



PRESS RELEASE



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Lothian and Borders Police to Patrol Scottish Parliament Buildings on Vectrix Electric Motorbikes

Lothian and Borders Police Force have purchased a Vectrix electric maxi-scooter as part of their drive to reduce transport emissions and traffic congestion in Scotland's Capital.

Lothian & Borders Police have purchased a Vectrix electric maxi-scooter as the first electric vehicle to be procured by the force. Two or three officers will be trained to use the Vectrix which will directly replace a petrol patrol car covering 20 – 30 miles daily and will be used for patrolling the Scottish Parliamentary areas and for transporting officers up to Police Headquarters in Central Edinburgh.

There is a large proportion of pedestrians in and around the Parliament Buildings and the Vectrix will provide a safe yet more humanly interactive method of patrolling without inflicting noise or air pollution on the vicinity. Edinburgh is a hilly City and therefore an electric car would not have the power or range to withstand the undulating environment. The Vectrix however provides the performance, range and presence required by the Police to ensure the highest level of public service is delivered.

Dignan McCulloch, Fleet Manager, Lothian & Borders Police, said. "Organisations across the country are focussing on improving their Carbon Footprint, the implementation of the Vectrix as a direct replacement for a car is a substantial achievement and goes a long way in helping us to reduce our carbon output. The Vectrix is very easy to use and has excellent visibility, it looks the part and we are looking forward to putting the bike into service and exploring other opportunities for further implementing Vectrix bikes both at Edinburgh Airport and the Royal Infirmary."

"Scottish organisations are really surging forward in their pursuit of environmental and cost effective forms of transportation". Said **Alex Bamberg, Managing Director, Vectrix UK Ltd**. Lothian & Borders Police have identified key areas where the Vectrix can replace four wheel vehicles reducing both emissions and congestion within Edinburgh City Centre."

Lothian and Borders Police were formed in 1975 by an amalgamation of Berwick, Roxburgh and Selkirk Constabulary, Edinburgh City Police and The Lothian's and Peebles Constabulary. They employ around 2600 police offers and 1100 support staff, which makes them the second largest force in Scotland.

In 2001 they become the first force in Scotland to be awarded Energy Efficiency Accreditation by the National Energy Foundation. The Force is committed to sustaining, protecting, enhancing and conserving the environment through its policies and activities and where possible through its influence on others.

Transport energy savings are encouraged by promoting diverse forms of transport such as walking, cycling, rail and bus and it aims to minimize vehicle use and promote alternatives through sourcing alternative fuel sources and reducing fuel consumption.

Lothian & Borders Police are the second police force in Scotland to invest in the Vectrix technology, Strathclyde Police already uses two Vectrix maxi-scooters to patrol BAA Glasgow Airport.



Key Features of the Vectrix Scooter:

- Zero carbon emissions
- Fully charged range up to 68 miles
- Top speed of 62 mph (100 km/h)
- Acceleration 0-50 in 6.8 seconds
- As responsive as a 400cc scooter but with a 125cc classification, making the bike accessible to anyone with a provisional licence who has completed CBT training.



- Multi-function throttle controls a slow-speed reverse for greater manoeuvrability and easy parking
- The onboard charger recharges the scooter in just over two hours from a standard 110/220V (3 pin) power socket.
- Low noise for reduced sound pollution
- Estimated battery life of 10 years (based on 5,000 miles per year)
- DAaRT™ system – Twist back the throttle for instant acceleration, and twist it forward to slow down smoothly and safely, in addition to the front and back Brembo disc brakes.

The Vectrix Vision

The Vectrix maxi-scooter is a pioneering solution to the chronic problems of vehicle emissions, urban congestion and high fuel costs. Vectrix is the first company to design, develop, assemble and sell high performance, zero emission, two-wheel electric vehicles. Incorporating several leading-edge patented technologies, the Vectrix has the lowest environmental impact of any comparable vehicle, car or motorcycle, according to the European Union's Cleaner Drive rating.

Founded in 1996, the Company is headquartered in Middletown, Rhode Island and has a modern production facility in Wroclaw, Poland, where its vehicles are assembled, and an engineering and test facility in New Bedford, Massachusetts.

The maxi-scooter is just the start. Its unique engineering platform and research team will allow Vectrix to develop a broad product range to respond to growing consumer and corporate demand for carbon neutral vehicles and the urgent need to de-carbonise road transport worldwide.



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