

Justification of fare review

Please see below my justification why I believe the Hackney taxi drivers are due a fare increase in Melton.

- The cost of living has gone up.
- The national wage has gone up.
- The car insurance have gone up and now you have to pay tax on the insurance you take.
- All the main dealer garages like Ford, Vauxhall, Volkswagen are roughly £120 per hour. Little garages from £50 upwards plus VAT, but you mostly have to go to main dealer if your car is still on warranty.
- Service and repairs and tyres have all gone up since 2014.
- In the new proposed fares, the bank holiday rates and Christmas Rates have not gone up much, just waiting times. This is because during festive times the problem is waiting for people. For instance you pick somebody up and they want to swing round by somebody else's house. You go to pick them up but they're not ready and you're waiting. That puts you behind on the next job you only make money sat still with a waiting rate. It's like that most the time.
- I've checked the listing for Melton Borough Council on the PHTM website just to see where the other boroughs come and Melton are 305<sup>th</sup> out of 363. The listing is for a 2 mile taxi ride on tariff one. <https://www.phtm.co.uk/taxi-fares-league-tables/2021-01>
- I could elaborate on all the other factors but it would just take too long