You will have heard that there is a National Shortage of drivers in the UK caused by Brexit and the Coronavirus pandemic Covid-19. Fuel prices have peaked to £1.79 per litre when economy fuel has run out at the pumps.

The London Mayor Sadiq Khan has used Transport for London (TFL) to expand the Ultra-Low Emission Zone and other cities such as Bath and Birmingham have followed suit.

https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/ultra-low-emission-zone/ulez-expansion

Combined with the extension of hours of the London Congestion Zone to capture more revenue we are faced with additional transport charges for deliveries and collections.

Our drivers are under immense pressure to avoid complicated no go zones which seem to have been developed to capture more revenue and slow down traffic causing more delays and fines as we go about our business of delivering and collecting.

Additional 20mph zones increase journey times and new Highway Code laws in 2022 seek to establish a *"hierarchy of road users"* with those most likely to be injured in the event of a collision at the top. These are: pedestrians, cyclists, horse riders and motorcyclists; with children, older adults and disabled people being more at risk.

The new rules state drivers need to give way "to pedestrians waiting to cross a zebra crossing, and pedestrians and cyclists waiting to cross a parallel crossing". We are now charging 25p per kilo of delivered goods within the M25, London, Birmingham, Manchester, Bath and all cities and towns.

Our town and city vehicles have now been fitted with 8 x HD CCTV cameras to assist their driving challenges.

If you wish to collect and deliver back your hired goods please contact our transport manager.

Kind Regards

Malcolm Skerrett Transport for Christian Faversham Ltd

2022 Highway Code

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Under the new requirements of the Highway Code, drivers are banned from:

Cutting across cyclists, horse-riders or horse-drawn vehicles at junctions.

Turning at a junction if to do so would cause the cyclist or horse-rider to stop or swerve.

Doing anything that would risk a collision with a cyclist.

Drivers must also:

Give cyclists, horse-riders and pedestrians as much room as a car when overtaking, which is 1.5 metres for cyclists, 2 metres for horses.

Drive under 10mph when passing horses and under 30mph when going past cyclists.

When passing a pedestrian who is walking in the road (where there is no pavement) at least 2 metres berth should be given and speed should be dropped to "low".