

BLTOA MEMBERSHIP 2023/24

USE THIS FORM TO BECOME A MEMBER WITHOUT A HOSPITAL PERMIT

NAME(S)	
ADDRESS (INC POST CODE)	
E MAIL ADDRESS	It really is important that you supply an email address if you have one. Members are kept informed by email. We also have a BLTOA Facebook page, and website for members and their drivers. Also, a WhatsApp Group for members.
PHONE NOS	Home: _____ Mob: _____

VEHICLE DETAILS – space is provided for multiple vehicles					
REG NO					
PLATE NO					
Name of driver if wheelchair exemption applies					

Payment Details

If you want to help the Hackney trade in Blackpool, the best way is to join the BLTOA. We represent only Hackneys and we push to improve matters as best we can.

Benefits

Read our achievements on the reverse of this page. We did this. Together we are stronger.

We have a number of valued members who don't have access to the hospital but still join us each year. Please continue to support us. We achieved much over the last 12 months, but we need your support to continue doing this. **Membership is only £50.**

Yes – I will pay £50 to join BLTOA. The more members we get the stronger we become.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please see over the page

2021/22 Achievements	
Subject	Result
Taxi ranks	Agreement to implement a number of changes. Council have agreed to do this by Easter 2022
Fare increase	Implemented in Oct 2021. We hope to have a new increase in the summer of 2022
Policy Review	Our committee is being taken seriously and a number of the committee have met up with the most senior Council Officials and Councillors. Expect mostly positive changes soon
Driver license fees	Reduced and 1-year badges are back.
Freedom of Information	This is ongoing but we think our enquiries have given us leverage
Refunds of License fees arising from the Covid Pandemic.	We got this. We wanted more but, in the end, it was our efforts that delivered
Fuel surcharge	It has been agreed in principle and should be in place by 2 April hopefully. We got an interim 20p.
Input on Highway changes	Various results over the year. It is only BLTOA from the taxi trade that attends the Highways Forum. Our input led to the St Walburghas Cycle Lane proposals being abandoned.
Who got us access to Bank Hey Street via Central Drive when the Prom is closed?	We did
Who sorts out routes when the Illuminations are on? Bank Hey Street, The Strand, St Johns Square etc.	We do. It's all down to our efforts.
2022/23 Achievements	
Subject	Result
Taxi ranks	Improvements ongoing
Fare increase	New increase arranged recently with a 9% increase.
Policy Review	Our input to the Review was invaluable. We got the MOT changes.
Freedom of Information	Various FOI enquiries made – delivering benefits
Payment to Northern Trains for 2020/21	We have challenged their efforts to secure full payment and we expect to be successful
Representation at PPC	Being called in front of the PPC is a daunting prospect. If this happens to a member and provided that the individual has a reasonable defence – we may represent you.
Fuel surcharge	The Fuel Surcharge will remain in place as a result of our efforts
Friday Night Inspections at Layton Depot	We have sent legal advice to the Council pointing out that these are illegal and must not be repeated.
Input on Highway changes	Various results over the year. It is only BLTOA from the taxi trade that attends the Highways Forum.
Who gets us access to Bank Hey Street and the Strand during the Illuminations	We do. It's all down to our efforts.