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Get free cycle safety checks at West Midlands Railway stations this summer

Cyclists across the West Midlands are being invited to check their bike safety and have their cycles security marked at a series of railway station workshops at this summer.

West Midlands Railway has teamed up with Transport for West Midlands and Cycling UK to host the sessions at some of the region's busiest railway stations over the next few weeks. Attendance is free and there is no need to book – people can just turn up at the station between 4.30pm and 6.30pm.

Social distancing measures will keep staff and participants safe. Stations hosting events include Kings Norton, Bromsgrove, Sandwell and Dudley, Selly Oak, Stourbridge Junction and Sutton Coldfield.

The first five participants at each 'Love Your Bike' event will receive a free bicycle 'D-lock'. Customers can also purchase gold standard D-Locks for £10 at the Network WM Travel Shops in Birmingham New Street station and at Wolverhampton bus station.

TfWM managing director Laura Shoaf said: "This is a great example of our partnership working and commitment to reducing cycle theft and helping commuters travel safely as the region recovers from the pandemic."

Brenda Lawrence, head of stations for West Midlands Railway, which is funding the events, said: "Helping our customers travel sustainably is a priority for us, which is why we're proud to support these bike safety and security sessions with our partners.

"We're also investing in thousands of secure cycle spaces supported by CCTV across our network to help passengers travel with confidence."

Jenny Box, Cycling UK head of development and behaviour change, said: "Cycling to the station is not just free and fun but also one of the best ways to travel at the moment while maintaining social distance. However, there's one fear we all have, leaving our locked bike and returning to find it has gone.

"Having the right lock and more importantly knowing how to lock your bike securely are just as essential as having a smoothly running bike. We encourage everyone to take advantage of Love Your Bike where you can get a quick tune up, free bike marking and learn how to lock your bike properly."

The events kick off at Bromsgrove on Wednesday 22 July - for a full list of dates and venues, visit the West Midlands Network Facebook page [here](#).

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- **London Northwestern Railway** services operate between Liverpool and Birmingham, and on the West Coast Main Line to and from London Euston.
- **West Midlands Railway** services operate to destinations across the West Midlands via Birmingham New Street and Birmingham Snow Hill.

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