

## SETTING THE STANDARD FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGEPOINTS

# Welcome to the Summer newsletter

Dear EVCC members, Affiliates and stakeholders,

Welcome to the Summer edition of the EVCC newsletter.

Today, EVCC launches its partnership with Which? Trusted Trader. EVCC installers who want to become a Which? Trusted Trader as well will get 50% off membership with them for the first 6 months.

Also, find out about Code changes, legislation announcements, grant updates, and opportunities for EVCC members.

I wish you all a productive few months ahead. Virginia Graham



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## EVCC partners with Which? Trusted Traders

EVCC has teamed up with Which? Trusted Traders (W?TT). EVCC members are eligible for 50% off the W?TT membership fee for the first 6 months of their membership. We are confident that this will help EVCC members get more recognition in the market.

Consumers who contract with an EVCC member benefit from the peace of mind that their installer is complying with the high standards of consumer protection required by EVCC. In this way consumers can be confident of receiving a good service from a reputable business.

Consumers who contract with an EVCC member who is also part of the W?TT scheme can have the added assurance that the installer has been vetted by W?TT as well as by EVCC. For its part, the EVCC member will stand out from its competitors and so boost its business.

W?TT, part of consumer champion Which?, endorses traders involved in a wide range of sectors based all over the UK. Consumers can access the W?TT website for free to find local traders they can trust.

Virginia Graham, CEO of REAL which runs EVCC, said: "We are delighted to be working with W?TT. Running a scheme that promotes and enforces high standards of consumer protection in the electric vehicle home chargepoint sector allows us to recognise and applaud the commitment that W?TT brings to these same high standards. By working in partnership EVCC and W?TT can reinforce each other and consumers are the winners.

Poppy Hynam, Which? Trusted Traders Partnership Manager, said: "Which? Trusted Traders is delighted to announce a new partnership with EVCC to help EV installers get more recognition in the market. While EVCC demonstrates to consumers that the business has been approved by the industry consumer code, an endorsement from Which? Trusted Traders helps demonstrate you have been verified by the UK's no1 consumer organisation."

Find out more on endorsement from W?TT [here](#).

## OZEV replaces EVHS with new grants

The Electric Vehicle Electric Vehicle Homecharge Scheme (EVHS) closed to homeowners on 31 March. Government has now replaced the EVHS with the EV Chargepoint Grant. The new grant, administered by the Office of Zero Emission Vehicles (OZEV), is for residential and commercial landlords, social housing providers or property factors seeking funding to install EV chargepoints in rental and leasehold properties. The grant funds a portion of the cost of eligible installations, currently up to a maximum of £350.

To access the grant, a landlord must first be registered. Installers approved by OZEV can then make claims for work completed on their behalf. OZEV's previous list of authorised installers remains in place.

Landlords can receive up to 200 grants a year for residential properties, and a further 100 for commercial properties. These may be across a number of properties and installations or just for one property.

Following the closure of EVHS residential homeowners wishing to install a chargepoint at their home will find it harder to identify competent installers carrying out high quality work.

EVCC plugs this gap, providing homeowners looking for high standards of consumer protection with access to member installers who they can trust.

Both OZEV and EST Scotland encourage homeowners to use an EVCC member.

Find further guidance from OZEV on the EV Chargepoint Grant for Installers [here](#).

## EST Scotland's changes funding scheme

EST Scotland has announced another year for the Domestic Chargepoint Funding Scheme, but with some differences.

For consumers who live in Scotland, a grant of up to £300 may be available from EST Scotland.

This funding is available via two streams:

- Rural EV owners - for applicants living in rural areas of Scotland
- Used EV owners - for applicants who purchased their EV through the Used EV Loan

To be eligible for this funding, installations must be carried out by an OZEV- and EST- approved installer. EST Scotland also recommends that consumers select an installer who is an EVCC member. Consumers wishing to access the grant should apply to EST Scotland directly before they install a home chargepoint.

For more information on the grant, full eligibility criteria and how to apply see [here](#).

## All new homes to have EV chargepoints

From June 15, all new homes built in England will be required to have electric vehicle chargepoints installed, as well as new-build workplaces, supermarkets and buildings undergoing major renovations. Any new building developments with associated parking must have access to electric car charge points, in a change to building regulations.

The policy should result in around 145,000 new charge points installed per year.

EVCC Affiliate, myenergi's Dr Chris Horne, told EVCC: "We're very pleased to see this commitment by the Government which is an important step in making it easy for all drivers to make the change to EVs."



## New law requires new chargepoints to be smart



Picture from myenergi

As of 30 June, all new private chargepoints installed will have to comply with the Electric Vehicles (Smart Charge Points) Regulations 2021, which sets out minimum standards for all home and workplace chargepoints sold in England, Scotland and Wales.

The legislation requires new chargepoints to be capable of smart charging and to charge during off-peak hours as a default. This means that the EV will charge at the best time for the electricity network. This will result in less demand on the grid during peak hours as the amount of EVs in the UK increases. It will also reduce costs for EV drivers taking advantage of off-peak energy prices.

New chargepoints will also have a short, randomised delay at the start and end of the charge to ease the pressure on the grid.

The legislation also take steps to encourage customers to sign up to demand-side response services. And all smart chargepoints will need to have a data connection that can measure and transmit records, so that drivers can easily view their charging history.

As an installer of EV chargers, it's important to ensure that devices sold as part of the service you offer to consumers meets these legal requirements from 30th June 2022. If not you could incur a one-off fine of up to £10,000 for selling non-compliant devices.

You need to consider how to shift or upgrade any devices which do not meet the requirements, whether you require any upskilling, and take account of the fact that, with smart chargers, you will be able to provide support remotely,

The Electric Vehicles (Smart Charge Points) Regulations 2021 can be found [here](#). Compliance with the legislation is mandatory for chargepoint manufacturers and installers.

For further information on smart charging, EVCC affiliate myenergi has published guidance [here](#).

## Smart charging set to boost TOU tariffs



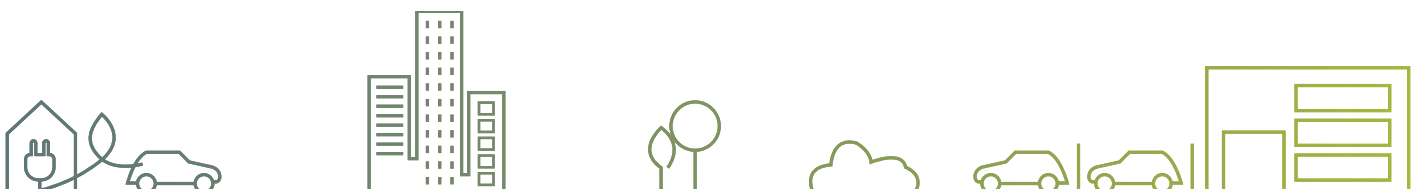
Picture from Garo

Smart charging means the average British driver could run their electric vehicle (EV) for £11 a month, by taking advantage of off peak tariffs, according to EV smart charger provider Ohme.

However, research from Delta-EE found that fewer than 50% of EV owners use a time-of-use (TOU) tariff that would allow them to benefit from cheaper, overnight prices, and just three in ten were on a specific EV tariff. Furthermore, more than two-fifths (42%) of EV drivers are being exposed to higher charging prices due to a lack of dedicated home charging points.

This research was backed up by Cornwall Insight in March. Their research suggested that only a quarter of private EV drivers in the UK are on TOU tariffs.

The new Electric Vehicles (Smart Charge Points) Regulations 2021 should certainly assist with supporting the transition.



## EVCC to offer members wider benefits



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Company Name	Website	Address	Telephone Number	Email	Membership no	Start date
AEC Solar Energy Solutions	<a href="https://www.solarbatterycosts.com/">https://www.solarbatterycosts.com/</a>	Takemook School Road Larmitz Sturminster Newton Dorset DT12 6PG	07908 857 914	<a href="mailto:evcc230@live.com">evcc230@live.com</a>	EV1247	27/01/2022
Affordable Solar Ltd Affordable EV Charger	<a href="https://affordable-solar.co.uk">https://affordable-solar.co.uk</a>	12 Western Road Luton Bedfordshire LU1 3JH	01462 915566	<a href="mailto:psw@affordable-solar.co.uk">psw@affordable-solar.co.uk</a>	EV1558	13/10/2021
Caplor Energy Ltd	<a href="https://caplor.co.uk/">https://caplor.co.uk/</a>	Caplor Farm Newbold HST 4P1	01432 862644	<a href="mailto:ev@caplor.co.uk">ev@caplor.co.uk</a>	EV1001	13/03/2020

If you're an EVCC member then we would like to hear from you. We are always looking for ways to promote our members more effectively so we are keen to hear from you about any ideas or suggestions you may have. Are there any other benefits we might be able to offer you more generally in return for being an EVCC member?

In this context we are asking our members if they would like to have their logos displayed on the EVCC website. The 'Find an EVCC Member' page is, week on week, one of the most visited pages on our website. On this basis we are asking you if you would like your logo added by your listing? This will help consumers identify you and increase the exposure of your business.

We also intend to add a map to the 'Find an EVCC Member' page, to assist consumers looking for installers based in their area.

The best way to promote the fact that you are an EVCC member is to tell consumers about us. We will soon be sending out logos and marketing material on EVCC which you can add to your websites, contractual documents and any other marketing material. We can also provide you with free EVCC van stickers and leaflets for consumers. Just ask us for anything you need.

A list of all our member benefits can be found [here](#). You can get in touch with us using our email, [info@electric-vehicle.org.uk](mailto:info@electric-vehicle.org.uk).

## EVCC calls for blogs and photos



Picture from myenergi

EVCC is calling for guest bloggers to feature on its website.

If you have something to say about the domestic charging sector and you would like to see this featured on the EVCC website then please get in touch with your idea for your blog.

Blogs can be aimed at consumers or installers, or the public more generally.

Previous Guest blogs are featured on the EVCC website and you can read them [here](#).

EVCC is also calling for photos of chargepoint installations, which we can use on our website and on other promotional material. Should we use your photo then of course we will attribute it to you.

If you are interested in providing a guest blog or a photograph, then please get in touch with us using [info@electric-vehicle.org.uk](mailto:info@electric-vehicle.org.uk).

## Code changes

EVCC has recently made some changes to the Code. These include:

- Removal of specific references to EVHS, with all mentions of grants made more general
- Addition of leases and lessors within scope, including under Attachment A - Definitions
- Definition of consumer amended to bring it into line with legislation
- Addition of references to The Electric Vehicles (Smart Charge Points) Regulations 2021
- Section 8, 'In case of problems' made clearer
- Attachment E - Supporting documents combined with Relevant documents (Acts and Regulations)

You can find the amended Code [here](#).

