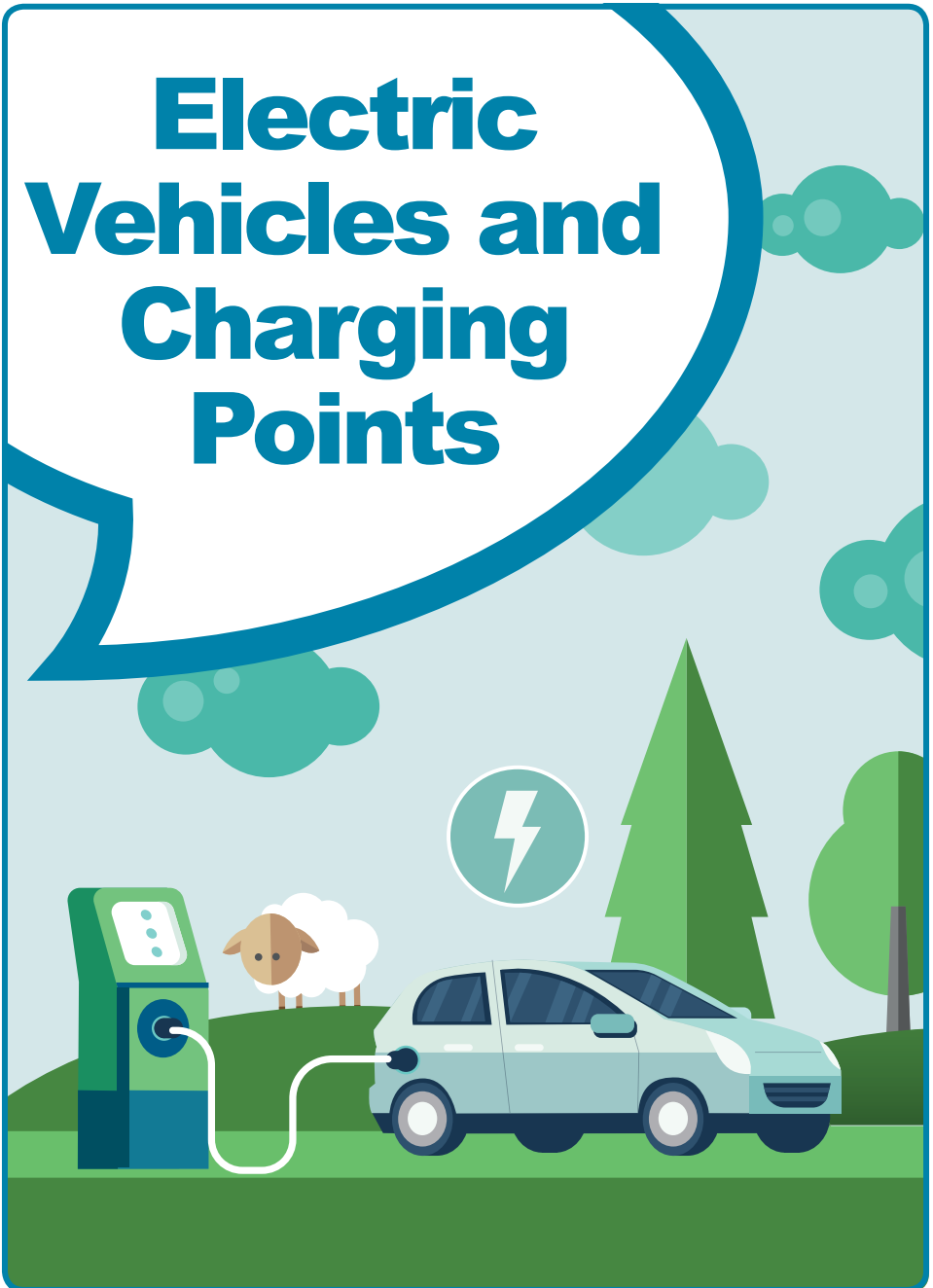


Electric Vehicles and Charging Points



There are a range of benefits with electric vehicles, including air quality and economic benefits. The Government has announced the phase out date for the sale of new petrol and diesel cars and vans will be brought forward to 2030.

Meeting this ambition is going to require a step change in the availability of electric vehicles (EVs) charging infrastructure.

Cumbria County Council, is working with the District Councils, the National Parks, Electricity North West, Cumbria Local Enterprise Partnership and other partners to support and facilitate the uptake of electric vehicle charging opportunities across the county. Our overarching objective is to work with partners to ensure our residents and visitors to Cumbria have adequate coverage of convenient and affordable electric vehicle charge points available to use.

EV Charging locations in Cumbria

Across the UK there are thousands of charging stations situated in service stations and other locations on major trunk roads throughout the UK. More and more town centres, supermarkets and workplaces are introducing EV charging points.



The Zap-map displays a map with the locations and providers of the charge-points, the type of charge, its availability and the fee for use (if applicable).

There are a number of charging points provided by Cumbria County Council located at ten sites in the county.



Electric Vehicle charge points for public use are available at the following locations:

Town	Location	Postcode	Charger Type
Carlisle	Opposite Rural Payments Agency, Lowther Street	CA3 8QG	Rapid 50KW Fast 7KW
Carlisle	Citadel Car Park	CA3 8AN	Rapid 50KW Fast 7KW
Kendal	Car park at County Offices, Busher Walk	LA9 4RQ	Rapid 50KW Fast 7KW
Workington	Car park at Allerdale House, Griffin Street	CA14 3YJ	Rapid 50KW Fast 7KW
Whitehaven	Senhouse Street car park, Senhouse Street	CA28 7ES	Rapid 50KW
Keswick	Central Car Park, Heads Road	CA12 5DF	Rapid 50KW Fast 7KW
Ulverston	Brewery Street car park, Brewery Street	LA12 7HU	Rapid 50KW
Kirkby Stephen	Christian Head car park, Christian Head	CA17 4HA	Rapid 50KW
Kirkby Lonsdale	New Road car park, New Road	LA6 2AD	Rapid 50KW
Ambleside	Low Fold car park, Lake Road	LA22 0DN	Rapid 50KW

We are now working to install a total of 30 new charge points at locations in Carlisle, Kendal, Workington and Maryport.



Home Charging

Many EV owners charge their car either at home or at work. Most will choose to install a home charging point to benefit from faster charging speeds and built-in safety features. A home charging point is sometimes fitted for free when you buy a EV car.

We recognise that not everyone has off street parking or workplace charging, and we are currently in the process of compiling a detailed list of potential locations for future on-street residential EV chargepoints. We will be reviewing these locations, taking into account of the likely demand, alongside the availability of other proposed publicly available EV chargepoints.

If you do charge your car at home, we would like to bring to your attention the following:

- Charging your vehicle on the street by trailing a cable across the pavement is not permitted.
- Cables across the path, or hanging overhead are a hazard, and it is an offence under The Highways Act to place wires or other apparatus across a path that are likely to post a danger to the public.
- As well as risking a fine, if someone were to trip up and injure themselves, then you can be held responsible.
- At present our advice is that people should not trail cables across public streets in any manner, including the use of a cable protector or cable ramp.

Workplace Charging

More and more organisations are starting to introduce charge points at workplaces, to provide charge points for those employees who drive electric cars for work purposes or for those who commute to work in an electric vehicle. EV charging at the workplace sends a clear and visible message about where the business stands with reducing environmental impact and carbon emissions.

Under the Government's Workplace Charging Scheme (WCS), organisations can receive grants towards the upfront cost of the purchase and installation of charge points. The contribution is limited to 75% – or £350 per socket – of these costs, up to a maximum of 40 sockets per company. These can be on different sites.

Grant Funding

The government offers grants to support the wider use of electric and hybrid vehicles through the Office for Zero Emission Vehicles (OZEV). You can find further details at [Grant schemes for electric vehicle charging infrastructure](#).

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