

Read through the information below, which explains how the new e-scooter trial will work. Using the information, make a list of pros and cons of e-scooters. Overall, do you think e-scooters should be allowed on our roads?

What is the e-scooter trial?

Parts of London and around 30 other areas around the UK (including Newcastle and Bristol) are trialling rental schemes, where people can pay to use an e-scooter to travel around parts of the city.

Can anyone rent the e-scooters?

To rent an e-scooter, you need to hold a driving licence (full or provisional) and have completed an online course.

How fast are e-scooters?

The most powerful e-scooters can reach up to 68mph (110km/h) but the rental e-scooters have maximum limits of 15.5mph (24.9km/h)

How much do they cost to rent?

Hire charges vary, but it costs around £1 to unlock the e-scooter (using an app) plus a fee of 14p-20p per minute.



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Pictured above, a user renting a scooter and using on the road.

What do people think of the use of e-scooters on our roads?

Expanding the use of e-scooters has divided opinion. Some believe they will save time and are a good alternative to cars and taxis, others believe they are dangerous.

Are e-scooters dangerous?

According to the Metropolitan Police, e-scooters were involved in 574 crimes in London between 1st July 2020 and 30th April 2021.

Some pedestrians are also concerned about how quiet e-scooters are, meaning people with visibility impairments may be at increased risk.

Are e-scooters good for the environment?

E-scooters offer a cleaner, low carbon alternative to other motorised vehicles and offer a good alternative for people who are unable to cycle. In cities, they also mean a lot of people may reach their destination quicker than by car or bus.