

## Press release

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### **Lugging bikes up the stairs is history on a Hackney Homes estate**

With a large number of cyclists living in the borough, Hackney Homes' estates are being geared up to accommodate their needs. Frampton Park Estate in Homerton recently had bike lockers installed right across the estate to offer safe and convenient storage facilities for cyclists to store their bikes and related equipment.

Initiated by residents and funded by Transport for London, the fifty-six 2m high galvanised steel bike lockers are available for residents of the estate to rent out at affordable prices.

At the launch of the lockers last week, residents were able to get the keys for their own bike locker, along with a 'goody bag' of information and materials from Hackney Council's Streetscene department and Safer Neighbourhoods team, helping them travel safely and conveniently by bike.

Frampton Park Estate resident and keen cyclist Junior Carter said "I didn't consider a locker until I saw them being installed and realised how good they are. My bike will be safe now without having the inconvenience of keeping it in my flat".

Mother of three, Rotna Begum said "My children don't have bikes because I don't have anywhere to keep them. With these lockers, I will now go and buy them bikes so that they can have fun and be active at the same time".

Terry Edwards, Hackney Homes Board Member and Chair of the Frampton Park Tenants and Residents Association added "The lockers certainly improve the appearance of the estates and are much safer than having bikes chained to the railings".

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**Notes to Editors**

- Hackney Homes is an Arms Length Management Organisation (ALMO) launched in April 2006 to manage the Council's social housing stock. Hackney Homes is responsible for managing 22,000 tenanted properties and 8,000 leasehold properties in the borough.
- The installation of the Frampton Park Estate bike lockers was managed by Hackney Homes in partnership with the London Borough of Hackney, and
  - Hackney Safer Neighbourhood Team
  - Transport for London
  - Frampton Park Tenants and Residents Association
- The bike lockers on Frampton Park Estate can be rented for an annual fee of £30 (plus £20 returnable deposit for the padlock and key). Lockers are still available and can be secured via the Homerton Neighbourhood Housing Office on Well Street or by calling Derek McKenley, Resident Participation Officer, on 020 8356 8418.
- Hackney Council's Streetscene was the winner of the London Cycling Awards 2007 Best Cycling Facility award, presented by the London Cycling Campaign (LCC) for improving routes for cyclist in the borough.

## General Bike Facts

- In the UK 150,000 bicycles are stolen every year and many are never recovered. This means that a bicycle is stolen every 71 seconds.
- **To prevent theft:**
  - Buy a strong lock
  - Learn how to lock your bike properly
  - If you must lock your bike on the street, lock it somewhere with maximum passers by
- **To ease the pain of a stolen bike:**
  - Register their bike with [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com) so that the police can return it if they recover it.
  - Insure your bike and make sure that you know the terms of the insurance such as not locking it outside after certain hours
- **To keep yourself safe whilst cycling:**
  - Book yourself on a FREE cycle training course. It's not just for beginners. Call Hackney Service Centre to book a free 2-hour lesson 020 8356 2897
  - Make sure your bike is in a safe and roadworthy condition
  - Wear appropriate clothing at all times when cycling

Check out more bike safety and security information at  
[www.lcc.org.uk](http://www.lcc.org.uk)