

TAXI EXHIBITION IN LIVERPOOL

In London, taxi drivers now have the opportunity to choose the Mercedes Vito taxi when they are looking for a new vehicle. In other licensing areas across the country, different vehicles are licensed. Some areas follow the CoF for London, whilst others do not and have allowed a variety of different vehicles to be licensed as hackney carriages. As London's taxi drivers know, the most recent Review of the Conditions of Fitness did not allow the Cab Direct E7 to be used in the capital.

E7 NOT LICENSED FOR LIVERPOOL CABBIES



Liverpool is another city where currently the E7 is not licensed. Some of the Liverpool cabbies attending the recent North West Taxi & Private Hire Exhibition questioned why the Liverpool City Council's Licensing Committee continues to block the way for drivers wanting to use the modern Peugeot E7 Hackney Carriage. The E7 is already being used successfully in 95% of UK towns and cities. The Council's refusal to grant the E7 a Hackney Carriage Licence is currently being challenged through the courts.

LTI AND TAXIFIX SUPPORT CHARITY OUTING



From left to right, D. McCoy, H. Doran, T. Bently, C. Lycett, M. Morris, R. Laidler and P. Carpenter

The exhibition is held to raise funds for the annual taxi driver's outing for underprivileged children and was attended by drivers from across Merseyside.

LTI Vehicles and Liverpool's leading taxi dealership, Taxifix Ltd, also had a stand at the exhibition. They were showing both the TX4 and also promoting promote the Taxifix Accident Handling Service. The Accident Handling Service has been designed by Taxifix to keep drivers on the road if their vehicle is in need of repair.

The annual charity outing which will benefit from the exhibition sees more than 50 black cab drivers across Liverpool decorate their vehicles before calling at the Royal School for the Blind and St. Vincent's School for the Blind and Partially Sighted. A generous donation of £1,000 has been donated by LTI Vehicles towards this year's Liverpool Blind Children's Committee Outing. The event is also supported by Taxifix, Liverpool's main dealer for LTI Vehicles. This year's event took place on Wednesday July 2, 2008. Youngsters were driven in convey to Southport's Pleasureland where they enjoyed entertainment, presents and a best dressed taxi competition, before being taken home.

"We are extremely grateful to LTI Vehicles, Taxifix and local drivers for actively supporting the outing. Without them events like these wouldn't take place. Thanks must also go to Merseyside Police for their efforts on the day," said Phill Carpenter, a long-term member of the outing committee. "This year another superb outing was organised that brings so much joy and happiness to the children and families involved."

Rob Laidler, LTI Vehicles' Sales Director said: "LTI is extremely proud to support such a rewarding charity that is organised and managed by people in our industry. Alongside Taxifix we are delighted to be a part of its continued success."

CONCEPT TAXI ON SHOW



Taxifix also took this opportunity to unveil a completely unique 'concept' taxi model. Easily recognisable from the front end, the back is somewhat different and the colour is certainly outstanding. Damian Lynch, Taxifix Ltd., Managing Director said: "We are delighted to work alongside LTI Vehicles to be a part of this prestigious exhibition."

