

## THE CARAVAN CLUB NEWS

### TICKETS ON SALE FOR THE OCTOBER SHOW AT THE NEC

Tickets are now on sale for October's Motorhome & Caravan Show at the NEC in Birmingham. The event, from 11 to 16 October, will see 400 exhibitors showcasing the latest caravans, motorhomes, campervans, trailer tents, caravan holiday homes, lodges and accessories across 11 halls.

As well as browsing new vehicles from UK and European manufacturers, visitors will be able to watch live theatre demonstrations, enjoy free caravan towing and motorhome manoeuvring lessons courtesy of The Caravan Club\* and benefit from exclusive 'show-offers' on thousands of products.

Members of The Caravan Club can take advantage of a special ticket price of £6.75 (seniors 60+)/£7.75 (adults) when booking in advance before 10 October 2016 using code CCE4.

For more information about the show, see [mcshow.co.uk](http://mcshow.co.uk) call 0844 873 7333.

### WHY NOT STAY WITH THE CLUB AT THE NEC IN OCTOBER?

If you are planning to visit the NEC for **The Motorhome & Caravan Show (11-16 October)** why not stay on The Caravan Club's temporary site which is within easy reach of the halls, either by walking or on the Shuttle Bus. You can book from Friday 22 July for stays between Monday 10 October and Sunday 16 October.

The Club site is perfect if you have a long drive to Birmingham or if you would like more than one day to browse all the latest vehicles and accessories in the exhibition halls. The site features 400 paved and shingle pitches, all offering 6Amp hook-up, and a shuttle bus is available to and from the show. An on-site marquee plays host to a mobile food unit and bar as well as free evening entertainment from Tuesday through to Saturday night.

Temporary fresh water, black, grey and dry waste disposal facilities are available and there is a toilet block on site (no showers).

The price is £35 (paved pitch)/£30 (shingle pitch) per night but we have a Sunday Special deal of £25/£20! Call 01342 336666 (from Friday 22 July) to book or see . Show entry not included.



## WHY THE GOVERNMENT IS PAYING HOMEOWNERS TO GO SOLAR



### How government incentives of £4,940 have made solar panels a solid investment in 2016

The UK should have 10 million homes with solar panels before 2020 if the Government is to fulfil its renewable energy targets. In order to hit these targets the Government is incentivising homeowners with huge savings on their energy bills and tax free cash earnings.

The government is rumoured to be considering the future of these incentives as experts are now suggesting that solar pays for itself with a combination of low installation costs and high energy bill savings.

If you are thinking of installing solar panels, you will want to do it sooner rather than later whilst you can still receive the generous tariff payments from the government. The tariff rate gets

updated every three months with around a six month notice period on any changes.

Once you get your solar panels, you 'lock-in' your guaranteed payments for the next 20 years regardless of what happens to the tariff in the future.

### Benefits of Solar

There are various benefits to installing solar panels on your roof including tax free, government backed earnings and large savings on your energy bills. Here are the top 5:

- Earn £4,940 from the Government feed-in tariff. Not only does the Government pay you for the energy you generate and use, but also the energy you don't use.\* This money is TAX FREE and rises in line with inflation
- Save 50% on your energy bills per year because the electricity you use when your solar panels are in use is 100% FREE
- Protect yourself from the rising energy costs and stop being dependent on large energy companies. You generate your own electricity!
- Save even more with a solar battery: many suppliers now offer combined panel and battery deals which can cut your bills by an additional 15%
- Add value to your home – Estate agents are now looking at solar panels as a revenue generating asset

## MOTORING NEWS

### UK falling behind on electric vehicle targets - MPs claim

The UK is failing to switch to electric cars quickly enough because the Government is not making sufficient effort to encourage drivers to make the change, MPs have said.

According to parliament's environmental audit committee, ministers have not provided enough infrastructure or incentives to boost take-up of ultra-low emissions vehicles.

The claim comes despite recent statistics revealing the demand for electric vehicles (EVs) has risen by a third over the past year, according to figures from joint government and industry campaign Go Ultra Low.

It had been predicted that electric vehicles would make up around 9% of the UK's car fleet by 2020, though current forecasts suggest the actual figure will be half that.

**IN OTHER NEWS:** Town planners fail to prioritise air pollution 'epidemic' - experts claim

It comes amid a growing focus on the effect of diesel cars on levels of air pollution in the country, which are thought to cause around 50,000 deaths a year.

Electric vehicles, which do not produce emissions at the point of use, are seen as

playing a key role in helping to drive down the dangerous amounts of toxic chemicals present across the country.

The environmental audit committee, made up of a group of influential MPs, also said that air pollution in some places was breaching regulations.

It identified 38 clean air zones out of 43 that were surpassing the acceptable limits of polluting nitrogen oxide.

Calls are now being made by the MPs for the Government to "spell out more clearly" its strategy for sustainable transport.

As it stands, ministers have not said what their next steps will be if the 9% target for ultra-low emissions vehicles is not met.

Estimates from the Department for Transport said take-up levels could fall as low 3% by the end of the decade.

According to the committee, this could mean the country "playing catch up" when it comes to meeting its pollution levels.

The MPs added that they had "no confidence" that predictions from the Committee on Climate Change of ultra-low emissions vehicle taking a market share of 60% by 2030 would be achieved.

Mary Creagh, who chairs the environmental audit committee said: "The uptake of ultra-low emission vehicles (ULEV) like electric cars is too low to meet the UK's climate change targets at the lowest cost to the public.