

CDTTA Proposal – Proposal 1

Dear Sirs / Madam

I write on behalf of the Cotswold District Taxi trade Association (CDTTA) to propose an increase in the current rates and charges that have been set by Cotswold District Council for Hackney Carriage Drivers. The CDTTA are concerned that the rates and charges that we currently adhere to are not aligned to the increased costs that are associated with delivering the service we provide and therefore require review.

The Council will be aware that the current rates have been set for over 11 years. Since the current pricing structure was implemented, the price of fuel has almost doubled, the cost of insurance has risen dramatically, garage bills and wear and tear costs have increased along with the general costs of living (estimated at 26% increase over the last decade). In addition, the Council has recently determined that vehicles used as taxis must comply with a 5 year age limit. As a consequence, my associates will experience increased vehicle purchase costs. In our opinion, the above supports the need for a review and increase of the current hackney carriage fares for the Cotswold district.

The CDTTA have discussed this matter and have agreed that the rates and charges detailed below are fair and reasonable and we now invite the Council to accept and implement them within 28 days of receipt of this letter.

- Tariff 1** for the first 1120 yards or part thereof £3.20
For the subsequent 640 yards or part thereof £0.80
- Tariff 2** for the first 1120 yards or part thereof £3.70
For the subsequent 640 yards or part thereof £0.90
- Tariff 3** for the first 1120 yards or part thereof £6.40
For the subsequent 640 yards or part thereof £1.60

Additional Charges

- Waiting to all 3 tariffs £0.30 per minute or part thereof
Extra charge for each passenger above the two £0.15
Extra luggage charge for each package carried outside £0.15, for each bicycle or perambulator £0.30
Soiling charge valet costs (excluding loss of earnings) £60

As I am sure you will be aware the number of Hackney carriages in the Cotswolds has dropped over the last few years and with a rate increase I would hope that it would become more appealing to more drivers to become Hackney carriage drivers to be able to serve the local communities better.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards