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SECURE CYCLE PARKING ROLLED OUT AT MERSEYSIDE STATIONS

A total of 824 secure cycle parking spaces have been installed at railway stations across the Merseyside area. The new cycle parking facilities are all located in secure compounds with electronically controlled access via a special key fob. These key fobs are issued for a one-off fee of £10 by Merseyrail and the fob grants a user access to the new cycle parking facilities at all 18 stations. The scheme also offers a cycle hire and repair facility at Southport station.

Funding for the scheme was secured by Merseyrail, in partnership with Merseytravel, in a successful £1 million bid to become a national Cycling Demonstration Train Operator in 2009. The new parking compounds, constructed by building services provider Strategic Team Group, were officially opened by Olympic gold medallist and world record breaker Chris Boardman. The cycle parking racks were installed by cycle parking specialists Cycle-Works Ltd and use a 2-tier system supplied by German manufacturer Josta to double the number of bike parking spaces.

The Josta 2-tier rack is a common sight at railway stations across Europe, for example Leiden in Holland has Josta racks with a capacity of around 4000 bikes. It is also becoming popular with businesses where space is often at a premium. The Josta system is widely considered to be the best available for safety, security and ease of use. Cycle-Works works has also installed 2-tier parking at stations across the UK including London Euston, Liverpool Street, Glasgow Central and Edinburgh Waverley.

Commenting on the new facilities, Strategic Team Group's business development director, Charles Tweed said: "We have



built up a strong reputation over the last 18 months working in the rail sector and the installation of these facilities for cyclists across the region marks a significant milestone. We are proud to be playing such a crucial role in adding another dimension to rail travel.”

The new facilities have been installed at 18 Merseyrail Northern and Wirral Line Stations. These are Southport, Birkdale, Hillside, Ainsdale, Freshfield, Formby, Hightown, Hall Road, Blundellsands & Crosby, Birkenhead, Green Lane, Rock Ferry, Bebington, Port Sunlight, Spital, Bromborough, Eastham Rake and Hooton.

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- More information for users of the scheme is available on the Merseyrail website at <http://www.merseyrail.org/your-journey/cycle-scheme.html>
- Cycle-Works is a UK company based in Portsmouth. It was founded in 1996 and specialises in the design, manufacture, supply and installation of all types of cycle parking. This includes lockers for individual bikes, all types of racks and stands, shelters and lockable compounds and high density parking including the 2-tier system described in this article.
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