

Be.EV now takes cross-network payment solution Zap-Pay

New payment partnership makes community-first charging even easier

National electric vehicle (EV) charging network Be.EV is the latest operator to go live on Zap-Pay, the simple way to pay for EV charging across networks from Zapmap.

With a network of predominantly rapid and ultra-rapid chargers across England and Wales, Be.EV is now live as one of Zapmap's payment partners.

The new partnership makes paying for charging much easier for electric car drivers in Greater Manchester and other areas across England and Wales, thanks to the charge point operator's network of local charging options, often installed in conjunction with Local Authorities.

A community-first public charging network that operates the largest network of public EV chargers in Greater Manchester, Be.EV is working to open the Charging Greens of the future across the UK in sites ideally located to serve local communities.

The company currently operates over 700 charge points at around 180 locations across England and Wales, with the majority concentrated in and around Greater Manchester. As part of a nationwide expansion plan, Be.EV is on track to have a network of over 1,000 charge points by the end of 2024.

In July, the operator continued its network expansion into the Midlands, opening the fastest charging location in Chesterfield. Be.EV already shared a live data partnership

with Zapmap, meaning users of the Zapmap app can see live status updates on Be.EV twenty-four seven.

The new payment partnership means Zapmap users can now pay quickly and easily for their charging on Be.EV's network of charge points, as well as being able to search for charge points, plan longer journeys and share updates with other electric car drivers,

The charge point operator joins live payment partners Osprey, ESB Energy, char.gy, GeniePoint, Mer, MFG EV Power, Fastned, Alfa Power, Connected Kerb, evyve, Charge My Street, Applegreen Electric and FOR EV in making payment easy for electric car drivers up and down the country.

Zapmap's in-app payment solution <u>Zap-Pay</u> uses a credit or debit card to pay for charging, and was launched with a mission to include all the key charge point networks across the UK. The payment solution avoids the hassle of using different payment methods across all the various charge point operators, providing a simple way to pay for EV charging across networks from within the familiar <u>Zapmap app</u>.

Hayley Thompson from Webuyanycar, who used Zap-Pay to complete a trip from Scotland to Cornwall to raise money for GOSH charity, said: "Zap-Pay has been brilliant. It's been really user-friendly, and I'm not much of a tech wizard. To be able to look at where I need to go and filter for specific points such as Zap-Pay chargers or rapid chargers has been really good."

Drivers using Zap-Pay are also able to view their charging history, receive live status updates while away from their vehicle, and download receipts to help keep track of their spending. To facilitate easy payment, they can also use both Apple Pay and Google Pay on all Zap-Pay enabled devices across the UK.

Matt Lloyd, Head of CPO Networks at Zapmap, said:

"With Be.EV's community-first charging network now live on Zap-Pay, today's announcement represents a significant step forward for convenient and reliable charging for electric car drivers in Greater Manchester, as well as further afield in England and Wales.

"I'm thrilled that Be.EV is now live on our cross-network payment solution, and I'm sure many Zapmap users up and down the country will be too. The operator is an important addition to our growing payment network."

Asif Ghafoor, CEO and Co-founder of Be.EV, said:

"Communities across the UK deserve to have simple and ultra-rapid charging in the most convenient places possible. That's why we're happy to give Zap-Pay customers access to our network.

"We pride ourselves on making charging as smooth as possible. This integration makes the Be.EV charging experience even more seamless, as EV drivers can now locate and pay for a Be.EV charger without leaving the Zapmap app.

"Zap-Pay is trusted by EV drivers across the UK, and we're pleased it's committed to expanding its customers' access to rapid and ultra-rapid charging across the North West and beyond."

More integrations and announcements around Zap-Pay are to follow over the coming weeks and months.

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About Zapmap

Zapmap was founded in 2014 with a mission to make the EV charging experience simple, wherever you go.

The Zapmap app helps EV drivers search, plan and pay for charging, and currently has almost 900,000 registered users. Zapmap has mapped over 95% of the UK's public points on its network, more than 75% of which show 24/7 live status data.

For more information, please visit <u>www.zap-map.com</u>.

About Be.EV

Be.EV is the UK's fastest growing EV charging network, established in Greater Manchester in 2019 and now operating across the UK. They currently manage a growing network of over 700 live charge points with an additional 300+ charge points being built for go-live across the UK by the end of 2024.

They are backed by £110 million from Octopus Energy Generation – a majority shareholder and one of Europe's largest renewable energy investors. This green partnership is powering Be.EV to accelerate the UK's EV revolution by installing reliable and accessible EV charging across the country.

Their focus is on what EV drivers of today and tomorrow want: publicly accessible, rapid and ultra-rapid Charging Hubs conveniently located on busy routes, at dwell destinations and in the hearts of communities nationwide.

Be.EV is uniquely focused on community over kit – engaging with their 33,000+ members who play an active role in shaping their cleaner and greener neighbourhoods of the future.

Be.EV recognise that great customer experience is key to charger usage and network growth, so has invested heavily in its brand, customer and community offerings to ensure Be.EV is the No. 1 charging network of choice for EV drivers in the UK.

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