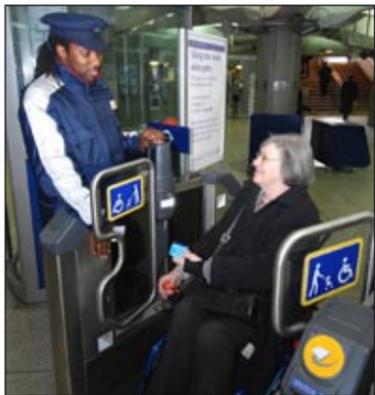


Improved access at more Tube stations

TRAVELLING on the Tube is becoming easier for disabled people as two-thirds of the network – 108 stations – now have wide-aisle gates.



The gates also make journeys quicker for parents with buggies and passengers with heavy luggage. Wood Green is the latest station to benefit, bringing the total number of the gates on the network to 348.

Nearly 40 per cent of all stops and stations in London (including National Rail, Tube, the Docklands Light Railway and Tramlink) currently have step-free access. This is up from around 30 per cent five years ago. The capital will also gain a further 28 step-free Tube and London Overground stations over the next ten years, as well as dozens of accessible National Rail and Crossrail stations in the heart of the city.

■ Plan an accessible journey at tfl.gov.uk/journeyplanner



Construction work starts on cycle hire extension

WORK has started on the South-Western extension of Barclays Cycle Hire.

Set to open in December this year, the expanded area will cover Wandsworth, Hammersmith & Fulham, Lambeth and Kensington & Chelsea. There will also be 2,000 more bikes available for hire.

The first site to be worked on will be a docking station near the junction of Finlay Street and Fulham Palace Road in Hammersmith – near Craven Cottage football ground.

Mayor of London Boris Johnson said: 'The Barclays Cycle Hire

scheme is going to be fantastic for South-West London. It will be a real benefit to local people, help the economy and is key to my aim of making cycling an integral part of the capital's transport network.'

Barclays Cycle Hire already covers around 65km² stretching from Shepherd's Bush in the west, through central London and east to the fringes of the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.

According to Transport for London research, 49 per cent of members say the scheme prompted them to start cycling, and 17 per cent state they have gone on to use their own bikes more as a result.

■ Visit tfl.gov.uk/barclayscyclehire to find out more about the scheme, and how to hire a bike

Cycle hire in numbers

- There are currently around 570 docking stations and 8,000 hire bikes
- Since the launch of the scheme in July 2010 there have been 20 million cycle hires
- The South-West expansion will add 2,000 new bicycles and around 5,000 new docking points, almost half of which will be south of the Thames
- Since the East London extension last year, the number of average weekday hires has increased by 50 per cent from 20,000 to 30,000 per day

New 11-15 photocard for teens

DOES your child have a yellow and blue 11-15 Oyster photocard? Then make sure you apply for a free replacement by July 31, before the current one stops working.

The yellow and blue cards have been discontinued and will not work after July 31. You can apply for a replacement for your child – a green 11-15 Zip Oyster photocard – at tfl.gov.uk/photocard

If you don't already have one, you will need to create an online account to apply for your replacement. You can also use your online account to track applications; keep personal details up to date; replace lost, stolen or damaged photocards; and make future applications for any of your children.

■ Apply before July 31 at tfl.gov.uk/photocard

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