Example fleet

200 diesel vans, 50 electric vans, 40 petrol or hybrid cars and 10 electric cars, 18,000 miles a year each. Charging: 70% depot, 10% home, 20% public.

FUEL BILL

£877,127 a year

£416 less on last week

About £16,868 a week: 200 diesel vans at 21.0p a mile before VAT (diesel averaged 199.2p a litre this week) and 40 petrol or hybrid cars at HMRC's advisory fuel rates.

ELECTRIC COST

£121,724 a year

no change on last week

About £2,341 a week: 50 electric vans at 11.8p a mile on your charging mix (before VAT) and 10 electric cars at 8.6p a mile, HMRC's advisory electric rates on the same mix.

COST GAP

£1,649 a van a year

£2 less on last week

A diesel van costs 21.0p a mile to fuel and an electric one 11.8p to charge on your mix, so switching your 200 diesel vans would cut the energy bill by about £329,800 a year.

ELECTRIC VAN BREAK-EVEN

14,738 miles a year

up 18 miles on last week

Above this mileage cheaper energy repays an electric van's extra cost (£1,350 a year, the price difference over 4 years). Your vehicles average 18,000 miles a year, above it: an electric van pays back.

ADVISORY FUEL RATES

£122,400 a year

no change on June 2026 rates

Business miles in your 40 petrol or hybrid cars at HMRC's rates from September 2026: 17p a mile petrol, 16p diesel (mid-size engines). Next review 1 December 2026. Drivers charging vans at home pay about 2.2p a mile more than the 7p advisory electric rate: £1,991 a year across your fleet.

MARKET SENTIMENT

59.6 / 100

up 5.4 on August 2026

THRIVE's reading of how September 2026's UK fleet news leaned for fleets, where 50 is neutral. Above 50: more good news than bad.

COMING UP

1 November 2026	THRIVE Fleet Sentiment Index for the month
1 November 2026	VAT on public EV charging confirmed at the standard rate
9 November 2026	SMMT used car sales, third quarter 2026
25 November 2026	DfT electric vehicle charging infrastructure statistics
25 November 2026	Ofgem announces the energy price cap for January to March 2027

SOURCES

Diesel price: 199.22p a litre, UK average for the week of 26 October 2026 (DESNZ weekly road fuel prices). Diesel van economy: 36 mpg, THRIVE's representative diesel van (Fleet Cost Index method). Depot electricity: 38.36p to 25.17p/kWh by business size, excl VAT. Home electricity: 26.32p/kWh, no VAT this period. Public, standard chargers: 54p/kWh incl VAT. Public, rapid chargers: 79p/kWh incl VAT. Van efficiency: 0.35 kWh a mile. HMRC advisory electric rate, home: 7p a mile. HMRC advisory electric rate, public: 15p a mile. HMRC advisory fuel rates: 17p petrol (1,401 to 2,000cc), 16p diesel (1,601 to 2,000cc), from 1 September 2026. Electric van price premium: £1,350 a year, THRIVE's estimate from maker price lists (van break-even method). Market sentiment: THRIVE Market Sentiment Index, September 2026.

Vans are costed before VAT, as a VAT-registered fleet pays; cars at HMRC's advisory rates. Moves on last week and since you started are price moves on the same fleet. Method: thrivefleet.co.uk/pack