

# EV chargepoints in the South East grow by 29% in a year

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- Over 2,000 public chargepoints added to the South East charging network since April 2024
- There are now more than 9,200 public chargers in the region, helping EV drivers in the South East get around with the confidence and peace of mind they're always close to a socket
- Government investing over £2.3bn to back British carmakers, power growth and protect jobs as part of the Plan for Change

## Commenting on the stats, Future of Roads Minister Lilian Greenwood said:

"We want to make sure that drivers in the South East are always close to an electric vehicle charging device. That's why it's great to see the number of public charging devices in the region growing by 29% since April last year, taking us to more than 9,200 public charging devices in the South East.

"We're investing £2.3 billion to help drivers switch to electric vehicles while putting money in the pockets of hardworking people by protecting jobs and backing British carmakers as part of the Plan for Change."

## There's never been a better time to switch to EVs:

- Drivers can save up to £1,100 a year if they mostly charge at home compared to petrol.
- You can also run an EV for as little as 2p per mile if you charge at home.
- Half of used electric cars under £20,000 and 29 brand new electric cars RRP under £30,000
- The average range of a new EV is 290 miles – that's about 2 weeks driving for most people, or from London to Newcastle.
- Data suggests you should expect your EV to last as long as an internal combustion engine car.
- Getting EVs repaired is getting easier with the increasing number of skilled technicians available.
- Typically an EV emits just 1/3 of the harmful greenhouse gases of a petrol car during its lifetime.
- 24/7 helplines, contactless payments, up-to-date chargepoint locations make charging easier than ever.
- All data from Office of Zero Emission Vehicles, Charge UK, Autotrader and SMMT.

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