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Inaction stations!

How many times have you parked your bike at a train station and left it for less than two hours? Never? Most people lock up their bike before jumping on a train, returning much later, perhaps after a day at work. So we were amazed when we heard that British Transport Police (BTP) is refusing to investigate cycle theft at stations if the bike is left there for more than two hours.

The rationale for this policy seems to be that, if you lock up your bike at 8.00am but it's gone when you return 10 hours later, BTP doesn't have the time to look through hours of CCTV footage to see who stole it and when. Yet they could check the footage to see if the bike was there at noon, and if not then check to see if it was there at 10.00am and repeat the process. Within moments they'd narrow

this to a 10-minute window of footage.

When Cycling UK appeared on BBC Breakfast to challenge BTP's policy, the interviewers were at a loss. Usually they try to put the opposing argument, but they were struggling to work out what that was!

A police force saying they won't even look at CCTV footage if a bike is stolen is a green light to thieves and will deter people from cycling. Cycling UK has therefore written to BTP requesting a meeting to discuss this policy (see cyclinguk.org/btp-open-letter).

Bike theft matters to our members, which is why we spoke out about this and have taken it up with BTP. But challenging decisions like this takes time and funding, so if you'd like us to continue doing this work, please consider donating today at cyclinguk.org/btp-donate.



Celebrating women in cycling

We have just launched this year's 100 Women in Cycling list. Now in its ninth year, the awards celebrate the exceptional women who are making a difference in the cycling community. The aim is to increase the number of women who cycle and to improve women's visibility and representation in the world of cycling, whether that's sport, the cycling industry or cycling in local communities. By highlighting women in cycling, we can reduce the gender gap so that as many women cycle as men. You can find 2025's full list of deserving winners at cyclinguk.org/100women/2025.

→ Remember someone special

This festive season, take a moment to remember someone special. Let's commemorate the people who make life brighter – whether they loved cycling, shared adventures along winding lanes, or cheered you on from the sidelines. By making a gift in their memory, you'll honour someone dear while helping others experience the joy and freedom of cycling. Scan the QR code or visit cyclinguk.org/inmemory.

