

Stand and deliver

Thankfully, gone are the days when all we had to chain our bikes to were lamp posts. **Tom Bogdanowicz** has this wrap of the many and varied bike stands now available on our streets

The explosion of cycling in London has brought with it a booming interest in cycle parking. LCC's cycle parking conference in June 2005 was closely followed by the Reinventing The Bike Shed exhibition (which was promoted as part of the London Architecture Biennale), and Transport for London's Take-A-Stand initiative to help employers get their staff cycling. More recently, Central St Martins College of Art and Design launched a project to design new bike stands.

In terms of value, convenience and flexibility, it's hard to beat the well-established Sheffield stand, which is now more than 30 years old, but Adam Thorpe of the Central St Martins Bikeoff (www.bikeoff.org) project argues that their innovative M-type design encourages people to lock both wheels and frame to the stand. Other stands also have their own fans - with the A-stand the most popular alternative to the plain Sheffield. Here's a selection of the stands that can be spotted on the streets of the UK.



The Penny Farthing, Leytonstone



The Waterloo Triangle, Upper Ground, SE1

LCC'S SUMMER BIKE PARKING CAMPAIGN

Look out for this summer's LCC campaign which will encourage all retailers to provide cycle parking. More in forthcoming issues of *LC* and on the LCC website.



The Merry Go Round, Bunhill Row, EC1 - this stand can take 30 bikes



The Heritage, Leicester Square



The Stand and Chain, Cochrane Theatre, Southampton Row, WC1



The Nappy Pin, Hoxton Street, N1



The Long Bar, Cannons Health Club, 11 Endell St, WC2



The Double Bar, off Trafalgar Square

For more on cycle storage and parking, follow the 'cycling info' links at www.lcc.org.uk



The M-stand, Cochrane Theatre, Southampton Row, WC1



The City is found in the City of London



The Josta can be seen at Surbiton station



The Pennant, London Bridge, SE1



The Wiggle, Cochrane Theatre, Southampton Row, WC1

LCC ADVICE ON CYCLE PARKING
Employers and retailers can contact LCC for advice on cycle parking. Email ben@lcc.org.uk or telephone 020 7234 9310



The Newcastle can be found in Grey Street, Newcastle



The Southwark Hoop, Bermondsey Street, SE1



The A-stand, found all over London



The Vertical Sheffield, Whelstone Park, WC2



The Regent, Regent Place, W1

BIKE PARKING AT TOURIST ATTRACTIONS – GET INVOLVED

LCC is working to encourage the operators of London's leading tourist attractions to provide bike parking for visitors. LCC members can download a sample letter from www.lcc.org.uk/campaigns to sign and send to attractions and landmarks not catering for cyclists. Members without internet access can call or write to the LCC office (see page 30) for a copy of the letter.