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An Unlikely Saboteur

When thinking over the issues facing an EV charging network in the UK, we are guessing that 'Dog Wee' doesn't spring to mind, but it should! ☐

The Office of Zero Emission Vehicles (OZEV) is responsible for delivering the government's promised 300,000 EV charging points by 2030. The aim is to make them a part of daily life and for 25% of the adult population, that means a part of their canine companion's daily life - and boy do they like to wee against a shiny charging point!

So what? Well, quite a lot actually. Derbyshire County Council spent £75,000 investigating the long-term impact of dog urine on street furniture back in 2003 after someone was killed by a falling lamp post. As the Environment & Highways Minister told the BBC at the time "If it wasn't so serious, it would be funny". Manufacturers are now having to investigate modular designs that would allow corroded elements at the base to be switched out. It's not just a problem here in the UK either, the topic was raised at COP26 and in Spain (Seville) the issue is taken so seriously that dog owners are required by law to carry products to rinse off any wee in the streets or be fined up to €75!



Up! Up! And Away.



Despite winning 'World Car of the Year' just months after release the Up! has is the latest model to be axed from Volkswagen's line up. It was the smallest and cheapest model in the range with plenty of variations, everything from the eco e-Up! to the GTI model (Top Gear's 'Pocket Rocket of the Year' 2017). Demand was ahead of supply when the announcement was made and the Polo, VW's most similar offering, also faces an uncertain future.

If they do decide to remove the 'Polo', it will be the VW range that has a hole it!

Another Failed Plot!

Thought you had a bad commute? Last month one unlucky driver in Scotland was 'kidnapped' by his own Electric Vehicle! The Glaswegian's MG EV got stuck at 30MPH, forcing him to dodge red lights and call the police to stop his own runaway car. Once the three vehicle police escort arrived on scene they tried various methods to stop the EV, including one officer driving off with the MG's remote key! After all else failed, the police slowed Mr Morrison down by steering the vehicle around a roundabout before running it into the back of a police van. They stayed put for 4 hours until the RAC put a halt to the EV's escapades. A diagnostics check brought up 3 pages of faults and even MG is not sure what happened. Mr Morrison is adamant he doesn't want to get back in the MG EV, or any other EV, perhaps ever!



Not exactly a 'runaway success' for MG...

A Late Halloween Horror Story..

Jaguar Land Rover just revealed that they have **10,000 vehicles waiting for parts** - around 5,000 are off the road and the company has run out of courtesy vehicles, with some customers having to wait **four months for repairs!** The shortage (thankfully) seems to be primarily affecting models that we don't sell here at Elm Tree, the new Defender for instance. The company blames the move to a single parts distribution centre and the closure of around 18 regional centers. There are believed to be 80 lorries waiting to be unloaded but infrastructure and staff cannot keep up! With recent price drops and flaws in anti-theft systems (again, not in the models we sell) Land Rover are clearly having a horrid time. If I were a teacher, their report card would clearly read: "MUST TRY HARDER!". The JLR dealer pictured below has its own problems - an insider tells us **158**

cars were affected by the flooding and one sporty Jaguar had only the very top of the roof left visible above the water!



Hydrogen Dethrones EV Tech!



Hydrogen is the bet that Lewis Hamilton and Jenson Button are making as they switch their 'Extreme E' electric off-road racing series to 'Extreme H'. Extreme E was launched as an off-road zero-emissions rally championship in 2021 to raise climate change awareness but from 2025 the race will be fuelled by hydrogen tech, not the EV tech we're expected to transition to on the road. And they're not alone. Many big oil players are placing their betting chips on Green Hydrogen technologies, which split water via electrolysis using renewable energy. This tech is currently 5x more expensive than deriving hydrogen from natural gas but Extreme H hopes to be a test bed for development. Watch this space!

Don't Go Out With A Bang!

Picking up some fireworks for this weekend? Make sure you're not falling foul of the law.. or your insurer! Unless you have the relevant licence it is against the law to transport more than **50kg of fireworks**, with fines of **£300 and up to 6 points on your licence**. As the 50kg refers to the amount of actual explosive (~10-25% of the total firework weight) you should be fine by the law, but insurers are stricter and if you are carrying fireworks for a professional event you'll need to let them know! Here are some top tips: *Keep them dry! Damp fireworks are more likely to leak explosive, so don't leave them in the car overnight *Keep other combustible materials away *Keep them in a lidded plastic box in the boot (not the back seat). **Have fun!**



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