

LONDON VINTAGE TAXI ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

TO THE 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Firstly I apologise that I cannot be with you today at the AGM meeting.

The 'Crossmember' computerised membership database continues to be working well.

The main change is the membership subscription renewal dates. The membership renewal date for new members is now the anniversary of your joining date so not all members need to renew on the 1st January annually. However members who were members before the introduction of the computer system will continue to renew their subscription on the 1st January annually.

Members can check the accuracy of their own details by going onto the membership database via the LVTA website and entering their membership number. Although you can, if you find an error in the details held, edit the information yourself (Which you are allowed to do) however I would be grateful if you would e-mail me directly at Stephen.dimmock@btinternet.com and I will be happy to edit it. Doing it this way keeps me aware of all the changes needed.

Crossmember sends out helpful reminders by e-mail when membership subscriptions are due for renewal.

I need to reinforce the fact that I am definitely **NOT** highly skilled when it comes to using computer systems and whilst I am confident in using the system on a routine basis **DO NOT** expect me to carry out complicated tasks relating to the membership database.

The system is overseen by Brian Humphries of Crossmember who provides me with any technical support as needed.

The main cause of problems for me is when members change their e-mail providers thus changing their e-mail address and fail to tell us. If you change your e-mail address it's important that you please let me know. Thank you.

You can also e-mail me via the website using the address of membership@lvta.co.uk This e-mail address is plagued by unsolicited spam messages, so your message may not be picked up quickly by me. If you need to contact me, I much prefer that you e-mail me directly or telephone me on my landline which is **01895 238846**.

We must always be aware that around 10% of our members do not use a computer and are not connected to the Internet. It is important to me that we always remember this and try to reach out to these members using other media, like a letter or a phone call.

The LVTA **Paid Up** Membership as at the 14th October 2022 stood at **354** with **11** renewals outstanding.

The Total New Members joining so far for 2022 are;

2 new members joined in January 2021
3 new members joined in February 2021
1 new member joined in March 2021
4 new members joined in April 2021
4 new members joined in May 2021
2 new members joined in June 2021
3 new members joined in July 2021
11 new members joined in August 2021
4 new members joined in September 2022

Total new members joining so far in 2022 is **34**. By this time last year the number was **38**.

These figures are as at my information as at the 12th October 2022 and are subject to change.

New members continue to join each month and membership applications nowadays are generated mostly via the Association Website but a few join us at classic car shows.

I anticipate that the LVTA may receive sufficient further membership applications before the end of the year so that the status quo from last year's average total membership number will be maintained.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION REMINDERS

All non renewing members have been contacted by either e-mail or by letter to remind them that their membership of the LVTA has now lapsed and to remain members they must renew immediately.

I firmly believe that all members must continue to have the subscription renewal form to remind them to pay, and we cannot solely rely on the magazine articles, e-mail reminders, Face book and our website alone. With the exception of the USA & Canadian members, who have their own arrangements, I intend to continue to send out the membership subscription renewal (Reminder) forms for 2023 with the October/November 2022 issue of the magazine. This of course will only apply to members with longer service who need to renew at the end of this Calendar year this being the 31st December 2022.

I am willing to remain in post for a further year.

Stephen Dimmock – LVTA Membership Secretary.