

STANDARD CONDITIONS OF HIRE

For the purpose of these conditions, the term HIRER shall mean an individual Hirer or where the Hirer is an organisation, the authorised representative.

1) Supervision

The Hirer will, during the period of the hiring, be responsible for supervision of the premises, the fabric and the contents; their care, safety from damage however slight; or change of any sort and the behaviour of all persons using the premises whatever their capacity; including proper supervision of car parking arrangements so as to avoid obstruction of the highway.

2) Use of Premises

The Hirer shall not use the premises for any purpose other than that described in the hiring agreement and shall not sub-hire or use the premises or allow the premises to be used for any unlawful purpose or in any unlawful way, not do anything or bring onto the premises anything which may endanger the same or render invalid any insurance policies in respect thereof, nor allow the consumption of alcohol thereon without written permission.

3) Licences

The Hirer shall be responsible for obtaining such licences as may be needed, whether for the sale or supply of intoxicating liquor, from the Performing Right Society, from Phonographic Performance Ltd or otherwise and for the observance of the same.

4) No Smoking Policy

There is a No Smoking policy throughout the hall, including the veranda.

5) Gaming, Betting and Lotteries

The Hirer shall ensure that nothing is done on or in relation to the premises in contravention of the law relating to gaming, betting and lotteries.

6) Public Safety Compliance

The Hirer shall comply with all conditions and regulations made in respect of the premises by the Fire Authority, Local Authority, the Local Magistrates' Court or otherwise, particularly in connection with any event which includes public dancing or music or other similar public entertainment or stage plays.

7) Health and Hygiene

The Hirer shall, if preparing, serving or selling food, observe all relevant food health and hygiene legislation and regulations.

8) Electrical Appliance Safety

The Hirer shall ensure that any electrical appliances brought by him to the premises and used there shall be safe and in good working order and used in a safe manner. Where a residual circuit breaker is provided under terms of the Public Entertainment Licence (PEL) or Community Premises Licence (CPL), the Hirer must make use of it in the interests of public safety.

9) Indemnity

The Hirer shall indemnify the Committee for the cost of repair of any damage done to any part of the property including the cartilage thereof or the contents of the buildings, which may occur during the period of the hiring as a result of the hiring.

10) Accidents and Dangerous Occurrences

The Hirer must report all accidents involving injury to the public to a member of the Management Committee as soon as possible. Any failure of equipment, either that belonging to the hall or brought in by the Hirer must also be reported as soon as possible. Certain types of accident or injury must be reported on a special form to the Local Authority. The Hall Secretary will give assistance in completing this form. This is in accordance with the Executive Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulation 1995.

11) Animals

The Hirer shall ensure that no animals (including birds) except guide dogs are brought into the hall, other than for a special event agreed to by the Committee. No animals whatsoever are to enter the kitchen at any time.

12) Compliance with The Children Act

The Hirer shall ensure that any activities for children under eight years of age comply with the provisions of The Children Act of 1989 and that only fit and proper persons have access to the children (see Village Hall Information Sheet No. 5).

13) Sale of Goods

The Hirer shall, if selling goods on the premises, comply with Fair Trading Laws and any code of practice used in connection with such sales. In particular, the Hirer shall ensure that total prices of all goods and services are prominently displayed, as shall be the organiser's name and address and that any discounts offered are based only on Manufacturers' Recommended Retail Prices.

14) Cancellation

If the Hirer wishes to cancel the booking before the date of the event, and the Committee is unable to conclude a replacement booking, the question of the payment or the repayment of the fee shall be at the discretion of the Committee. The Bookings Secretary must have a minimum of 1 weeks notice of any cancellation or the full hire fee will be charged.

15) Cancellation

The Committee reserves the right to cancel this hiring in the event of the hall being required for use as a Polling Station for a Parliamentary or Local Government election or bye-election, in which case the Hirer shall be entitled to a refund of any deposit already paid.

16) Unfit for Use

In the event of the hall or any part thereof being rendered unfit for the use for which it has been hired, the Committee shall not be liable to the Hirer for any resulting loss of damage whatsoever.

17) Refusal of Booking

The Committee reserves the right to refuse a booking without notice or to cancel the hiring agreement at any time either before or during the term of the agreement upon giving 7 days notice to the Hirer.

The Hirer shall be entitled, upon such notice, to reimbursement of such monies, including the deposit or a proportion of the same as have been paid by the Hirer to the Committee, but the Committee shall not be liable to make any further payment to the Hirer.

18) End of Hire

The Hirer shall be responsible for leaving the premises and surrounding area in a clean and tidy condition, properly locked and secured unless directed otherwise and any contents temporarily removed from their usual positions properly replaced, otherwise the Committee shall be at liberty to make an additional charge.

19) Noise

The Hirer shall ensure that the minimum of noise is made on arrival and departure.