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## Tenth anniversary for car share

**A pay-as-you-go scheme that gives people the use of a car without having to buy one is 10 years old.**

The Edinburgh Car Club, based on an initiative in the German city of Bremen, was the first of its kind in Britain.

Members pay less than £5 an hour to hire vehicles that can be collected and left at dedicated bays across the city.

A conference in Edinburgh to mark the anniversary heard calls for similar schemes in other Scottish cities.

There are now 60,000 car club members throughout the UK.

### 'Important alternative'

Supporters claim they use cars for fewer trips than car owners, cycle more and make greater use of public transport.

Chas Ball, founder of City Car Club, which runs the Edinburgh scheme, said: "Edinburgh has a number of initiatives that make it distinctive in transport and land use planning.

"High levels of cycling and the introduction of a new tram network to complement a well supported bus network help to keep car use at bay.

"The car club, which is planning to offer its 100th car location this year, is another part of the portfolio that is finally being recognised as an important alternative to car ownership."

Transport Minister Stewart Stevenson said such schemes could help meet Scottish Government targets on climate change.

"Edinburgh City Car Club makes a positive contribution to life in the capital by reducing emissions, cutting congestion, and extending the range of transport choices available to residents," he said.

The conference, organised by Edinburgh City Council and the Transform Scotland Trust, was held at the city chambers.



Supporters argue car clubs should be part of an integrated transport policy

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