

SSDC is talking to CoCars about a potential Electric Vehicle Share Scheme

Do you ever need to use a car for just a few hours or a day?



Maybe you have a second car that isn't used much but costs a bomb to get through the MOT every year? In fact, simply owning a car costs around £3,000 per year in terms of running costs and depreciation – and all for something that doesn't even move 95% of the time.

Since the announcement of the Government's 2030 ban on the sale of new petrol and diesel vehicles, interest in electric cars has surged by 500%. However, they remain too expensive for many people. In addition, one of the third of households cannot charge a car at home.

South Somerset District Council would like to understand if there is interest in introducing a shared electric car club, and potentially an e-bike scheme.

That's why we are talking to Co Cars about bringing shared, electric cars to locations around South Somerset. Co Cars is a not-for-profit cooperative social enterprise that already successfully runs a network of shared, low and zero-emission cars across the South West.

As a Co Cars member, you can book any car in their network from as little as half an hour for an all-inclusive price, with no mileage to pay when you use their electric cars. The cost covers fuel, insurance, tax and roadside assistance. Furthermore, each car club car also removes between 6-10 private cars from the road, reducing the pressure on car parking spaces as well as helping our environment by tackling congestion and pollution.

To help us gauge interest in Co Cars coming to South Somerset, please take a couple of minutes to complete our short survey [here](#) which will be live until 30 April.

If you would like further information on Co Cars, including full details of their current locations and pricing, you can find out more [here](#).