Chilcote School deputy head teacher Mark Cross with Michael Byrne, from West Midlands Railway

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Birmingham primary school benefits from West Midlands Railway cycling investment

Children at a primary school in Birmingham are feeling the benefit of a West Midlands Railway scheme to install thousands of cycle spaces on the rail network.

The rail operator is showing its commitment to sustainable transport by installing thousands of dedicated cycle spaces at dozens of locations, including Yardley Wood station.

The modern two-tier cycle racks, covered by upgraded CCTV, replace older-style secure lockers which West Midlands Railway has donated to nearby Chilcote Primary School in Hall Green with the blessing of Transport for West Midlands as the locker owners.

Andy Camp, commercial director at West Midlands Railway, said:

“The community is at the heart of everything we do and I am delighted that we have been able to find such a good use for these lockers which may otherwise have gone to waste.

“Our cycle programme is introducing thousands of spaces across the network as we continue to work with partners across the industry to encourage sustainable transport methods.”

The school will use the lockers to securely store sports equipment such as football goalposts.

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