



PLATINUM MEMBER FEATURE ARTICLE



As one of the Founder members of The LPHCA it seems only right that the company that launched our Platinum Membership scheme is our first Platinum member to be featured in a double page spread.

Every year John Scott, Managing Director and founder of GLH, invites the LPHCA to attend its Annual Staff Awards dinner as special guests. My father Geoff and I attend whenever possible and this year's dinner was very special as it was GLH's 40th year in Private Hire.

As well as celebrating the 40 year milestone GLH had amongst their many guests' representatives from the C-Change trust.

The after dinner speeches and the staff presentations are always a delight and this year was no exception. In fact this year's were the best ever as John's guests from the C-Change trust highlighted just how responsible GLH have been and the fact that they are doing something serious about the environment.

Set out below are details of their work and support for C-Change and they should be applauded for their great example to the rest of our industry.



GLH & The Environment

Greater London Hire was proud to announce that it is London's first Private Hire and courier organisation to become "Carbon Acknowledged". Whether you are travelling in one of our vehicles or having a package delivered, you can be content in the knowledge that the carbon emissions created by the journey have been offset.

GLH are working in conjunction with a magnificent charity called The C-Change Trust. The C-Change Trust is a UK Charity dedicated to climate change and they give both businesses and individuals the opportunity to acknowledge their carbon emissions through charitable donations.

They guarantee that 75% of all donations will fund projects that will reduce emissions, educate the young on climate change and create new woodlands right here in the UK the first of which GLH planted last month in Pendine, Camarthenshire.

GLH is also currently working towards the Environmental Management System ISO:14001 and have recently been successful of passing stage one of the accreditation. GLH are dedicated, through continual improvement, to reduce the environmental impact of our operations.



Please visit www.thec-change.org for further information.

GLH is committed to minimising the adverse effects on the environment wherever possible and recognise that environmental issues are of fundamental importance to a successful and responsible business. GLH believe that by taking a responsible lead GLH will encourage others to do the same.

□ New "Eco" Fleet

GLH now have a dedicated, ever increasing fleet of 50 Toyota Prius vehicles, which GLH have branded their "Eco" range.

Road transport is responsible for 26% of UK carbon dioxide emissions and almost 50% of certain smog forming pollutants.

The UK is legally bound to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 12.5% below 1990 levels by the period 2008-2012. This means a reduction equivalent to 27million tonnes of carbon dioxide.

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Our "Eco" cars are powered by a Hybrid Synergy Drive. This is an intelligent system that always chooses the optimum combination of power from the engine and the powerful electric motor to make your journey as energy efficient as possible.

The emissions free electric motor is ideal for journeys in town and, overall, the Prius produces 89% less

smog-forming emissions than a conventional car. Amazingly, each Prius can save up to 1 ton of CO2 emissions entering the atmosphere every year. The Prius already meets EU guidelines for the year 2012!

GLH are also looking at new hybrid and hydrogen powered vehicles and will include them in our fleet of passenger cars and courier vehicles as and when they become available.



Come In, ECO-One - GLH Pleases The Public With Prius

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□ "Eco" Cars

GLH environmental Policy

GLH is committed to minimising the adverse effects on the environment wherever possible. GLH recognise that environmental issues are of fundamental importance to a successful and responsible business.

GLH are therefore committed, through continual improvement, to minimise the environmental impact of our operations and will:

- Make the efficient use of energy, including heating and lighting a high priority, minimising usage and waste wherever possible and practical.
- Recycle materials at every practical opportunity
- Recycle all printer cartridges and donate funds raised to charity on a bi-monthly basis.
- Use environmental-friendly cleaning materials whenever they are available and are of the required quality and value for money.
- Ensure that vehicles, wherever possible, use unleaded petrol.
- Minimise atmospheric pollution. Ensure clean air in the working environment. Ensure a non-smoking office.
- Compliance with all relevant environmental law and regulations.
- Train and educate employees in the relevant aspects of the best environmental practices.
- Ensure that our operations comply with existing legislation.
- Where noise is unavoidable, ensure it does not occur during unsociable hours.
- Protect and enhance planting, landscapes, habitats and open spaces. Ensure that land is not contaminated.
- Prevent water pollution. Reduce water consumption.
- Continual improvement, to reduce environmental impacts.
- Ensuring that staff, contractors, suppliers and visitors comply with the environmental charter.
- Ensuring that environmental impacts are assessed as part of tendering for contracts.
- Minimise the impact on the environment of buildings, structures, highways and construction.
- Keep the city clean.

To find out more visit – www.glh.co.uk