

In the know

All about people, people in the public transport industry, people like you!



Licensed taxi drivers join TBF



It was some time ago when Stuart Hope, a London, licensed Hackney cabbie and official of Unite the Union, approached TBF campaigning for the licensed trade to have the opportunity to join the Fund. Following consultations with its advisers to ensure that the admission of taxi drivers would be consistent with the stipulations of the charity's constitution, the TBF Board recently took the decision to invite licensed taxi drivers to apply for membership.

First to sign-up

Needless-to-say, Stuart was the first cab driver to sign-up and many others have followed his lead. Our picture shows John Sheehy (left), TBF Chief Executive Officer, presenting Stuart with a commemorative membership card to mark his status as the first licensed taxi driver to join the Fund.

John said: "We are very pleased to be able to offer licensed taxi drivers, and their families, the benefits of TBF membership. We are sure that they will find great comfort in the knowledge that they have access to the extensive range of support and assistance available to all our 64,700 members working in the public transport industry throughout England, Scotland and Wales".

Rapidly modernising

Stuart is just one of the 23,000 licensed black taxi drivers in service in London; they can be hailed from the street or a rank, or can be pre-booked. Taxis play a vital part in London's public transport network, and with their accessible features are a particularly valuable resource to people who are mobility impaired. In common with London's bus fleet, the capital's

taxis are rapidly modernising and complying with strict new emissions standards, but they retain their unique design, essential for the effective navigation of the tight streets where they work.

Stuart said: "It is an honour for the licensed taxi trade to be welcomed into the TBF family. The trade is the number one voted service in the world... year in, year out. In order to retain that much coveted top spot our drivers need the best protection for themselves and their families. It's the service the public deserves; it's what our drivers deserve, and great value at just £1 a week."

Fond memories of Glynis

We are very sorry to announce the death, at the age of 75, of Glynis Thompson (nee Creasey), who was Senior Welfare Adviser to our predecessor charity, the London Transport Benevolent Fund. Glynis came to the LTBF from London Transport, where she spent the whole of her working life, retiring in 1994. Chris Godbold, former Director of TBF, knew Glynis well and said that there were many members whose lives would have been much more unhappy without her help and guidance. "The world would be a poorer place without people like Glynis," he told In the Know.

Awards to members in the three months to 30th June 2019†

Most of the Trustees work in the industry and decide on all benefits.

3,280 new members joined TBF in this quarter and, as always, **no commission** was paid to anyone - so **your money** goes further.

TBF now has a total of over **64,700** members.



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†These figures have been compiled in good faith but have not yet been subject to audit.

*Osteopathy, Physiotherapy, Chiropractic treatment, Scans and tests, Medical consultations, Acupuncture, Chiropody, Prescription prepayment certificates and a wide range of other medical treatments.

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