

As winter approaches so do the dark, cold mornings and evenings, as a result your vehicles electrical consumption increases.

This can cause problems for those who use their vehicles for short journey's into work and the reverse journey home.

Problems occur because your consumption starting the engine along with the use of other equipment, lighting, heating etc is more than your alternator is able to replace and over a period of a fortnight (unless a journey of some distance occurs) will see your battery discharged.

This is not a battery fault, it will occur regardless of the age and condition of the battery.

If your battery is new or fairly new the problem is easily remedied by simply taking your vehicle on a journey long enough to recharge the battery or by checking and recharging your battery, off the vehicle on a weekly/fortnightly basis.

If your battery is old this occurrence could quite possibly render your battery useless and a replacement will be necessary.

Having replaced your old battery please don't forget that the new battery is still vulnerable to winter short journey syndrome and should be checked on a weekly/fortnightly basis.

It is a myth that leaving your engine on tick over for a couple of hours will recharge your battery, this only causes unnecessary wear and tear to your engine, unnecessary damage to the environment and with the price of fuel these days unnecessary costs.

Take the battery off the vehicle and recharge it.