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## **UK Budget - RAC reacts to fuel duty and pothole funding announcements**

Following announcements made by the Chancellor in today's Budget, please see two statements from the RAC.

### **Fuel duty freezes continue for another 12 months**

RAC head of roads policy Nicholas Lyes said: "We welcome the Government's decision to keep the 5p fuel duty cut in place for another 12 months. The cut has given drivers some much-needed relief in what has been the most torrid

year ever at the pumps, with price records being broken even after duty was cut. Given the importance of driving for consumers and businesses, duty should be kept low to help fight inflation.”

## **Pothole funding**

RAC head of roads policy Nicholas Lyes said: "While welcome, another £200m is unlikely to make a big difference to the overall quality of our dilapidated local roads.

"We need to significantly increase funding for local road maintenance and improvement so councils can resurface roads properly rather than patching them up and hoping for the best. Last year the Government spent £1.125bn on local roads in England which is in stark contrast to the £7bn that went into major roads from car tax, despite local roads covering so many more miles."

## **VAT on public EV chargepoints (no announcement made)**

RAC head of roads policy Nicholas Lyes said: "We're disappointed the Government has not brought the 20% rate of VAT on public charge points down to match the 5% levied on domestic charging. A third of drivers do not have access to a driveway or a garage so will continue to be put off going electric or, if they have already have, penalised by high public charging prices, exacerbated by paying more in VAT than they should have to."

*Find out more about [current UK petrol and diesel prices](#) via RAC Fuel Watch.*

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## **About the RAC**

The RAC, an iconic UK brand, provides complete peace of mind to nearly 14 million UK private and business drivers, whatever their motoring needs. As well as its premium nationwide breakdown assistance service – with an expert branded patrol workforce attending more than two million breakdowns every year – it offers a wide range of market-leading products across insurance, legal services, vehicle inspections and service, maintenance and repair. Included in this is the first-of-its-kind nationwide Mobile Mechanics service which brings the garage to homes and workplaces.

At the forefront of new solutions for business fleets and consumers, the RAC's breakdown service is electric-ready with mobile EV charging technology and can be called on using [myRAC](#) – the all-in-one route planner, fuel finder and breakdown reporting app.

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