

## NEWS RELEASE



*photo: Fwad Afzal*

*Photo Caption: Glasgow MSP Patrick Harvie's interest is sparked in one of Scotland's new rechargeable scooters.*

### **Glasgow Urged to Plug-In to Ending Pollution**

MSPs have joined a campaign to try to persuade Scotland's cities to provide charging points for electric vehicles.

Glasgow Green Party MSP, Patrick Harvie arranged for MSPs to see a range of zero emission electric scooters at the Scottish Parliament (Wednesday) and called on councils like Glasgow to look seriously at investing in the infrastructure to attract zero emission vehicles onto Scotland's roads:

"Charging points cost no more to install than a lamppost and many people will be willing to pay to plug in to them. Electric vehicles are cheap to run, can be powered by renewables and don't incur road tax. You don't even have to pay to park an electric scooter or motorbike in city centres. Local authorities should now be looking at starting to install charging points, as a shift away from petrol and diesel power will quickly pay dividends for people living and working in our cities."

The campaign was launched by the founders of a young Scottish company that has cornered the European market in battery powered scooters. Charge UK says Scotland could lead the way in making its city centres cleaner and safer by giving electric scooter, bike and car users places to plug-in and charge up.

Co-founder Nigel Robinson says Scotland clearly has the will to make a difference:

“All of Scotland's 32 local authorities have committed themselves to take action, in partnership with the Scottish Government, on climate change. Our politicians have meanwhile set impressive legally-binding targets for cuts in greenhouse gases.

“Now electric scooters can run up to speeds of 60 mph and have a range of up to 100 miles for a power top-up of 8p. Our worry is that the technological progress is not being matched by the delivery of practical support to make electric vehicles a workable alternative for enough people.”

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