

BLACK CAB SAVES LIFE OF DRIVER

A Cardiff cab driver who was involved in a serious accident believes he's only alive today thanks to the safety protection provided by his taxi. Emad Osman, aged 51, was turning out of North Clyde Street onto Cromwell Street when a Land Rover came out of nowhere and ploughed into the side of his TX4 taxi.

The strength of his cab shielded Emad from the potentially fatal collision. He said: "The collision was so severe it completely crushed the side of the vehicle. I'm just thankful that the TX4's robust steel shell protected me and saved my life. I've already purchased another purpose-built taxi and would

encourage other drivers to do so as well. A recent tour of the LTI Vehicles factory has convinced me that this is the right vehicle for me and my fellow cabbies."

Rob Laidler, Sales Director for LTI Vehicles said: "Our vehicles are designed and built with safety and strength firmly in mind. Naturally, we were extremely concerned when we first heard about Emad's accident. However, we're glad to hear that the strong steel frame used in the construction of the TX4 withstood this significant impact."



Emad's crumpled TX4



Emad Osman alongside his new TX4

BLUE PLAQUE FOR ANTI-SLAVERY CAMPAIGNER SIR THOMAS FOWELL BUXTON

An English Heritage Blue Plaque for the anti-slavery campaigner and social reformer Sir Thomas Fowell Buxton (1786-1845) was unveiled in September 2007, at The Directors' House, Old Truman Brewery, 91 Brick Lane, London. This is where he lived from 1808-1815, and occasionally in later years. Buxton took over the leadership of the parliamentary campaign against slavery from William Wilberforce in 1823. He was at the head of the anti-slavery movement when abolition was secured eleven years later, and it was he who sought to ensure that the slave trade ban was adequately policed. Of his achievements, Buxton once modestly observed that: "with ordinary talents and extraordinary perseverance, all things are attainable".



GET YOUR SELF ASSESSMENT TAX RETURN IN ON TIME

A timely reminder – the 31st January self assessment filing deadline is very close! HMRC is urging people to file their returns online and on time.

To register for online filing, visit <http://www.hmrc.gov.uk>, select 'Self Assessment' from the 'do it online' menu, and follow the instructions. Once this is completed, a pin number will be sent to you through the post. It may take up to 7 days for your pin number to arrive, so register as soon as you can.

If you need any help with your return, you should visit the self assessment pages on the HMRC website at <http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/sa> where there is a mass of useful information. Or, if you prefer speaking to someone, then call the self assessment helpline on 0845 9000 444, which is open seven days a week between 8.00am and 8.00pm.

SELF ASSESSMENT - FACTS & FIGURES

- * Almost 2.9m people filed online last year - a 40% increase on the previous year
- * Over 9m returns were issued for the 2006/07 tax year
- * 150,000 self assessment returns were received in the 24 hours running up to last year's 31 January self assessment deadline
- * During the filing peak, the HMRC website was processing more than 6,000 returns each hour - more than 100 every minute