

BILKER WARNING

A taxi driver has sent in this warning of a bilker. "Please inform your readers of this bilker! I picked him up corner of Mount Street and South Audley Street going to Walworth Road. When we reached our destination he said he must get the money from his flat. I asked for a deposit but he said he had no money at all on him and spun a good story as to why and of course he never came back... this guy is mixed race, very well dressed with a south London accent. Today my brother picked him up in Bond Street so he will be anywhere there are designer shops, Knightsbridge etc. Please be aware!"

SWINTON GIVES AWAY FREE BREAKDOWN COVER

If you are looking for taxi insurance, Swinton Taxi Division is to give free taxi breakdown cover to anyone who takes out a policy as a result of a quote given at the Coventry Private Hire and Taxi Exhibition at Coventry's Ricoh Arena. Worth up to £110, this offer is exclusive to attendees of the exhibition which takes place on 27 and 28 May and is sponsored by Swinton Taxi Division for the third year running.

A team of specialist advisors will be available on Stand One, located near the exhibition entrance, to offer visitors expert advice and guidance on a wide range of insurance related services and products. The Swinton Taxi stand will also offer a range of great offers and low cost deals for exhibition goers as well as some great incentives for fleet customers. There will also be exclusive giveaways to visitors and a magician will be on hand to entertain the younger visitors.

Steve Roberts, Swinton Taxi Unit Manager said: "The Coventry Private Hire and Taxi Exhibition is an important event for taxi drivers across the UK and we are delighted to offer free Breakdown Cover to anyone who gets a quote during the exhibition. We will also be offering many other special offers and incentives as well as having our expert fleet managers and insurance team on hand to give quotes and more information."

POP-UP LOO FOR PADDINGTON

A pop up loo is being installed outside Paddington station to reduce street urination. Westminster Council say the loo will remain underground during the day or when not needed; it is then mechanically raised with a remote control to reveal a steel cylinder comprising three urinals.

Hyde Park ward councillors at Westminster City Council agreed to buy and install the pop-up loo, which will cost over £100,000 to install and maintain for 8 years. Councillor Audrey Lewis, cabinet member for customers and neighbourhoods, said: "Street urination is a wholly unpleasant problem for many city centres where people sadly show little regard for the communities who live where they choose to relieve themselves. This pop-up device means we can hide it away during the day but ensure people have no excuses if they are on their way home after they've had a few drinks."



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