NEW GET ON YOUR BIKE DAY

Want to try cycling? Need a bike? Need lights and locks or other equipment? Want to ask questions about cycling in Reading? Then we have the event for you.

Introducing new for 2015 ‘on your bike day’: a one-stop shop for all your bicycling needs. To be held in the Palmer Foyer in the first week of term, Thursday 1 October, 10am – 4pm (timing of specific stalls may vary so please check our website).

Attendees include

- Dr Bike – free bicycle maintenance.
- Test your vision – have a go in the drivers seat of a lorry equipped with cycle cameras – see how well as a cyclist you can or can't be seen.
- Unicycle – hire a bike for the term or year (register your interest beforehand at volunteer@rusu.ac.uk – only a limited number of bicycles available).
- Buy discounted locks and lights.
- Reading Bicycle Kitchen.
- Free security labelling of bicycles.

There will be competitions, prizes and giveaways so do please pop along.

FACEBOOK, TWITTER AND YAMMER

Remember to follow the Sustainability Team on Twitter or like us on Facebook to keep up to date with the latest news – see next page
READYBIKE’S FIRST BIRTHDAY

In June, Readybike celebrated their first birthday with a small event and cake on the Whiteknights Campus.

Why? Readybike stands on and around campus were the most used ones in the whole network in its first year! It’s great to see so many staff and students making good use of them. A big thank-you to everyone at the Uni for supporting sustainable travel!

Sir David Bell said “Congratulations to ReadyBike for a hugely successful first year. The University has been a strong supporter of the ReadyBike scheme since its inception. We work hard to promote sustainable travel and are extremely pleased that university staff and students are making good use of the bikes, both on and off campus. I’m sure the ReadyBike scheme will continue to grow and we look forward to more birthdays to come.”

easitREADING – SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL AND RAIL DISCOUNTS FOR UNIVERSITY STAFF

We are pleased to announce that the University has joined the easit sustainable travel network, as part of easitREADING.

This means that University staff are eligible for a 15% discount on First Great Western and South West rail fares that travel in to and returning from Reading Station. Travel into Earley station is not currently eligible. Detailed FAQ’s document regarding the rail discounts is available from the easit website www.easit.org.uk/rail.php

Many other discounts are available including trial bus tickets and discounts on electric cars and bicycles. For full details of these staff can register on the website without needing to purchase a card @ http://discounts.easit.org.uk

Students are not eligible for this scheme but already qualify for a number of travel discounts, including the ability to purchase a 16–25 railcard (formerly young person’s railcard) which gives even greater discounts. www.16-25railcard.co.uk/

To get the easit rail discount, along with many other offers, staff need to apply for an easitCARD by visiting their website www.easit.org.uk and register using their work e-mail address. There will be a £4.80 as an admin fee for the card. You will also need to upload a photo of yourself with a plain background for the card. The cards are likely to take a few weeks to arrive.

If you are travelling on University business, this rail discount is unlikely to be applicable – please use the University’s business travel supplier, CTM. Full details of how to contact them can be found here: www.reading.ac.uk/closed/procurement/news/proc-travelnews.aspx

CYCLE PARKING UPDATES

We’ve been busy over summer upgrading more cycle parking.

There are now shelters over the parking near Acacia Road at London Road campus, and outside HumSS opposite the Henley Business School.

There is also a new single bike parking stand near the Campus Central shop so that staff and students nipping into the shop have somewhere secure to leave their bike while doing their shopping.

Access to the cycle parking compound outside Chemistry is now via Campus Card adding an extra layer of security as everyone’s pin code will be different – the one linked to their campus card. The registration procedure is still the same; any staff or student wishing to use the bicycle compounds will need to visit the Security Window in Whiteknights house to show their campus id card. They will also need to complete a form outlining agreement to a number of conditions (including using a secure d-lock to lock their bicycle, and having a Security sticker on the bike).