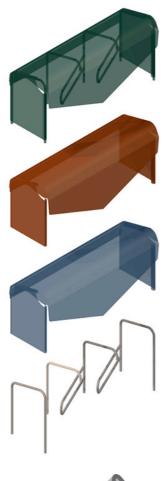
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BikePort

The BikePort is a covered bicycle store for the home. Effectively a 'Domestic Sheffield Stand'. It allows cyclists to secure and shelter the bike outside the house. It comprises a tubular steel frame in which bikes are parked and locked using a cyclist's existing locks. It is covered in acrylic sheet which comes in a variety of colours. The opening side is held down by a single catch. BikePort can park 2, 3 or 4 bikes; however, each version can be simply altered to double its storage capacity if necessary by stacking the bikes. BikePort can be free standing or set into the ground using a concrete foundation.

Typical Context of Use:

Front or back domestic gardens where bikes are out of public view e.g. behind a hedge.

Typical Length of Stay:

Typically overnight storage within domestic residences.

Number of Bikes per Unit:

2 to 4 depending on model.

Approximate Cost per Bike:

£321 per bike for the 2 bike version.

Locking Oppurtunities / Lock Compatibility:

 ${\sf Good-two}$ wheels and frame if not overcrowded and stacked with bicycles. All types of lock can be used.

Ease of Use/Time to Lock:

Close to the Sheffield stand, although when bikes are stacked access to the rear bikes is restricted. Time to lock is 30 seconds to a couple of minutes.

Strengths:

- Secure locking opportunities
- Offers protection from the rain
- Maintenance costs are virtually nil

Weaknesses:

- Comparatively expensive
- Space needed to locate and access

Useful References:

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