

Department of Environment & Sport

Newsletter

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Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Service

Welcome to our latest Newsletter. In this month's edition we provide important information regarding the upcoming religious holiday, information on enforcement activities, information regarding the use of bus lanes, plus much more. Please read on for details!

The Licensing Team

Enforcement Updates:

Damage to vehicles

Any damage that affects the performance or safety of your vehicle to operate safely as a Taxi or Private Hire vehicle must be reported to officers at Shearbridge.

These incidents must be reported within 72 hours in accordance with Licensing terms and conditions. It is an offence not to report it. Please refer to your condition booklets.

Vehicle Safety Checks

It has become apparent that many drivers are unaware of how to correctly carry out their daily vehicle checks.

In order to assist drivers and operators with this requirement we direct you to a useful location.

Visit www.bradford.gov.uk/taxiandprivatehire and go to operator information. On there you will see an example of a vehicle check sheet.

Click on the following link which will take you to a website that shows a short video. It gives you an example of someone carrying out a vehicle safety check.

www.rospa.com/roadsafety/resources/videos/vehicle-checks.aspx

Operator Training Seminar

The first Operator Training course will be trialled in July. Six operators have kindly accepted an invitation to attend and critique this course.

Officers will continue to invite Operators on a session by session basis from the middle of July. May we remind Operators that it is a requirement of the Operators Licence that all Operators do attend this course!

Bus Lanes – Out of District Vehicles

'Out of District' Hackney Carriage Vehicles working as Private Hire Vehicles in the Bradford District are **NOT allowed** to use Bus Lanes in the Bradford District that are marked for use by Buses or Hackney Carriages that are Licensed in Bradford.

Any 'Out of District' Hackney Carriage Vehicle that is caught using the Bus / Taxi lanes in contravention with the stated times / requirements will be subject to penalties.

Reception at Shearbridge

To ALL Visitors – Please keep the waiting area tidy and take any rubbish home with you or put it in the bins provided. This includes appointment letters and unused tickets. A tidy waiting area should be kept for when your colleagues arrive throughout the day. Thanks.

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	

Grand Depart



The Tour De France passes through our region on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th July. We have included articles in previous newsletters regarding the 'Tour' in order to assist Operators and Drivers. We have also tried to show our support to the event as many people have worked hard on delivering the project for our region.

We would like to remind all Operators and Drivers for a final time about the road closures in the area during that weekend and ask that you all obey the closures for the safety of riders and staff. If you are showing your support for the event, either by watching or by volunteering then please enjoy the weekend. Follow the link for more details <http://www.bradford.gov.uk/tdf>

Religious Festival - Ramadan and Eid

Ramadan begins on the weekend of 28th and 29th June and will run throughout July.

As in previous years this is likely to have an impact on waiting times at the counters for anyone who does not have a pre booked appointment.

We expect the mornings to be quiet from 8.30am up until lunchtime. We also expect it to be very busy after lunch and this might lead to long waiting times for the trade if there is a peak in visitor numbers.

If at all possible it would be beneficial for the trade and staff if visits could be staggered throughout the day.

To everyone celebrating, Happy Ramadan!

Goodbye

We are sorry to say that our newest recruit, John O'Leary, who we introduced to you all in the May edition of the newsletter, has decided to leave the service.

We all wish John every success in the future.

Driver Training Seminars

We are pleased to report that feedback from the new driver training seminars is very positive. Drivers have told our officers that they are learning and find the experience positive.

Pass rates are in excess of 90%

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

Contact details

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

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