

# Motoring

Time for a new car? Or maybe a motorhome for the holiday season?  
Here's a car-boot-full of ideas to get you on the move in 2019

## In the market for a motorhome?

**JOIN AUTO-TRAIL** for the 2019 Caravan, Camping & Motorhome Show at the Birmingham NEC, on Tuesday 19th – Sunday 24th February 2019. Discover Auto-Trail's extensive 2019 collection, featuring six ranges, varying from dynamic compact leisure vehicles under six metres in length, to luxury coachbuilt motorhomes over eight metres.

This year welcomes five brand new models, including a new compact leisure vehicle featuring a 140-litre slim-line fridge with integral freezer, and four new coachbuilt models, three of which feature a 1.15m tall garage at the rear – giving you plenty of storage space to take everything you need on your tours of the UK and further afield.

For a limited time only, benefit from three New Year special offers, including a FREE 'Drivers Pack' worth £1,499 on all 2019 Tribute models; a FREE 'Media Pack' worth £1,149 on all 2019 V-Line, Imala, Tracker & Apache models; and a FREE 'Media+ Pack' worth £850 on all 2019 Frontier models.\*

You can find Auto-Trail on stand 3040 for the duration of the show. A host of our dealer network and Auto-Trail representatives will be



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on hand to answer any questions you may have.  
\*Terms and conditions apply. Offers available on all 2019 Auto-Trail models purchased between 1st January and 24th February 2019.  
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## Hyundai. Electrifying possibilities

**THE AUTOMOTIVE SECTOR** is changing faster now than at any time in history. None of us know how the landscape will look in ten years' time, but Hyundai is one manufacturer that already has all the bases covered. From award-winning hybrids; to game-changing electric SUVs; to the promise of a hydrogen-powered future, they're making the cars we'll be driving tomorrow, but they're making them today.

These aren't just empty words. The Hyundai IONIQ just picked up the *What Car?* Hybrid of the Year 2019, as well as a Plug-In Hybrid of the Year award. They completed the hat-trick by winning the Technology Award for, among other things, creating 'an electric car that can travel farther than rivals that cost more than twice as much'.

If you're tempted by the benefits of EVs, but unsure about how far you'll get on one charge, the KONA Electric SUV will put your mind at rest. At 279 miles, it offers the longest real-world range of any electric car in its class.

But they haven't stopped there. They're already working on the next challenges in the race towards a more sustainable future.

Taking alternative fuel capability to the next level, the All-New NEXO will bring hydrogen fuel cell technology to the masses in the shape of an advanced SUV that combines futuristic design with an impressive range of 414 miles, and the latest driver assistance systems.

We're quietly confident Hyundai will continue to electrify the awards juries in 2020.

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## Finding the right motorhome insurance

**THERE'S LOTS OF** motorhome insurance policies around on the market nowadays with options to buy direct from an insurer, through a price comparison website or a specialist insurance broker.

**Here's a few thoughts on what to consider** For travelling abroad to EU countries or beyond, you need to check the policy allows this, without limiting the number of days you're away. Consider breakdown cover that extends beyond the UK and gets you and your motorhome back home if necessary.

It's a good idea to invest in motorhome security; some devices attract insurance discounts. New motorhomes sometimes come with a Thatcham Category 1 alarm but it's also

worth considering tracking devices.

Speak to other motorhome

owners. It's a great way to get recommendations, hear about insurance companies' good or bad service and whether they pay out claims – online forums are a good place to start.

Weigh up the price versus cover options, as cheap is not always thorough. Check the full value of your motorhome is covered and read the small print on what personal belongings are covered in case of theft. Do check for 'new for old' cover – the last thing you want is to have a motorhome for six months and have to replace it with a used one.

Motorhome insurances are not all the same and the service you get isn't either, so it is a good idea to try a range of providers and decide who really knows what they're talking about.

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## New tyre inflator set to be part of the family

**UNDER- OR OVER-INFLATED** tyres can reduce the manoeuvrability of the vehicle, will cause the tyres to wear more quickly, as well as reduce the fuel efficiency of the vehicle – increasing both fuel costs and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. Around 40% of traffic accidents in the UK caused by vehicle defects are tyre related. This demonstrates that poor tyre maintenance is clearly leading to increased risk for drivers and their passengers.

Ring's RTC600 Rapid Digital Tyre Inflator is ideal for drivers keen to keep their vehicle in top condition. It can inflate a 13" tyre from 0 to 35PSI in three minutes, and has a large digital screen, making it easy to see readings in any light conditions. The programmable digital autostop gauge ensures accurate inflation and will automatically stop when the set pressure is reached.

Powered from the in-car 12V socket, it has a long 3.3m cable to help reach all around the vehicle. The intuitive new design makes tyre inflation easier and quicker for motorists and the flat construction provides maximum stability during inflation. There is integrated storage for the cable and airline when not in use – the airline folds neatly into the inflator, and there's a wind-up cable to retract the



power cable quickly and easily. There's even a holder for the valve dust caps, so they don't get lost when the tyre is being inflated. The RTC600 Rapid Digital Tyre Inflator is available at Screwfix and Argos with an RRP of £45. Visit **ringautomotive.com** for more details.

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## Going green? Leasing hybrid or electric fuel vehicles



**FOLLOWING THE GOVERNMENT'S** announcement to ban the production of petrol and diesel vehicles by 2040, you may already have started to consider switching to an alternative fuel vehicle.

The 'Road to Zero' strategy has three key barriers to a zero emissions future: sufficient vehicle supply; a strong customer base; and ensuring a fit-for-purpose infrastructure exists.

Manufacturers have been promoting updated models and revealing plans towards an alternative-fuelled future for some time now, though Toyota and Lexus still dominate around 50% of the self-charging hybrid market.

**£1,000 cashback when you switch to electric** If you are ready to go green, Lex Autolease is offering £1,000 cashback to customers switching to an electric vehicle. The infrastructure part of the strategy holds some apprehension with challenges such as range, charging points, costs and maintenance all potential barriers. The government have invested almost £1.5 billion to help reach a stronger, cleaner, emission-free economy.

Here at Rivervale we specialise in both personal and business car and van leasing. Over the last three years we have seen a dramatic increase in both the demand and availability of alternative fuel vehicles. The need to supply our customers has meant we as a business have also changed our outlook – incorporating a variety of hybrid vehicles to our own company car fleet.

For business owners and drivers looking to understand and take advantage of the benefits alternative fuel vehicles offer, we recommend getting in touch with one of our experts to discuss the options available.

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## A performance hybrid with efficiency at its core – no plug sockets required

**UNLIKE THE MAJORITY** of other hybrids, the Q50h is a performance thoroughbred, a highly technologically advanced and stylish saloon car.

With its 3.5-litre V6 petrol engine providing 364ps of power, linked to the INFINITI's direct response hybrid system, it can accelerate from 0-62 mph in just 5.2 seconds while automatically switching to run on electric power alone when the conditions are right. Even better still, there is no reason to worry about recharging points or plug connections, as it recharges the batteries itself through braking.

Intelligent technologies are always adapting to meet changing road and traffic conditions and the Q50h comes equipped to master the way you move through the city streets or cruise along the motorway.

Intelligent cruise control will maintain your speed and automatically adjust in slowing traffic. When traffic speeds resume, intelligent cruise control can bring you back up to your



pre-set speed and distance. While Distance Control looks ahead and helps you to keep a safe distance to the vehicle in front, Active Lane Control assists in keeping you in the correct lane. Step inside the Q50h and experience a seamless connection with technology. Connecting your

smartphone to INFINITI InTouch™ with navigation brings your world into your car. Hear text messages read to you. Catch up on the latest news. Listen to your playlist. Navigate unfamiliar streets or call your friends. The system even remembers your personal driving preferences.

The INFINITI Q50h is available in either two-wheel or intelligent four-wheel drive and expected in showrooms from March. To discover more go to **infiniti.co.uk** or contact your nearest INFINITI showroom.



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## Specialist mobility vehicle conversions from the experts



**BROTHERWOOD ARE THE** UK's expert supplier of Special Purpose Vehicles – discretely converting passenger cars to enable wheelchair users to travel without needing to transfer into a standard car seat.

By installing a low, level floor, and robust anchoring systems, wheelchair users are able to travel inclusively and safely alongside their friends and family. With exceptional headroom and visibility out of the vehicles' windows, every journey is made comfortable and enjoyable.

Access is via a shallow-angle, non-slip ramp which can be raised and lowered by remote control on selected models such as the flagship Mercedes-Benz V-Class 'Klaster'. Simple-to-use winch and restraint systems make loading and securing the wheelchair effortless.

A range of vehicles are available to suit a variety of budgets – capped by the luxurious Mercedes-Benz V-Class, which can be equipped with up to six full-size passenger seats in addition to the wheelchair space. A host of advanced features including navigation, climate control, parking assist and leather upholstery ensure that each occupant enjoys every journey.

Brotherwood supply vehicles for private purchase. Alternatively vehicles can be leased via the Motability Contact Hire scheme for five years. Accessible vehicles can also be hired for long- or short-term with weekend rentals from as little as

£155 plus insurance – ideal for occasional trips with elderly or disabled relatives. Vehicle demonstrations can be carried out at your home, anywhere across mainland UK – simply get in touch with Brotherwood's team of experts to discuss your requirements.

For more information Brotherwood can be contacted on freephone **0808 250 7263**, or online at **Brotherwood.com**.

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## Fit a towbar for greater functionality and flexibility

**AT WITTER TOWBARS** and Westfalia Automotive we are passionate about products that enhance your adventure – and our wide range of towbars and bike racks fit in perfectly with that ethos.

With modern vehicles getting increasingly complex it is important that you have your towbar and towbar electrics fitted professionally. Booking a fitting online with us is convenient and you can be secure in the knowledge that the towbar, electrical kit and

fitting work is all guaranteed by Witter Towbars and Westfalia Automotive direct. Plus you can simply add a towbar-mounted bike rack to your order and we'll deliver to your chosen address.

Witter and Westfalia have been part of Horizon Global since 2015, bringing together two brand leaders with over 240 years of towbar manufacturing experience and offering greater choice to our valued customers. With the



Caravan Spring Show at the NEC in Birmingham looming, Witter and Westfalia are delighted to be showcasing once again what has made them the UK's most trusted towbar brands.

Book your fitting today via our website below and add greater functionality and flexibility, safe in the knowledge that you can legally tow a caravan, horse box, speed boat, or simply carry up to four push bikes with one of our bike carriers.

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