

HCPH NEWSLETTER

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Social Distancing and Staying Safe

Please comply with social distancing when you are resting between journeys, the Service has received complaints that drivers are mixing in each others vehicles, please don't.

Your passengers **must** wear a face covering, unless they are exempt. They will be breaking the law if they do not and could be fined.

You are entitled to refuse to accept a passenger if they do not wear a face covering, unless they are exempt from the requirement.

DBS Update Service

DON'T DELAY CHECK TODAY!

A driver must have a DBS certificate on the Update Service at all times. There's currently a 6 to 8 week delay in receiving DBS certificates.

Q: How to check your DBS subscription.

A: Click the link here - [DBS Check](#)

Q: If I'm not sure of my log in details.

A: Contact the DBS Service on 03000 200 190

Q: If I need a new DBS application.

A: Contact the service at taxi.testing@bradford.gov.uk with your full name, badge number and request a new DBS application.

Vehicles

The Service is aware that some vehicle proprietors are struggling to maintain their vehicle licence due to COVID and a reduced income. If they wish to voluntarily suspend their vehicle licence they can email

taxi.testing@bradford.gov.uk with their full name, plate number and a request to voluntarily suspend. A member of the team will contact them to arrange this.

Is Your Vehicle Yours?

The Service has been made aware that a number of drivers have fallen victim to vehicle crime by unknowingly purchasing vehicles that have been previously stolen.

Please carry out a thorough check before you buy!

1. Check the HPI on the vehicle for outstanding finance as the vehicle could be seized if the seller does not pay off the remaining balance.
2. Check the VIN number (as shown below) matches the logbook the seller has for the vehicle.
3. Review the service & MOT history to ensure good maintenance/servicing and have the vehicle inspected by a qualified mechanic.

Flexible fuel vehicles can be identified by the 2nd, 3rd and 8th digits of the VIN

Last 6 characters: Serial number of the vehicle

1 H G B H 4 1 J X M N 1 0 9 1 8 6

1st character: Where the vehicle was built


2nd and 3rd characters: The Manufacturer

4th and 8th characters: Portrait of the vehicle-brand, engine size and type

9th character: Security code that identifies the VIN as being authorized by the manufacturer

10th character: Model year of the car

11th character: Indicates which plant assembled the vehicle



For more information regarding locating a VIN number please click the link below for the Government Website:
[How to check a VIN number](#)