

Costs information for summary only motoring offences (e.g. careless driving, drink driving, speeding):

Guilty plea – fixed fee £400 +VAT

Fee includes:

2 hours attendance/preparation:

- considering evidence
- taking your instructions
- providing advice on likely sentence
- Attendance and representation at a single hearing at the Magistrates Court

The fee does not include:

- instruction of any expert witnesses
- taking statements from any witnesses
- advice and assistance in relation to a special reason hearing
- advice or assistance in relation to any appeal

The key stages of your matter are based on the presumption that you have (or will) entered a guilty plea and have a date for your hearing.

- Meet with your solicitor to provide instructions on what happened.
- We will consider initial disclosure, and any other evidence and provide advice.
- Arranging to take any witness statements if necessary (this will have an additional cost at our current hourly rate).
- We will explain the court procedure to you, so you know what to expect on the day of your hearing, and the sentencing options available to the court.
- We will conduct any further preparatory work, obtain further instructions from you if necessary and answer any follow up queries you have.
- We cannot provide a timescale of when your hearing will take place, as this depends on the court listing for that day.
- We will attend court on the day and meet with you before going before the court. We anticipate being at court for about 2 hours.
- We will discuss the outcome with you. If advice is required on appeal, this will carry an additional cost.