

CTEK advises community groups to avoid expensive costs by maintaining the condition of vehicle batteries

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09/19/12 — Community groups that use their vehicles infrequently should keep on top of maintenance to ensure the life of their vehicles' batteries are preserved and therefore avoid expensive replacement costs, advises CTEK, a leading brand of

smart battery chargers.

[Battery failure](#) is a common problem and the main cause of breakdowns; by preserving the life of the battery through a simple maintenance routine, costly call-out charges and garage bills can be avoided. These can be a huge inconvenience to community organisations, such as Scouts, luncheon clubs, youth and church groups that operate on tight budgets. Many groups rely on donations to purchase equipment to fund outings and vehicle costs, so any extra expenditure could place a strain on their limited funds. Furthermore, a flat or failed battery could bring about a cancellation of a trip or a significant delay in returning back to base; both instances could result in a great deal of stress and disruption for group members.

Vehicles owned by such organisations can often be left standing unused for days or even weeks at a time and infrequent use leads to battery discharge. If left uncharged and unmaintained the life of the battery will be shortened. Short journeys, which are common for local groups to make, are also detrimental to a battery's health as there is insufficient time for a full charge. Community groups can easily ensure their vehicles are reliable and ready to transport members by using a smart charger as they present a safe and efficient way of maintaining a battery and prolonging its life. CTEK smart battery chargers are easy to use, do not require any specialist knowledge and can even remain connected for long periods of time without damaging the battery.

Jan-Ulf Soderberg, head of brand and marketing at CTEK, advises: "Community groups, which might not have spare money available for breakdown callouts or replacement batteries, would benefit from using a CTEK battery charger. Caring for a battery can really extend its life. It's easier to protect the battery yourself with a smart charger than having to rely on a mechanic to perform checks or help you out of trouble if your battery fails.

"A [smart battery charger](#) is extremely easy to use because once it is connected it undergoes a series of stages to prolong the life of the battery. Users don't need to worry about over-charging or under-charging because the charger communicates with the battery throughout the procedure, reacting and charging only when needed."

For more information on CTEK's range of award-winning vehicle [battery protection](#) and charging products, visit www.ctic.com.

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