organisation and day-to-day running of the Cycle-Rail Working Group. It's an organisation committed to connecting people and places, creating 'liveable' neighbourhoods, and making everyday commuting trips easier, safer and more enjoyable. As such, Sustrans is the natural partner to support the Cycle-Rail Working Group in its determination to promote 'integrated journeys' by bike and train. To get this new team



off to an exciting start, we decided to make this year's Awards event rather different. It is a special celebration, showcasing projects old and new, which we asked our panel of judges to select from the winners over the last seven years. The focus however, remains unchanged.



These awards once again celebrate how passengers who cycle have had their journeys transformed by making cycling facilities across the country more attractive, safe and convenient, and to give recognition and credit to all the rail organisations and their partners who are striving to make cycle-rail travel a growing and enduring success.



Aylesbury Vale Parkway Station to Waddesdon Manor walking and cycleway.



Waddesdon Manor (Photo by Chris Lacey)

The creation of a new 2.5 mile walking and cycling route connecting Aylesbury with Waddesdon Village and Waddesdon Manor is an outstanding example of partnership working to improve cycle access to and from a rural railway station to local amenities. Opened in 2018 the route provides a pleasant and safe, traffic free alternative to the very busy

and narrow A41. It has already been used regularly by thousands of people, both for commuting to the station, to school and for leisure. Waddesdon Manor is a popular and nationally significant tourist attraction, attracting approximately 400,000 visitors per year, most of whom had to previously access it by car.

The new walking and cycle way was funded by the Department for Transport and is an excellent demonstration of how to create sustainable links between rural communities and their local rail stations. The Cycle-Rail Working Group worked in partnership with Buckinghamshire County Council, Chiltern Railways, Network Rail, the Department for Transport and the Waddesdon Estate to create this route. Buckinghamshire County Council played a key coordination role, project managing the scheme, securing funding and commissioning works. It is hoped that this will become the first phase of a more extensive route linking communities along the line of the railway from Calvert to Uxbridge.



Award categories

Small sized project

(Less than £75k)

Medium sized project

(£75k to £300k)

Large sized project

(Over £300k)

Wild Card project

(Not previously entered into Cycle Rail Awards)

With special thanks to our judges:

Sharon Goodsell (Department for Transport)

Adrian Lord (PJA)

Martyn Brunt (Sustrans)

for their time and thoughtful consideration of all entries.

Shortlisted Entries

| Train operating company | Scheme name |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Chiltern Railways | Marylebone, Waddesdon Greenway Wendover Cycle Hub |
| East Midlands Railways | Network wide cycle rail facilities |
| First Group, TransPennine Express | Huddersfield Cycle Hub |
| Abelio, Greater Anglia | Cambridge Cycle Point Cambridge North Cycle Parking |
| GT Railway | Brighton Cycle Hub, Lewes Cycle Hub |
| Southeastern | Ashford and Gravesend stations |
| West Midlands Trains | Dudley Port, Walsall station Watford Junction (London Midland) |

The judges recognise that some projects were developed initially under different franchises. In making their awards they have acknowledged both the original work and the on-going activity to ensure the continued success of these initiatives.