

Top tips for electric driving!

Key things to consider, when deciding on the right time to change to an EV.



Energy Saving Trust — Electric Vehicle Purchasing Decision Flow Chart

A step-by-step guide, also available on the Enstone Eco website.

1. Daily or annual mileage
2. Access to off-street parking at home
3. Whether you are looking to purchase outright or lease
4. The timeframe are you considering for your next vehicle



The **EV8 Switch** app can also assist you in deciding whether to change to an EV.

Range

Most new electric cars have a range of 150–300 miles. Older cars have less range, but are cheaper to buy. Try writing a diary of how far you drive each day. Then work out what range you need in an EV to comfortably cover your travel most days. Just like in a petrol car, no one wants to have a completely empty tank before refueling so allow for keeping 20 miles in reserve to reduce your 'range anxiety'.

You can always quickly top up at public fast chargers when you travel further. These are easy to find using the free **Zap Map** app. They are run by different companies, but most now accept contactless credit/debit cards, without having to set up an account. Almost all motorway chargers are operated by Electric Highway. Most EVs charge from 20% to 80% full in about an hour.

Charging cable connectors

All UK cars have a 'Type 2' connector which you use when you charge slowly at home. Public fast chargers have two main connection types. CCS is becoming the standard, with more chargers using this, rather than the older CHAdeMO variety.

Want an electric car but fear the cost? Here's how to flick the switch

This article, from *The Observer* 24 July 2022, describes various ways to buy a new car to avoid having to find a big lump sum e.g. Leasing, Hire Purchase and PCP, Salary sacrifice and taking it month by month. Independent car leasing companies are usually cheaper than the deals from the main car dealers.



Links/downloads also at : enstone-eco.co.uk



Helping Enstone Parish
make a difference!

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We're a small group of friendly, like-minded people. Our aim is to liaise with other local groups and find ways in which we can all become more environmentally active.

We meet at 7pm on the third Wednesday of the month at the Parish Hall to share information and ideas – including raising awareness of local environmental projects, concerns and things we can all do to reduce our carbon footprint, reduce waste, and protect nature.

Please join us.

10 Top tips to reduce your environmental footprint

1



Switching to green energy is one of the most impactful things to reduce your carbon footprint. Oxford 'Big Clean Switch' makes it simple!

2



Use the sun to dry your clothes!

Wash at 30°C and reduce your energy use by 38%,

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Join one of over 100 community action groups working to make Oxfordshire a fairer, more sustainable place.



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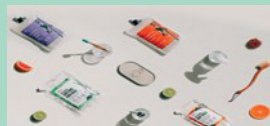
Create an oasis for bees & butterflies. With green spaces disappearing, our pollinator friends need all our help!

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Making the effort to walk even a small part of your journey makes a real difference! Vehicle emissions are the largest cause of carbon emissions in Oxfordshire - almost 36% of it, so cutting down on them is a huge help to the environment!



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Join the refill revolution! Visit refill stations (food, toiletries & household products) or subscribe to 'Bower Collective', there's no postage cost!

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Why not try going veggie or vegan for 3 days a week? Cutting down on meat & dairy really does make a huge difference.

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Recycling the correct items at home is an easy thing you can do to help reduce your carbon footprint.



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Having a wildlife pond in your garden will improve biodiversity and food and drink for an array of wildlife. Make a pond easily from a whisky barrel. No digging needed!



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Choose ethical banking and investments - is it time to align your money with your values? Some banks are literally funding the climate crisis. Is your bank one of them? Check at <https://bank.green/>

Are they using money from your savings and credit card transactions to finance new pollution-creating projects?

