

Scotland's Climate Week – Edinburgh's EV chargers now operational

The Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport, Michael Matheson, and Transport and Environment Convener, Cllr Scott Arthur met to take a look at the newly operational EV chargers in Stockbridge on Wednesday.

The council has used a £2.3 million grant from Transport Scotland to install 81 new chargers (141 charging bays). These include 41 rapid and fast chargers at on street locations with the remainder in Hermiston and Ingliston Park and Ride sites.

The installation of these new chargers is to encourage the use of electric vehicles which will have lower emissions. The switch to more sustainable transport of all kinds is a key aim of Scotland's Climate Week which began on Monday.



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Cllr Arthur said: “I am delighted that we are expanding on-street electric vehicle chargers across the capital in a way that does not leave footpaths cluttered with cables and chargers. These new chargers will provide convenient charging for residents and visitors alike travelling around the city.

“Increasing the provision for greener technologies such as electric cars is a vital step in our wider plan for decarbonising transport in Edinburgh and for reaching our goal to become a net-zero carbon city by 2030, which is brought into sharp focus during Scotland’s Climate Week.

“Of course, choosing to walk, cycle or use public transport is the best travel decision people can make if they want to help us in our net-zero ambition.”

Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport Michael Matheson said: “During Scotland’s Climate Week and ahead of

World EV Day, I'm pleased to welcome these new EV charge points across Edinburgh to the ChargePlace Scotland network.

"Phasing out the need for new petrol and diesel cars and vans by 2030, to help respond to the climate emergency, can only be achieved if drivers have the range confidence that comes from readily available charging infrastructure. These latest charge points help provide that confidence to people who require EV charging in the capital.

"Our previous funding approaches have helped us deliver the most public electric vehicle charging points outside of London, and the most rapid charge points anywhere in the UK. We now want to see greater private sector investment and involvement in line with our draft vision for Scotland's public EV charging network – delivering more infrastructure faster and in way that is more accessible than ever before."

EV Charger locations:

- Comely Bank Terrace/Avenue
 - 4 fast 22kW chargers with 8 charging bays
- East London Street
 - 4 rapid 50kW chargers with 4 charging bays
- Fettes Avenue
 - 4 rapid 50kW chargers with 4 charging bays
- Heriot Row
 - 2 rapid 50kW chargers with 2 charging bays and 3 fast 22kW chargers with 6 charging bays
- Hermiston Park and Ride
 - 5 rapid 50kW chargers with 5 charging bays and 14 standard 7kW chargers with 28 bays
- Ingliston Park and Ride
 - 6 rapid 50kW chargers with 6 charging bays and 15 standard 7kW chargers with 30 bays
- King's Road
 - 4 fast 22kW chargers with 8 charging bays
- Maxwell Street

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- Montgomery Street
 - 4 fast 22kW chargers with 8 charging bays
- Sheriff Brae
 - 4 fast 22kW chargers with 8 charging bays
- Stewart Terrace
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- Thirlestane Road
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There is information about how to use the charging points here on the council website.



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