

Department of Environment & Sport

Newsletter

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Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Service

Welcome to our latest edition in which includes important CSE information; and much more.
Please read on for details!

The Licensing Team

'Helping Your Local Community'

With over 100 Operator bases across the District and 3000+ drivers working 24/7 you are 'the eyes and ears' of your communities and as such can play a key role in helping keep communities safe from crime.

The Council works closely with police colleagues on anti-crime measures to protect the public. In recent weeks there has been an increase in shoplifting crime and I am therefore asking for your help in reporting any activities which you may notice relating to shoplifting (or any other crime).

To report a shoplifter; share information on where stolen goods are being sold or to give details of people buying stolen goods please call:

CRIMESTOPPERS on Tel: 0800 555 111

Or

Tel: 101 (police non-emergency line)

Did you know you can also report crimes on line too! You can do this by clicking on the following link and clicking on the report crime icon.

<http://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/contactus>

Please also note that the telephone numbers above can be used to also report any other types of crime that you may be aware of.

The Council and its partners would like to thank you in advance for your support with this which will help keep our communities safe.

Enforcement Updates

Vehicle Signage

Vehicles continue to be stopped for not displaying door decals / visors - it is a condition of licence that vehicles must display both. Enforcement action is required against drivers of private hire vehicles not complying.

Operators – Please note, it is a condition of your licence that your vehicles display the approved signage. Enforcement action may also be taken against the licensed Operator for non-compliance.

Smoking

Another driver caught smoking in their vehicle – they were fined over £600!

As you are aware, smoking in vehicles is not permitted at any time.

Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles (WAV's)

Following concerns raised regarding securing wheelchairs, if driver's feel they need refreshing / training on wheelchair clamping please make contact with Shearbridge Office for advice.

Officers will be making spot check on WAV's as part of their routine duties.

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 Association

Cllr Val Slater, Hackney Carriage and Private Hire portfolio holder and Deputy Leader of the Council, has written to all Licenced Operators regarding the introduction of an Operators Association.

'Meet the Councillor Session'

Representatives of the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Trade Associations met with the Councillor Val Slater on Thursday 25th June.

The meeting was very positive and the service recommends that you make contact with your trade representative should you like further information.

Full details of Association Representatives can be found on the HC/PH website by visiting the following link:

www.bradford.gov.uk/taxiandprivatehire

Child Sex Exploitation (CSE)

In June we wrote to all licensed individuals on behalf of our police colleagues about the issues currently surrounding CSE.

Please make sure you remain familiar with this information as it is essential that you understand how to report your suspicions.

Don't forget – you are required to keep a copy of the CSE leaflet in each vehicle.

Full details, including leaflets and posters can be found by visiting:

www.bradford.gov.uk/taxiandprivatehire

Operators – you must ensure that all drivers have received the CSE information and you have a signature to evidence this. The evidence should be retained with your base records.

Bingley Music Live

This popular music event, supported by Bradford Council, will be held on the weekend 4th/5th/6th September in Bingley.

The festival sees many thousands of visitors visit the local area. This offers local businesses an excellent opportunity to market and advertise their businesses, thus potentially significantly increasing their income for the period.

More details regarding this event will appear next month's newsletter. Information can also be found by visiting the following website:

<http://www.bingleymusiclive.com>

Trade Rep Associations

If you have points/comments you would like to share then please see your trade reps and they will 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 or would like to provide an article for possible inclusion in a future newsletter, please contact:

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