



# The straightforward guide to carbon reporting for dealerships

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## What is carbon reporting?

Carbon reporting means measuring and sharing information about the greenhouse gases (CO<sub>2</sub>, methane, nitrous oxide etc) your business produces. It is a legal requirement for high turnover companies (those with over £500m revenue and over 500 employees) under the Companies Act 2006.

But it's not just about ticking a box. Understanding your carbon footprint can help you:

- save money on energy and fuel
- attract customers who care about sustainability
- prepare for future regulations
- spot risks you may not have thought about (like flooding or rising energy costs)
- find new business opportunities (like electric vehicle servicing).

## Does it apply to my dealership?

Many dealerships now meet the size or revenue thresholds that trigger mandatory carbon reporting in the UK. You may be required by law to report under one or both of the following frameworks:

### Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting (SECR)

Applies to:	You must report under SECR if you meet two or more of the following criteria:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quoted companies</li> <li>• Large unquoted companies</li> <li>• Large LLPs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Turnover: £36 million or more</li> <li>• Balance sheet total: £18 million or more</li> <li>• Employees: 250 or more</li> </ul>
<p>If SECR applies, you must include energy use and associated carbon emissions in your annual report.</p>	

### Companies Act 2006 Climate-Related Financial Disclosures

Mandatory for:	You must report:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UK companies listed on a main market</li> <li>• Private companies or LLPs with:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Over £500 million turnover, and</li> <li>• More than 500 employees</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Aligned with the task force on climate-related financial disclosures (TCFD) if you meet the companies act thresholds for climate-related financial reporting you must disclose your climate-related governance, risk management, strategy and relevant metrics and in your strategic report.</p>

Even if your dealership is below these thresholds, it's wise to start preparing now. Sustainability is no longer a 'nice to have' - it's influencing customer choices, supplier requirements and financing decisions.

With the industry moving rapidly toward electrification, dealerships that act early will gain a competitive edge.

## What do you need to report?

If you fall within the scope of the Companies Act SECR or climate-related financial reporting requirements, you'll need to include climate-related information in your annual report. This includes addressing:

### 1. Who's in charge of climate issues?

Show how your board or leadership team is involved

### 2. How do you manage climate risks?

Explain how you identify and deal with risks like flooding or changing customer demand.

### 3. What are your biggest climate risks and opportunities?

For example, the shift to electric vehicles is both a risk (for petrol car sales) and an opportunity (for EV servicing).

### 4. How would your business cope in different climate futures?

Think about scenarios like:

- A fast shift to electric vehicles
- A slower transition
- No action on climate change (more extreme weather)

### 5. What targets have you set?

For example, reducing emissions or switching to renewable energy.

### 6. How are you tracking progress?

Use simple performance indicators like:

- Emissions per £ of revenue
- % of EVs sold
- Energy use across your sites

## Quick wins to get started

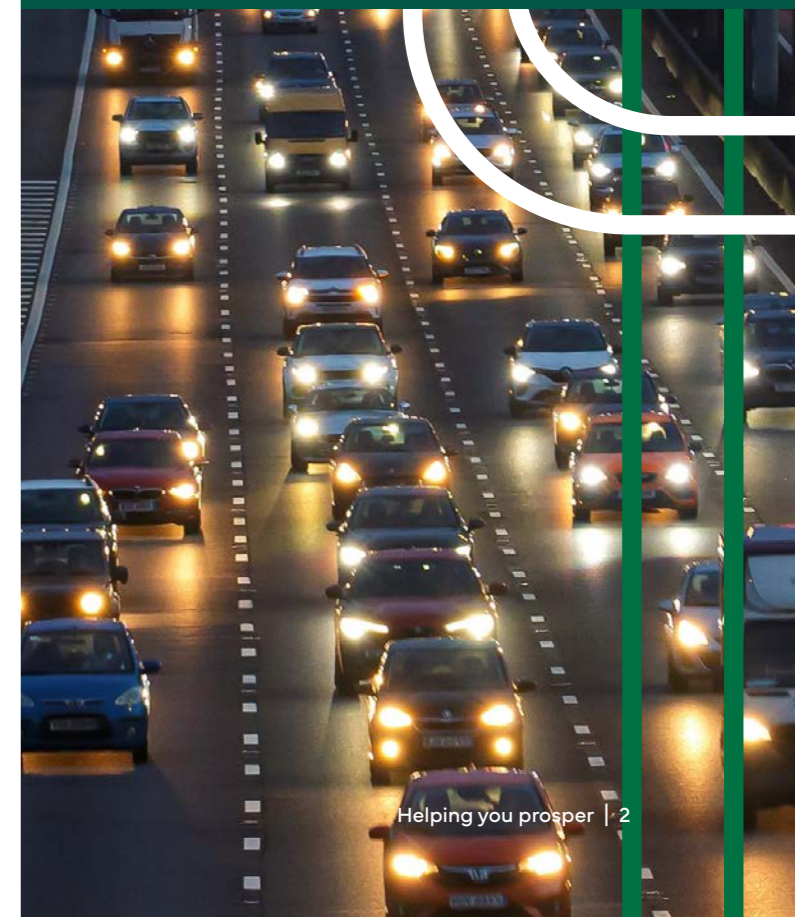
Here are some easy, low-cost steps you can take in the next 12 months:

- assign someone to lead on climate issues
- add climate risks to board meeting agendas
- run a workshop to climate-related risks and opportunities
- check if you're on a green energy tariff
- review your EV sales data
- start tracking energy use and emissions.



For the first time, we were required to include climate-related financial disclosures within our strategic report. We turned to Harriet Hodgson-Grove at UHY for support, and she made the whole process straightforward. Harriet helped us prepare our climate-related financial disclosures for inclusion in our statutory accounts and provided practical, tailored advice we could use internally. She worked efficiently and kept us on track for our filing deadline, which gave us real peace of mind. We've already asked UHY to help with next year's disclosures, and I'd happily recommend Harriet to any organisation facing the new reporting requirements.

**Karen Humphreys**  
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## What should you plan for later?

Over the next few years, consider:

- Setting up a sustainability committee
- Training your team on climate topics
- Investing in solar panels or EV chargers
- Moving your fleet and product mix towards electric vehicles
- Reporting on Scope 3 emissions (like supply chain or customer vehicle use)

## How UHY can help

We work with automotive businesses to:

- Understand their carbon footprint
- Meet reporting requirements
- Identify risks and opportunities
- Set realistic targets
- Build long-term sustainability strategies

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## Turning sustainability into strategy

At UHY, we believe sustainability is not just a compliance issue - it's a strategic imperative. Whether you're a dealership, manufacturer or supplier, embedding ESG principles into your operations can unlock long-term value, build customer and brand trust strengthen relationships with suppliers and investors and position your business for future growth.

Whether you're new to carbon reporting or looking to enhance your sustainability strategy, we're here to help you navigate the transition with confidence.

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