

## **Bicycle Thieves**

Last year six bicycles were reported as stolen from Berkhamsted station and recently this spring there has been another bike theft. Reports in the local press over the last few weeks have shown that other stations nearby like Hemel Hempstead and Tring have also been targeted by bike and moped thieves. In fact Hertfordshire has one of the worst rates of all counties in England for bike theft – only Surrey is markedly worse. But unlike Leighton Buzzard station, where bike thefts have fallen recently, there is no CCTV at Berkhamsted. Why hasn't London Midland provided this ?

## **Cycle Racks**

A few years ago more, better quality racks were installed by Silver Link at the station. Anyone who now uses the station bike racks will be well aware they are almost all fully taken by about nine every morning. There are probably several thousand people with bikes in the town and many of those commute to London. Why doesn't London Midland provide more bike racks ?



*Cycle storage at Berkhamsted Rail Station*

You may have heard that London Midland are planning extra capacity for vehicles at Berkhamsted station by building a double-decker car park. They are holding a 'public consultation' though getting a response to suggestions has not been proving easy. If they do decide to go ahead then surely they should allocate some space for more cycle storage and also provide CCTV coverage ?

Neither the current Town Council or Dacorum Borough have made any real effort to lobby London Midland on these issues. If you vote for the Liberal Democrats we will push London Midland to meet the increasing demand for expanded and more secure provision for cyclists at Berkhamsted station and elsewhere in the county.