

At Redbrick (University of Birmingham's newspaper) we are carrying out an investigation as to why Birmingham seems to be lacking behind other cities when it comes to people using bicycles as a mode of transport.

Many people I have spoken to simply do not take their bikes into town due to fear of theft-I wondered if, under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), I could request the following data:

1.How many bikes were reported stolen, per year, within the last 10 years within the city centre area?

Theft of a Pedal Cycle within Birmingham City Centre Neighbourhood.

Year	Total	Year	Total
2002	34	2009	42
2003	36	2010	139
2004	26	2011	159
2005	34	2012	112
2006	47	2013	93
2007	35	2014	25
2008	40		

2014 - Data from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2014 up to 16<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

2. How many incidents have there been reported, per year, within the last 10 years regarding bikes (eg. thefts, muggings etc.) on the city's canals and cycle paths?

Total Recorded Crime

Birmingham City Centre neighbourhood

Primary Location Description = Waterway / Canal / Towpath

Year	Total	Year	Total
2002	2	2009	1
2003	0	2010	1
2004	0	2011	0
2005	1	2012	1
2006	0	2013	0
2007	0	2014	0
2008	0		

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And could you also help to answer these questions please:

1. Are all official bike sheds/locking areas monitored by CCTV?

No recorded information held. West Midlands police do not have any bike sheds.

Each bike shed maybe owned by separate organisations (e.g. schools / colleges / universities / private companies). Therefore you will need to approach these separately to see what information they have recorded.

2. What is being done from an advertising/awareness perspective to encourage safer (ie. theft prevention, having good road practice) cycling in Birmingham?

Good road practice is a matter for the council however we do have a bike security film on YouTube.

Please see [www.youtube.com/watch?v=-iEp0bOMaJY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-iEp0bOMaJY)

Individual neighbourhood policing teams hold cycle security marking sessions from time to time,