



Press Release

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Chargemaster helps Corby's EV owners reconnect with replacement chargers

In an effort to give Corby's electric vehicle drivers more recharging options, Chargemaster has replaced five of the borough's oldest public charge points across its 23-strong Plugged in Midlands network with state of the art units. Chargemaster's new charging posts boast a reliability record of more than 98% and will be connected to over 4,000 public charging points nationwide as part of the company's POLAR network.

The oldest of Corby's 23 chargers which were supplied by another EV charging company under the Plugged in Midlands initiative in 2011 were no longer working. Chargemaster has replaced the five defunct units with five new charging posts located at the Parkland Gateway Carpark in the Town Centre, The Railway Station and the Corby Enterprise Centre.

Chargemaster's chief executive, David Martell, said: "Nothing is more frustrating for EV owners than not being able to recharge their vehicle wherever and whenever they want. By bringing five new chargers into service, we can make EV drivers' journeys easier and show the UK that Corby is an EV-friendly town."

Corby's replacement units were provided by Chargemaster as part of its acquisition and renewal of the Plugged in Midlands network, which became part of the POLAR network in 2015. The acquisition has seen Chargemaster take ownership of 870 public charging points across the Midlands, of which at least 100 are being replaced.

The growing POLAR network is the UK's largest network of public EV charging points, with more than 4000 charging points already available. EV users can charge their vehicle using the network, either by pay-as-you-go or through a monthly subscription of £7.85, called POLAR Plus.

Corby Borough Council's Lead Member for Environment, Cllr Mark Pengelly, said:

"With more and more people going green and switching to electric vehicles, it is very welcome news that Corby now has brand new state of the art charging points for residents to use. As a council, several of our corporate vehicles are electric and we want to encourage more people to be kinder to the environment and purchase electric vehicles, we feel that installing more charging points is the way forward."

Corby has set itself the target to be at the forefront of EV infrastructure in the UK and has played an integral part in bringing ample charging points to the Midlands. There are currently 34 charging points installed across the borough.

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About Chargemaster

Chargemaster Plc is the UK's leading provider of electric vehicle charging infrastructure, benefitting from over 25 years of experience working within the telematics and vehicle-orientated industry.

Chargemaster works in partnership with leading energy providers, vehicle manufacturers, government agencies, management consultancies, property developers and blue chip companies.

The company operates its own manufacturing facility at Luton Airport which is currently producing over 2,000 charging units a month and operates to ISO9001 quality standards. It also has its own fleet of over 40 mobile technicians' vans carrying out installations and maintenance operations across the UK with a focus on quality of service and reliability. Its national network records a daily reliability rate of over 98%.

About Corby

Corby is a vibrant and rapidly changing place. The Borough, the 11th smallest local authority in the UK, covers 80 square miles, is situated in the heart of England with excellent road links via the A14 to the M1, M6 and A1 and a direct passenger rail service to London.

The Borough is expanding at a fast pace, growing by approximately 11,000 to 64,212 (16.7%) in the past 13 years. It has been named by the Office for National Statistics as the fastest-growing borough outside London, with a population that is expected to surge by nearly 17% to 76,400 by 2024.

With its growth and regeneration plans, the Borough Council is committed to make Corby one of the most environmentally and economically sustainable areas in the country.

Corby Borough Council is a Climate Local Council and is committed to low carbon transport, with a growing and improving electric vehicle charging infrastructure. Including the Plugged in Midlands network, to date the Borough Council has supported the installation of 34 posts over 14 locations, with the capability of allowing 57 vehicles to charge at the same time, including a DC rapid charger located at the Town Centre's main carpark at the Cube and recently the Council Depot. In partnership with Electric Corby Community Interest Company the Borough Council installed charge points at a range of venues, in order to complement the Town Centre, Railway Station and Enterprise Centre, with locations including the Council Depot, Holiday Inn, Southern Gateway Service Station, Adrenaline Alley and Rockingham Village. Corby now has one of the highest concentrations of charge points per head of population in the UK.

The Council currently has 10 electric vehicles on their fleet and was shortlisted for Green Fleet of the year in 2015.