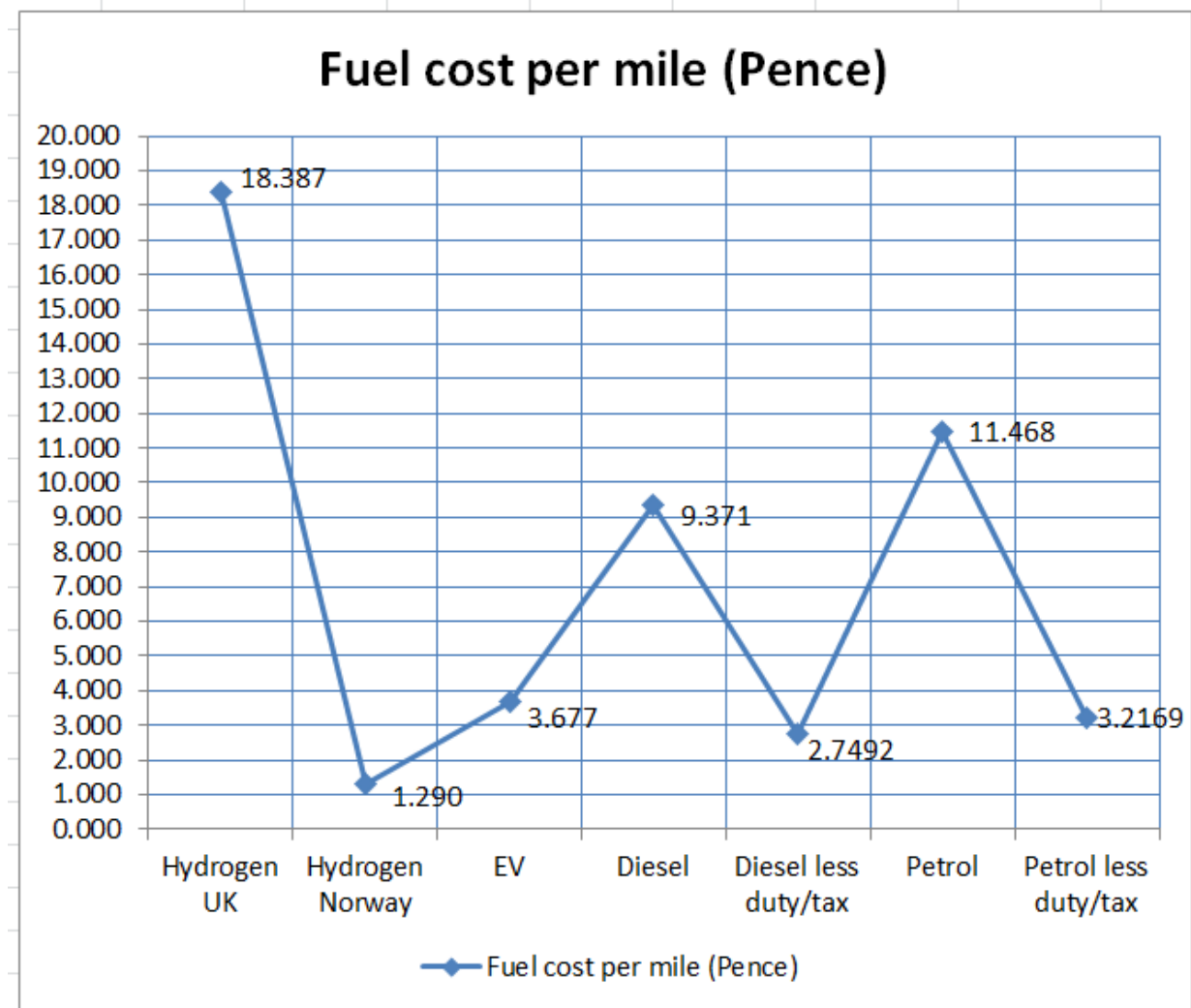


What are the comparative costs per mile of motor fuels?

Looking at the BBC News item of the announcement this morning (Wednesday 18th November 2020) of the ban on the sale of new petrol and diesel cars from 2030 I recalled I had seen an Autotrader article on the hydrogen fuel alternative for cars. Having a hydrogen cell fuelled car would retain the “**stop-fill-go**” mindset and convenience rather than the EV “**plan ahead-stop, charge and refreshments-then go**” approach. There is an interesting webpage on hydrogen fuelled cars at:

<https://www.autotrader.co.uk/content/advice/hydrogen-fuel-cell-cars-overview>

Based on the data there the chart below is interesting on the current comparative motor fuel costs.



The fuel duty is currently 57.95p per litre plus VAT, a total of 69.54p per litre. With petrol at the pump at currently say £1.32 per litre, the **total tax is just over 52% of the price of fuel at the pump** or 89.81% on top of the retail price of petrol before taxes. It would have been greater if fuel duty had not been frozen by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in many of the recent Budgets. The chart above shows the UK petrol and diesel fuel costs per mile before and after taxes.