

SOUTH NEWINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Standard Conditions of Hire

If you are in any doubt as to the meaning of any of the Conditions, you must seek clarification from us without delay.

1. Age

You, not being a person under 18 years of age, hereby accept responsibility for being in charge of and on the premises at all times when the public are present and for ensuring that all Standard Conditions under this Agreement relating to management and supervision of the premises are met.

2. Supervision

During the period of the hiring, you are responsible for:

- (i) supervision of the premises, the fabric and the contents;
- (ii) care of the premises, safety from damage however slight or change of any sort; and
- (iii) 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.

As directed by us, you must make good or pay for all damage (including accidental damage) to the premises or to the fixtures, fittings or contents and for loss of contents. The decision of the Village Hall Management Committee on the value of any article or part of the building broken or damaged shall be final and conclusive.

3. Use of premises

You must not use the premises (including the car park, if any) for any purpose other than that described in the Agreement and must not sub-hire or use the premises or allow the premises to be used for any unlawful or unsuitable purpose or in any unlawful way nor do anything or bring on to the premises anything which might endanger the premises or render invalid any insurance policies covering the premises nor allow the consumption of alcohol without our written permission. You must also comply with the following prohibitions:

- No function may continue later than 11pm;
- No unattended naked flames anywhere on the premises;
- No fires are to be lit in the fire grate in the main hall or in the garden;
- No fireworks, smoke machines, Chinese (or "sky") lanterns may be used inside the premises or in the garden.

4. Insurance and indemnity

- (i) You are liable for:
 - (a) the cost of repair of any damage (including accidental and malicious damage) done to any part of the premises including its curtilage or its contents;
 - (b) all claims, losses, damages and costs made against or incurred by us, our employees, volunteers, agents or invitees in respect of damage or loss of property or injury to persons arising as a result of your use of the premises (including the storage of equipment);
 - (c) all claims, losses, damages and costs made against or incurred by us as a result of any nuisance caused to a third party as a result of your use of the premises, and subject to sub-clause 4 (ii), you must indemnify us against such liabilities.

- (ii) We will take out adequate insurance to insure the liabilities described in sub-clause 4 (i)(a) above and may, at our discretion in the case of non-commercial hirers, insure the liabilities described in sub-clauses 4 (i)(b) and (c) above. We will claim on our insurance for any liability you incur but you must indemnify us against:
- (a) any insurance excess incurred and
 - (b) the difference between the amount of the liability and the monies we receive under the insurance policy.
- (iii) Where we do not insure the liabilities described in sub-clauses 4 (i)(b) and (c) above, you must take out adequate insurance to insure such liability and on demand must produce the policy and current receipt or other evidence of cover to our Bookings Secretary. If you fail to produce such policy and evidence of cover, we will cancel this Agreement and may re-hire the premises to another hirer.

Note: Our current insurance provides for Public Liability up to £2m for non-profiting making hirers that do not have their own Public Liability Insurance, but does not cover commercial hire.

We are insured against any claims arising out of our own negligence.

5. Gaming, betting and lotteries

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

6. Music Copyright licensing

You must ensure that we hold relevant licences for your event under Performing Right Society (PRS) and the PPL UK Limited, or where appropriate you must hold such licence(s).

7. Music

You must have our written permission for performance of live music and the playing of recorded music under the Deregulation Act 2015. This Agreement confers that permission.

8. Film

You must restrict children from viewing age-restricted films classified according to the recommendations of the British Board of Film Classification. You must ensure that you have the appropriate copyright licences for films. The Deregulation Act 2015 requires you to have our written permission to show a film. This Agreement confers the required permission on you

9. Safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults

You must ensure that any activities for children, young people and other vulnerable adults are only provided by fit and proper persons in accordance with the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 and any subsequent legislation. When requested, you must provide us with a copy of your Safeguarding Policy and evidence that you have carried out relevant checks through the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).

10. Public safety compliance

(i) You must comply with all conditions and regulations made in respect of the premises by the Local Authority, the Licensing Authority, and our fire risk assessment or otherwise, particularly in connection with any event which constitutes regulated entertainment, at which alcohol is sold or provided or which is attended by children. You must also comply with current health and safety regulations.

(ii) You must call the Fire Service to any outbreak of fire, however slight, and give details to our Bookings Secretary.

(iii) You acknowledge that you have received instruction in the following matters:

- The action to be taken in event of fire. This includes calling the Fire Brigade and evacuating the hall.
- The location and use of firefighting equipment.
- Escape routes and the need to keep them clear.

- Method of operation of escape door fastenings.
- Appreciation of the importance of fire doors and of closing all fire doors at the time of a fire and before finally leaving the premises.
- Location of the first aid box.
- Location of the fuse box.

(iv) In advance of any activity whether regulated entertainment or not you must check the following items:

- That all fire exits are unlocked and panic bolts are in good working order.
- That all escape routes are free of obstruction and can be safely used for instant free public exit.
- That any fire doors are not wedged open.
- That exit signs are illuminated.
- That there are no fire hazards on the premises.

11. Noise

You must ensure that the minimum of noise is made on arrival and departure, particularly late at night and early in the morning. You must, if using sound amplification equipment, make use of any noise limitation device provided at the premises and comply with any other licensing condition for the premises.

Due to the proximity of residential households no disco sound systems should be used.

No music is to be played outside without our written permission.

12. Drunk and disorderly behaviour and supply of illegal drugs

You must ensure that in order to avoid disturbing neighbours of the hall and avoid violent or criminal behaviour:

- (i) no one attending the event consumes excessive amounts of alcohol
- (ii) no illegal drugs are brought onto the premises.

Drunk and disorderly behaviour is not permitted either on the premises or in its immediate vicinity. We will ask any person suspected of being drunk, under the influence of drugs or who is behaving in a violent or disorderly way to leave the premises.

Alcohol should not be served to any persons suspected of being drunk nor to any person suspected of being under the age of 18.

13. Food, health and hygiene

You must, if preparing, serving or selling food, observe all relevant food health and hygiene legislation and regulations. In particular dairy products, vegetables and meat on the premises must be refrigerated and stored in compliance with the Food Temperature Regulations. The premises are provided with a refrigerator.

14. Electrical appliance safety

You must ensure that any electrical appliances brought by you to the premises and used there are safe, in good working order, and used in a safe manner.

15. Stored equipment

We accept no responsibility for any equipment or other property brought on to or left at the premises, and all liability for loss or damage is hereby excluded. All equipment and other property (other than equipment stored with our permission) must be removed at the end of each hiring or we will charge fees each day or part of a day at the hire fee per hiring until the same is removed.

We may, at our discretion, dispose of any items referred to below by sale or otherwise on such terms and conditions as we think fit, and charge you any costs we incur in storing and selling or otherwise disposing of the same, in any of the following circumstances:

(i) your failure either to pay any charges in respect of stored equipment due and payable or to remove the same within seven days after the agreed storage period has ended;

(ii) your failure to dispose of any property brought onto the premises for the purposes of the hiring.

16. Smoking

You must comply with the prohibition of smoking in public places provisions of the Health Act 2006 and regulations made thereunder. We will ask any person who breaches this provision to leave the premises. You must ensure that anyone wishing to smoke does so outside and disposes of cigarette ends, matches etc. in a tidy and responsible manner, so as not to cause a fire.

17. Accidents and dangerous occurrences

You must report to us as soon as possible any failure of our equipment or equipment brought in by you. You must report all accidents to us as soon as possible and complete the relevant section in our accident book. You must report certain types of accident or injury on a special form to the Incident Contact Centre. Our Bookings Secretary will give assistance in completing this form and can provide contact details of the Incident Contact Centre. This is in accordance with the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 2013 (RIDDOR).

18. Explosives and flammable substances

You must ensure that:

(i) Highly flammable substances are not brought into, or used in any part of the premises.

(ii) No internal decorations of a combustible nature (e.g. polystyrene, cotton wool) are erected without our written consent.

19. Heating

The hall has an oil fired central heating system whose use is included in the hire fee. You must ensure that no other heating appliances are used on the premises without our written consent. You must not use portable liquefied propane gas (LPG) heating appliances.

No interference with or re-arrangement of the boiler settings or electrical fittings or fixtures is permitted except with our written permission.

20. Animals

You must ensure that guide dogs, hearing dogs and assistance dogs are allowed on the premises if required by their user.

21. Fly posting

You must not carry out or permit fly posting or any other form of unauthorised advertisements for any event taking place at the premises, and must indemnify and keep indemnified us accordingly against all actions, claims and proceedings arising from any breach of this Condition. If you fail to observe this Condition you may be prosecuted by the local authority.

22. Sale of goods

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

27. Cancellation

Cancellations made within 24 hours of the event will require full payment of the hire fee.

If you wish to cancel the booking before the date of the event and we are unable to conclude a replacement booking, we may, at our complete discretion, return the deposit or require payment of the hire fee.

We reserve the right to cancel this Agreement by giving you written notice in the event of:

- (i) the premises being required for use as a Polling Station for a Parliamentary or Local Government election or by-election;
- (ii) our reasonably considering that (a) such hiring will lead to a breach of licensing conditions, if applicable, or other legal or statutory requirements, or (b) unlawful or unsuitable activities will take place at the premises as a result of this hiring;
- (ii) the premises becoming unfit for your intended use;
- (iii) an emergency requiring use of the premises as a shelter for the victims of flooding, snowstorm, fire, explosion or those at risk of these or similar disasters.

In any such case you will be entitled to a refund of any deposit already paid, but we will not be liable to you for any resulting direct or indirect loss or damages whatsoever.

28. End of hire

You are 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 we may make an additional charge.

29. No alterations

You must not make any alterations or additions to the premises nor install or attach any fixtures or placards, decorations or other articles in any way to any part of the premises without our prior written approval. At our discretion, any alteration, fixture or fitting or attachment which we have approved may remain in the premises at the end of the hiring. Such items will become our property unless you remove them and you must make good to our satisfaction any damage you cause to the premises by such removal.

30. No rights

This Agreement constitutes permission only to use the premises and confers no tenancy or other right of occupation on you.