

Department of Environment & Sport

Newsletter

Issue 19 February 2014 **Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Service**

Welcome to our latest Newsletter. In this months edition we provide very important information regarding a change to the office hours; useful tips for drivers, recent enforcement activity, plus much more. Read on for all details!

The Licensing Team

Enforcement Updates

For those of you who may not be aware, our enforcement team currently consists of David Jones, Phil Brook, Raja Ifzal and Steve Knighton.

The enforcement team also have the delegated powers to stop and suspend vehicles that are registered out of the Bradford District. Please remind your drivers of this.

Any Rossendale vehicle that the team suspend in Bradford will have to return to Rossendale in order to resolve their suspension issue.

Tyres – 4 vehicles have been suspended in the first 2 weeks of February for having tyres that were below the legal limits.

Since New Year there have been 3 drivers reported for prosecutions for defective tyres.

In a recent court case, a driver was found guilty of having a defective front tyre. **He incurred 3 penalty points and fines and costs totalling £718.**

Please do not take risks with your passengers!

Starting in March 2014...

In order to successfully train staff on a new computer system that we will hope to have later in 2014 we will **not open until 9.30am on Tuesday's** until further notice.

The benefits of the new computer systems to the trade will eventually be online bookings and online payments so it is vital that staff have the time to set up and train on the new systems.

We expect this late opening to have minimal or no disruption to the service we deliver.

The service will notify you again should there be any further changes.

Seat Covers – Beware!!

A vehicle, recently presented for test at Shearbridge, was fitted with a seat cover which prevented the air bags from expanding and therefore working.

The covers had been purchased at significant cost by the owner, the vehicle failed and the owner had to remove them.

Please be careful if purchasing seat covers!

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	

Car Parking Bays at Shearbridge

To help all HC/PH visitors to the depot we have had new signs installed on each of the parking bays in the visitor's car parking area.

These spaces are designated for HC/PH vehicles only. If when you visit these spaces are full, we politely remind you all that you need to find your own parking outside of the Depot.

Parking Concerns

It has been brought to our attention that there have been multiple issues raised by our colleagues in Parking Services and members of the public regarding inappropriate and inconsiderate parking around the Bradford district.

The majority of these complaints are directed to PH vehicles, specifically around local hospitals and schools.

When parked, waiting for calls, please ensure you park with consideration to other roads users and local residents. Please make sure you obey local parking restrictions.

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.

The next HC Association meeting is on Tuesday 15th April at 10.30am

The next PH Association meeting is on Wednesday 16th April 11.00am

Association contact details are on the website

www.bradford.gov.uk/taxiandprivatehire

Tour de France

Following last months notification regarding this summer's upcoming event we can now inform you of planned road closures at this early stage.

Please follow the link for more details:

letouryorkshire.com/roadclosures

DBS – Service Availability

Please take a few minutes to read this important news story about DBS service availability during March:

The information is especially important for those of you who do online tracking.

www.gov.uk/government/news/dbs-service-availability-the-details

Contact details

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

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The wording in this publication can be made available in other formats such as large print.

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