

Department of Environment & Sport

Newsletter

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Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Service

Welcome to our latest Newsletter. In this edition we provide information regarding: enforcement activities; the use of bus lanes and much more. Please read on for details!

The Licensing Team

Enforcement Updates:

Late Night Operations

Enforcement Officers carried out night patrols in key locations following reports of PH vehicles picking up passengers from Sackville Street, Church Green and Morley Street.

Officers spoke to a number of drivers to establish whether they had bookings. Drivers without bookings were cautioned and instructed to move on.

This initiative will be repeated with action taken as necessary.

Thanks to Operators / Drivers

The service would like to express its appreciation to you for your cooperation and hard work during the recent Tour De France.

We received no complaints from members of the public or the organisers regarding the weekend.

The event was a great success for the district and Yorkshire.

Thank you.

Vehicle Safety Tests - Reminder

All vehicles presented for test should arrive at the workshop in a road worthy condition. Vehicles arriving in a non-road worthy condition e.g. having tyre defects may be prosecuted.

Bingley Music Live

It is the annual Bingley Music Festival at Myrtle Park on the weekend of Friday 29th August, until Sunday 31st August.

Please note that there will be some road and parking restrictions in place as per previous years.

It is likely that many of you will have increased bookings that weekend, especially Operators in the immediate locality. Please 'Be Prepared' and ensure that you comply with all road closures and temporary parking regulations.

Any further details will be sent to Operators and Trade Representatives via email.

Voice Recording - Reminder

When you visit the workshop or counters at Shearbridge please remember that recording is taking place. We also have automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) CCTV.

Contact Details	Opening Hours
Licensing Officers – 01274 434316	Tues 9.30 – 3pm, Mon & Wed - Fri 8.30 – 3pm
Workshop – 01274 433587	Monday – Friday 7.45am – 3.00pm
Email – taxi.testing@bradford.gov.uk	

Operator Training Seminars

The first operator training seminar for licensed operator and base managers was delivered on 9th July. Operator training provides licensed operators with an overview of licensing requirements & conditions along with customer care and disability awareness. Attendance at the seminars is mandatory for all operators and dates will be published over the coming weeks.

We will be asking that the operator and base manager attend as a minimum for each base. More details will be available in the invite letters we send to you.

We would like to express our thanks to **LOW Private Hire, Bronte Haworth Oakworth, D C W, Idleway Private Hire, Naseem Travel and Colin's Private Hire** for their constructive and useful input into the initial seminar.

Counter Closure - Reminder

Licensing Counters at Shearbridge will be closed between Monday 1st September and Friday 12th September (inclusive). They will re-open on Monday 15th September. The closure is necessary to enable the new computer systems to be installed and tested. Licences will not be issued during this closure.

If your badge or plate expires during those dates please ensure you renew by Friday August 29th.

If you are unsure please email: taxi.testing@bradford.gov.uk and a member of staff will contact you.

Welcome – New Staff

We would like to introduce you all to our latest new recruit, Neil Terry.

Neil has joined us as a temporary Licensing Officer.

Contact details

If you would like more information about this newsletter, please contact:

Matthew Bibby, Licensing Support Officer:
taxi.testing@bradford.gov.uk

Knowledge Tests – Change of Venue

From Friday 8th August, the knowledge tests will no longer be run from the HC/PH licensing office.

There will be a change in the delivery of the test, with the questions being presented on a large screen in the training room with up to 20 people participating in each session. The test will still be multi choice and each person will have a handset to answer on.

The tests will be on a Friday morning, starting at 9.45am and finishing at 11.00am.

Plying For Hire Prosecution – Revoked Driver

A driver who was caught 'Plying for Hire' has had his licence revoked following being found guilty by the court. He also accrued further penalty points.

Trade Rep Associations

If any of you have points/comments you would like to share then please see your trade reps and they will be able to raise them on your behalf.

Association contact details are on the website:
www.bradford.gov.uk/taxiandprivatehire

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