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QHOTELS NOTTINGHAM BELFRY LAUNCHES ELECTRIC CAR CHARGING FACILITY

The Nottingham Belfry, one of QHotels award-winning collection of 21 unique hotels across the UK, has become one of the first hotels in the UK to provide an electric car charging station.

The charging station enables owners of Tesla electric cars to charge their vehicles at The Nottingham Belfry for between 1 to 3 hours.

The hotel has launched its 'Electric Car Package' which gives owners use of a hotel room for up to 4 hours to freshen-up, light refreshments and free internet access while their car is charging. For those looking to break their journey for longer, excellent overnight packages also are available.

Darren Hayward, the newly-appointed General Manager of The Nottingham Belfry, said: "Our enviable position of being just one mile away from the M1 means that The Nottingham Belfry is the ideal location for Tesla car drivers to pull in and charge their cars. One owner, who regularly drives between London and Scotland, has already come in and used the facilities, and we hope to encourage many more.

"The whole team here are passionate about saving energy and helping to make our operations as environmentally friendly as possible. Tesla cars have great range and high efficiency and can be fast-charged using a high power 70 amp connector, making them a great green alternative."

The Nottingham Belfry was recently awarded a Silver accreditation within the Green Tourism Business Scheme and now hosts one of only ten charging units required for a Tesla automobile to travel anywhere in the UK.

QHotels' Ashford International Hotel, Kent, which is just 15 minutes from the Eurostar and the Eurotunnel, is also set to install a Tesla car charging station later this month.

For more information about The Nottingham Belfry please go to www.QHotels.co.uk/thenottinghambelfry or call 0115 9739393.

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Experts predict that 8,600 electric cars will be sold in the UK by the end of 2011, however according to recent research conducted for the BBC, the number of electric car charging points installed are not keeping pace, with only one tenth of the number required currently built.

The QHotels 21: **The Westerwood Hotel & Golf Resort** - Near Glasgow... **Aldwark Manor Golf & Spa Hotel** - York... **The Queens** - Leeds... **Forest Pines Hotel & Golf Resort** - North Lincolnshire... **Tankersley Manor** - Tankersley, Nr Sheffield... **The Midland** - Manchester... **The Park Royal** - Stretton, Warrington... **Crewe Hall** - Crewe, Cheshire... **The Nottingham Belfry** - Nottingham... **Telford Hotel & Golf Resort** - Telford, Shropshire... **Stratford Manor** - Stratford-upon-Avon... **The Stratford** - Stratford-upon-Avon... **Chesford Grange** - Kenilworth, Warwickshire... **Hellidon Lakes Golf & Spa Hotel** - Hellidon, Northamptonshire... **The Cheltenham Chase Hotel** - Gloucestershire... **The Cambridge Belfry** - Cambourne, Cambridge... **The Oxford Belfry** - Thame, Oxford... **The Hampshire Court Hotel** - Basingstoke, Hampshire... **Norton Park** - Winchester, Hampshire... **Bridgewood Manor** - Rochester, Kent... **Ashford International Hotel** - Ashford, Kent

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A little bit about us:

- QHotels prides itself in its collection of 21 carefully nurtured, unique properties throughout the UK. Some hide away in the most beautiful countryside, some preside over bustling city centres, but each, with its own little idiosyncrasies, ensures guests enjoy a truly unique experience - whether staying for pleasure or business.
- Founded in 2003 by Managing Director - Michael Purtill, Sales Director - David Taylor, Finance Director - Ian Goulding and investment company Alchemy Partners.
- The collection has grown from 2 to 21 properties over the last six years.
- The collection, which boasts iconic properties, including The Midland in Manchester, The Queens in Leeds and Crewe Hall in Cheshire, has been voted AA Hotel Group of the Year 2008/09, and is ranked 17th in The Times Buyout FastTrack register of the 100 fastest growing private equity backed businesses – one of the few companies to feature in the top 100 in two consecutive years. In addition to this, January 2009 alone saw QHotels shortlisted for the Business Hotel Brand of the Year Award at the Business Travel Awards and Winchester property Norton Park scoop two HRS Hotel Excellence Awards (Excellence in Meetings and Excellence in Business Management). Since then QHotels trophy cabinet is buckling under the weight of new awards, including 'Most Improved Brand' for the

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second year in a row in the 2009 BDRC UK Meetings Market Survey and the 'Excellence in Training Award' in Caterer & Hotelkeeper's Best Places to Work in Hospitality 2009.

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