



News from your FBHVC Representative

The FBHVC has announced the very latest situation regarding the supply of E10 and E5 petrol containing Ethanol. This is an important announcement, as it will affect ALL ALVIS CARS from 1st September 2021. The FBHVC writes:- "After an extensive consultation process, the Department for Transport has announced that they will legislate to introduce E10 petrol as the standard 95 Octane petrol grade by 1st September 2021. They will also require the higher Octane 97 "Super" grades to remain E5 to provide protection for owners of older vehicles. This product will be designated as the Protection Grade". The Government will review the situation after 5 years to ensure they remain appropriate to the needs of the market. The Government have sought to reassure historic vehicle owners that, without a suitable alternative becoming available, it is likely the Super E5 Protection Grade would continue to be available. Most petrol filling stations that currently offer two grades of petrol are the ones likely to continue to offer the E5 and E10 petrol. Some petrol filling stations currently only offer the one grade of petrol, and are likely to only offer E10 petrol in the future, so it will be our responsibility to be sure to find the petrol filling stations that offer the E5 Super Protection Grade. The effect of Ethanol on our fuel systems has been widely reported and so with the change of 95 Octane petrol to E10 grade it will require due diligence to ensure we minimize the effects of Ethanol by seeking out supplies of the Super Protection Grade 97 E10 petrol after the 1st September this year.

The FBHVC is keen to balance the equation of CO2 emissions and is currently looking into ways of contributing to Carbon Neutrality. This is usually achieved by tree planting and forest and peat bog preservation. As the FBHVC is not in a position to acquire large areas of land to plant trees it is currently evaluating several potential partners who could assist with this venture into Carbon Neutrality. The cost on an individual vehicle basis is likely to be modest and it is hoped that its members will support this initiative. In the meantime the FBHVC urges that we maintain our vehicles in good condition and that, importantly, the engine is properly tuned. In this way we can keep CO2 emissions from our vehicles to a minimum.

The recent FBHVC research gives a measure of average historic vehicle usage and can make an informed assessment of the scale of emissions by historic vehicles. This is calculated at 0.1% of the total UK car emissions. The statistics achieved by the research is valuable in persuading Government that we are a small contributor to the much bigger carbon footprint of UK society. Just remember this simple fact when that over zealous community environmentalist member of the general public criticises you for parading your treasured Historic vehicle.

Remember it's Drive it Day on 25th April. Be sure to attend your Section Day events. As I write this on 1st March, this will be the first occasion to present our cars after Lockdown. Remember also to support "Child Line" by purchasing a FBHVC Rally Plate.

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