

LOW CARBON VEHICLE PARTNERSHIP NEWS RELEASE

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LowCVP hosts 'landmark' conference on environmental transport progress

"The 'greenest' day in the history of UK road transport"

Thursday February 10 2005, Heritage Motor Centre, Gaydon, Warks

- Leading Government and industry speakers, with contributions from Alistair Darling, Secretary of State for Transport; Bill Ford, Chairman and Chief Executive, Ford Motor Company
- The announcement of a major new 'green' road transport initiative
- Probably the largest and most diverse gathering of low carbon vehicles and related technologies ever in the UK (*see list below*)
- The launch of the UK's first permanent exhibition of environmental transport – *Green by Design*
- Opportunities to ride the hydrogen bus and test-drive the latest low carbon vehicles
- A children's educational event runs in parallel

Event highlights and timings

10 – 10.45: Dr Peder Jensen, European Environment Agency; Tony Grayling, ippr

10.45 - 11.15: Break – exhibition viewing and test drives

11.15 – 12.30: Tod Evans, President, SMMT; Philip New, Vice President, BP;

Bill Ford (*video message*)

12.30 – 2.00: Lunch and exhibition viewing; vehicle test drives

12.45: Media briefing on new initiative

1-1.20: Alistair Darling arrives in hydrogen fuel cell bus from Banbury rail station – joins media briefing (1-1.20pm, tbc)

1.20-1.30: Official opening of *Green by Design* Exhibition

1:40: Secretary of State meets schoolchildren attending children's event (tbc)

2.00: Speech by Alistair Darling, Secretary of State for Transport

2.20 – 3.00: LowCVP progress and plans

3.00 – 4.15: Workshops on Defra's Climate Change Consultation

4.45: Conference ends. Reception and exhibition viewing

For more details on the LowCVP Conference: <http://www.lowcvp.org.uk/2005email/>

For book a media pass please contact LowCVP - as below

Notes to Editors

1. The Low Carbon Vehicle Partnership was set up in January 2003. The establishment of a stakeholder partnership was one of the central actions arising out of the Government's 'Powering Future Vehicles' strategy that identified greenhouse gas emissions reduction as a priority of future transport policy. The Partnership already comprises over 140 members representing government, the motor and fuels industries, vehicle users, environmental groups, consumer representatives and others. The Partnership is coordinated by a secretariat based in central London.
2. The LowCVP Conference is timed to coincide with the Heritage Motor Centre's *Green by Design* - the UK's first permanent exhibition to look at how cars have improved over the past 30 years and what the 'green' future holds for the next generation. This is an exhibition to interest everyone from schoolchildren to engineers; you don't have to be a motorist to enjoy this exhibition. Some of the biggest names in the motor industry are contributing to *Green by Design*, which opens for the February half-term.
3. The following vehicles will form a temporary exhibition on 10 February:
Hybrid Vehicles
 - Ford Escape
 - Ford HyTrans – hybrid by Ricardo
 - GM Truck – hybrid conversion by ZYTEK
 - Honda Civic IMA
 - Honda Insight
 - Citroen C3 – 'Stop-Start'
 - I-MoGen – diesel hybrid by Ricardo
 - MGF
 - RHOLAB – Insight with advanced lead battery pack (Warwick University)
 - Toyota Prius
 - Toyota Estima*Electric Vehicles*
 - Citroen Berlingo – van
 - Electric Mercury – panel van
 - GEM – urban electric vehicle
 - Greenpower EV – school competition winner
 - G-Wiz – urban electric vehicle
 - Smart – conversion by ZYTEK
 - ZEV – scooter*Fuel Cell Vehicles*
 - GH2OST – record breaking fuel cell car from BOC
 - 'Citaro' Bus – Daimler Chrysler bus operated by Transport for London
 - Nissan X Trail – fuel cell – cut away*Alternative Fuel Vehicles*
 - Ford Focus FFV – flexible up to 85% ethanol

- Nasamax Le Mans car – 100% ethanol racing car (Motor Industry Association)
- Rover 75 – bio diesel conversion
- Vauxhall Zafira – LPG conversion
- VW Golf – CNG conversion– from Organic Power
- Volvo V70 – CNG conversion

Current Low Carbon Technology

- Citroen C2 - HDi
- Citroen C4 – Hdi with DPF
- Peugeot 206 – Hdi
- Peugeot 206 – Gti with DPF
- Peugeot 407 – diesel with DPF
- Ford Expedition - Torotrak fuel efficient transmission
- Pi Technology – Mondeo advanced powertrain management system
- Ricardo Lean Boost – CO2 reduction technology

Other - to be confirmed

- Eneco – hybrid bus
- London Taxi – diesel hybrid
- Microcab – electric vehicle
- NARO – concept model from Prodrive

Travel directions to the Conference venue: <http://www.heritage-motor-centre.co.uk/planningvisit/location.htm>

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