

CTC NEWS SHEET

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NEW CYCLE STORAGE AT TRING STATION.



The picture shows the new cycle storage area at Tring Station on 29 September, about 5 hours after it was able to be used, and 160 days after we started our co-ordinated appeal for better cycle parking by those cyclists who travel by train. It allows 40 cycles to be secured in about half the space previously required for 6 cars to park. Shortly before this was constructed 88 parked cycles had been counted at the station, so the old shed, with 65 poor quality "wheel bender" racks, is still being used.

CTC MEMBERSHIP

Tring Cycling Campaign is affiliated to CTC (the Cyclists Touring Club), which offers Affiliated Membership to members of Affiliated Clubs. For an annual price of £12 this provides:

1. Third party insurance
2. A CTC membership card giving access to a wide range of discounts and benefits
3. 10% discount off bikes and accessories from the CTC shop, see www.ctcshop.com.
4. The weekly CTC email newsletter, "Newsnet".

Applications must be made through the Affiliated Club, i.e. by contacting me, details below). The cover runs from Oct 1 to 30 September.

For those who might wish to become an Affiliated Member after 1 April the price is £8.

Applications for Full Membership can also be made through Tring Cycling Campaign. If this application is for **new, first-time full membership** then there is a 10% discount on the normal full membership fees which are: Adult £34, Senior/Unwaged £ 21, Under 18 years £12, Family £55.

If you want to take advantage of this then please let me know by October 23.

It should be noted that only 2 per cent of the 5million adults and virtually none of the children who each week cycle are covered by a specialist insurance policy that offers third party liability cover and legal aid.

A cyclist who is involved in an accident that causes damage to a person or property can find themselves facing a claim for compensation.

CTC Director, Kevin Mayne, said: "Most cyclists simply don't give the issue of third party insurance any thought, and although cycling is safe and healthy, it's dangerous to ignore the threat of legal action in the event of an accident. Cyclists may not realise that although some household insurance policies offer a degree of third party cover, many exclude road traffic accidents."

All CTC members residing in the UK are automatically covered by £5 million third party public liability insurance and receive free cycling-related legal advice.

SOME ON-GOING ACTIVITIES

1. We recently met with Herts Highways to rationalise the confusing signing of the shared use path by the Royal Hotel, to discuss the dangerous corner at Beggars Lane, and also the unsatisfactory termination of the cycle path by the Robin Hood. They agreed with our comments and have ordered new signs which will be put up as soon as they are received. They also accepted that the condition of Northfield Road is unsatisfactory, and have reported this to "fund holders".
2. We advised Tring Rural Parish Council firstly how they could get "Rural Transport" funding for cycle racks in the centre of Long Marston, and secondly, when the Council had determined a position for the racks, who could supply and install them. We have previously managed to get racks installed at Startops End and Tring Park Cricket Club in this way.
3. We have identified several sets of cycle stands in the Tring area which need either refurbishment or replacing, or which have been neglected, and will be contacting the owners about them. An example of neglected stands are those owned by the Local Council in the Forge car park in Tring, and this is shown in the picture below, where the branches of a tree in the centre of the stands make some of them unusable.



FOR CYCLING PINK FLOYD FANS.

Two bicycles that belonged to Syd Barrett, co-founder of Pink Floyd, are to be auctioned. Syd will be remembered by some as the writer of a classic bicycle song called "Bike" that appeared on the 1967 album "Piper at the Gates".

An auction of his possessions -including two bicycles hand-painted by Syd himself-will be held at Cheffins of Cambridge on 29th and 30th of November. So somebody will have the opportunity to remember a flawed hero whilst cycling along.

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Next meeting: Thursday, November 2nd, 7.30pm at 83 Dundale Road, Tring.

EVERYONE WELCOME