

SWGR continues on its drive to reduce carbon emissions with electric vehicles

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Infrastructure support services provider SWGR is introducing electric vans to its fleet of vehicles as it works towards reducing its carbon emissions further.

The electric vehicles will be used for both deliveries and project works across the UK, as SWGR does its part toward the Government's commitment of zero emission fleets by 2030.

SWGR specialises in a range of rail services including Possession Management, Electrification Services, Rail Labour provision, Rail Welding, Track Renewals and Maintenance, and Ancillary Services such as Vegetation Management.

This drive towards an electric fleet links in with SWGR's environmental focus to decrease its carbon footprint as part of its social value commitment. This commitment also includes recruiting locally across the UK to reduce travel distances between works and to stimulate the local economics within the areas in which the work is located.

The company will invest more in electric vehicles over the coming months as part of its environmental

commitment. According to vehicle data from Epyx, nationally just 14% of cars and vans operated by fleets are now either hybrid or battery electric vehicles, and SWGR is committed to increasing these percentage values.

Fiona Baggley, Director of Support Services at SWGR, said: “The shift towards electric vehicles is important for our business in becoming carbon neutral. We want to demonstrate that we are making our own contribution to the government commitment to have zero emission fleets by 2030, and like all change, this starts with taking the first step in our journey.

“Like other companies that operate fleets of vehicles, we have an obligation to seriously consider how we manage that fleet and how we do that responsibly from an environmental perspective.

“We know that this is the right approach, and we are looking forward to adding more vehicles to the fleet in the coming periods.

“Gail Robertson, our Fleet Manager, is delighted to be issuing the keys to the recent additions to our fleet.”