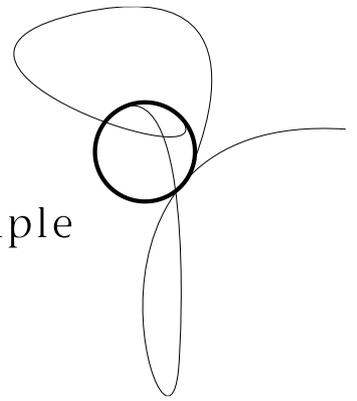


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Welsh hydrogen car manufacturer Riversimple Movement Ltd has recently entered into a collaborative agreement with independent fuel supplier Oil 4 Wales to expand the hydrogen refuelling infrastructure at their depots and service stations across Wales, supporting the newly created brand “Green 4 Wales”.



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Powys-based Riversimple is building hydrogen-powered electric cars and is focused on providing them to customers through an all-in subscription model. While the company currently operates a hydrogen refueller in Abergavenny, Monmouthshire, for customer trials of its entry model vehicle, the Rasa, Riversimple does not intend to build a network of refuelling stations across the UK. Instead, the company is looking to existing retailers and a host of new entrants to co-ordinate the rollout of supply and demand.

Riversimple Finance Director, Chris Foxall, said: “Refuelling Infrastructure is an important part of unlocking the incredible decarbonisation opportunities that come with a domestic hydrogen economy and, while the demand for hydrogen is being built by companies like Riversimple, Hyundai and Toyota, it’s important to ensure we have forward-thinking partners who are willing to respond to this new clean form of mobility. Oil 4 Wales have always been a community-focused company and to see their commitment to transitioning

away from fossil fuels to clean forms of energy, such as hydrogen, is very encouraging”.

Oil 4 Wales is headquartered in Carmarthenshire. The company supplies over 160 million litres of fuel to commercial and residential customers annually, and operates 24 depots and refuelling stations either directly or across its franchise network in Wales. The company established the Green 4 Wales brand prior to the pandemic and are now looking to execute on their ambition to help decarbonise the sources of heating and transport fuel.

Managing Director of Oil 4 Wales, Colin Owens, said: “As a proud Welsh company we are always thinking about how we can best serve our customers and communities in Wales, and giving them the choice of accessing zero emission hydrogen vehicles is a no-brainer. We already have the ideal locations and infrastructure in place to serve this market through our existing depots and forecourt network and we’ll be identifying new opportunities as the Green 4 Wales brand grows organically.”

“What resonates particularly well with us is that Riversimple are making cars in Wales, providing good quality local jobs and bringing inward investment into the Welsh economy. It also happens that the Fuel Cell was invented in 1842 by Sir William Grove, a Welshman from the Swansea Bay City region.”

Oil 4 Wales is a member of the Petrol Retailers Association, a trade body representing independent petrol stations across the UK. Technical Director Phil Monger from the PRA commented on the announcement, “Our members are faced with a degree of uncertainty due to the pace of change required to transition the UK transport sector to a Zero Carbon future. It’s exciting to see our members such as Oil 4 Wales planning for the transition by giving customers an alternative to fossil fuels that’s convenient and requires little change of behaviour. I’m sure other members will want to pursue hydrogen as part of the future customer proposition for their business also”.

Creating the demand for hydrogen producers and retailers is a critical part of unlocking the infrastructure investment. Siemens have recently committed to help Riversimple bring the technology to the UK market at scale.

Olivia Whitlam, Head of Sustainability at Siemens Plc, commented:
“Sustainability is key to creating a healthier planet and more resilient businesses and communities. Hydrogen can play a big part in our transition to a sustainable energy system. Passenger vehicles fuelled by green hydrogen will allow us to create a non-polluting, sustainable form of long distance road transport that ensures we meet Net Zero as quickly as possible”.

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Other information:

Siemens and Riversimple signed a wide-ranging MoU with Siemens UK. View the press release [here](#).

The Beta testing of Rasas in Monmouthshire is supported by a grant from OZEV, as part of the HTP programme.

Riversimple is also participating with two Rasas in the [Milford Haven: Energy Kingdom](#) project, supported by Innovate UK as part of the PFER programme. Riversimple’s role is to demonstrate the supply/ demand relationship for locally produced green hydrogen in an ecosystem that includes generation, heating, power and mobility.

For more information, please refer to www.Riversimple.com and www.oil4wales.co.uk