

Standard Conditions of Hire

These standard conditions apply to all hiring's of the Village Hall. If the Hirer is in any doubt as to the meaning of the following, the Booking Secretary should immediately be consulted.

1. Supervision

The Hirer agrees with the Village Hall Committee that they or an authorised representative will be present during the hiring and to comply fully with this Hire Agreement.

The Hirer shall, 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.

As directed by the Hall Secretary, the Hirer shall 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.

2. Use of Premises

The premises are defined as the whole area and facilities within the boundary of Antrobus Village Hall. This includes; the car parks, the field, entrance hall, main hall, multi-purpose room, cloakroom, kitchen, toilets, store room, bar area and bar cellars. 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 nor 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.

2.1 Maximum number of people (theatre Style) is 200

2.2 Maximum number of people for dancing is 150

2.3 Maximum number of people allowed when utilising seating at tables is 120

2.4 Maximum number of people allowed combining points 2.2 and 2.3 is 120

NO SMOKE MACHINES ARE ALLOWED PLEASE ADVISE THE PROVIDER OF YOUR ENTERTAINMENT

3. 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.

4. Licences

The Village Hall is licensed for the following activities:

- (a) The provision of regulated entertainment – live or recorded music and anything of a similar description.
- (b) The provision of entertainment facilities – making music, dancing and entertainment of a similar description.
- (c) The provision of late night refreshments.
- (d) The sale by retail of alcohol.

If other licences are required in respect of any activity in the Village Hall the Hirer should ensure that they obtain/hold the relevant licence.

IF A BAR IS REQUIRED THIS MUST BE ADVISED AT THE TIME OF BOOKING – See clause 3.2 on the booking form.

5. Health and Hygiene

The Village Hall is a '**No Smoking**' premise. Smoking is prohibited in any part of the building.

The Hirer shall, 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.

6. Electrical Appliance Safety

The Hirer shall ensure that any electrical appliances brought by them to the premises and used there shall be safe, in good working order, and used in a safe manner in accordance with the Electricity at Work Regulations 1989. Where a residual circuit breaker is provided the Hirer **must** make use of it in the interests of public safety.

7. Public Safety Compliance

The Hirer shall comply with all conditions and regulations made in respect of the premises by the Fire Authority, Local Authority and the Licensing Authority or otherwise, particularly in connection with any event that constitutes regulated entertainment, at which alcohol is sold or provided or which children attend.

- (a) The Hirer acknowledges that they have received information on 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 fire equipment.
 - Escape routes and the need to keep them clear.
 - Method of operation of escape door fastenings.
 - Appreciation of the importance of any fire doors and of closing all fire doors at the time of a fire.
- (b) The Hirer shall, in advance of any entertainment, meeting or function, check the following :
 - That all fire exits are unlocked and panic bolts in good working order.
 - That all escape routes are free of obstruction and can be safely used.
 - That any fire doors are not wedged open.
 - That exit signs are illuminated.
 - That there are no obvious fire hazards on the premises.

8. Means of Escape **PLEASE SEE APPENDIX 1**

- (a) All means of exit from the premises must be kept free from obstruction and immediately available for instant free public exit.
- (b) The emergency lighting supply is illuminated

9. Outbreaks of Fire

The Fire Brigade shall be called to any outbreak of fire, however slight, and details thereof shall be given to the secretary of the management committee.

10. Insurance

- (a) The Hirer shall indemnify and keep indemnified each member of the Village Hall management committee and the Village Hall's employees, volunteers, agents and invitees against (a) the cost of repair of any damage done to any part of the premises including the curtilage thereof or the contents of the premises (b) all claims, losses, damages and costs in respect of damage or loss of property or injury to persons arising as a result of the use of the premises (including the storage of equipment) by the Hirer, and (c) all claims, losses, damages and costs suffered or incurred as a result of any nuisance caused to a third party as a result of the use of the premises by the Hirer.
- (b) Regular User Groups shall take out adequate insurance to insure the Hirer and members of the Hirer's organisation and invitees against the Hirer's liability under paragraph 10(a) and all claims arising as a result of the hire and on demand shall produce the policy and current receipt or other evidence of cover to the Hall Secretary. Failure to produce such policy and evidence of cover will render the hiring void and enable the Hall Secretary to rehire the premises to another Hirer.

The Village Hall is insured against any claims arising out of its **own** negligence.

11. Accidents and Dangerous Occurrences

The Hirer **must** report all accidents involving injury to any member of the public to the Village Hall management committee **as soon as possible** and complete the relevant section in the Village Hall's accident book **located in the kitchen**.

Any failure of equipment belonging to the Village 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 Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 1995 (RIDDOR).

12. Explosives and Flammable Substances

The Hirer shall ensure that:

- (a) Highly flammable substances are not brought into, or used in any part of the premises.
- (b) No internal decorations of a combustible nature (e.g. polystyrene, cotton wool) shall be erected without the consent of the management committee.
- (c) No decorations are to be put up near light fittings or heaters.
- (d) No candles are allowed.

13. Heating

The Hirer shall ensure that no unauthorised heating appliances shall be used on the premises when open to the public without the consent of the management committee. Portable Liquefied Propane Gas (LPG) heating appliances shall not be used.

14. Drunk and Disorderly Behaviour and Supply of Illegal Drugs

The Hirer shall ensure that in order to avoid disturbing neighbours to the hall and avoid violent or criminal behaviour, care shall be taken to avoid excessive consumption of alcohol. Drunk and disorderly behaviour shall not be permitted either on the premises or in its immediate vicinity. Alcohol shall not be served to any person suspected of being drunk or to any person suspected of being under the age of 18. Any person suspected of being drunk, under the influence of drugs or who is behaving in a violent or disorderly way shall be asked to leave the premises. No illegal drugs may be brought onto the premises.

15. Animals

The Hirer shall ensure that no animals (including birds) except guide dogs are brought into the premises, other than for a special event agreed to by the Village Hall Committee.

No animals whatsoever are to enter the kitchen at any time.

16. Compliance with The Children Act 1989

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 who have passed the appropriate Criminal Records Bureau checks have access to the children (checks may also apply where children over eight and vulnerable adults are taking part in activities). The Hirer shall provide the Village Hall committee with a copy of their Child Protection Policy on request.

17. Fly Posting

The Hirer shall not carry out or permit fly posting or any other form of unauthorised advertisements for any event taking place at the premises, and shall indemnify and keep indemnified each member of the Village Hall's management committee accordingly against all actions, claims and proceedings arising from any breach of this condition. Failure to observe this condition may lead to prosecution by the local authority.

18. 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 the 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.

19. Cancellation

If Cancellation is made 12 weeks or more prior to event date a £50 admin fee will be charged

If Cancellation is made within 12 weeks of the event date 50% of the full booking fee will be charged.

The Village Hall Committee reserves the right to cancel this hiring by written notice to the Hirer in the event of:

- (a) The premises being required for use as a Polling Station for a Parliamentary or Local Government election or by-election
- (b) The Village Hall management committee reasonably considering that (i) such hiring will lead to a breach of licensing conditions, if applicable, or other legal or statutory

requirements, or (ii) unlawful or unsuitable activities will take place at the premises as a result of this hiring

- (c) The premises becoming unfit for the use intended by the Hirer
- (d) 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.
- (e) Government advice ie. A COVID-related shut-down

In any such case the Hirer shall be entitled to a refund of any hire fee already paid, but the Village Hall Committee shall not be liable to the Hirer for any resulting direct or indirect loss or damages whatsoever.

20. End of Hire

The Hirer shall be responsible for leaving the premises and surrounding area in a clean and tidy condition as found with any contents temporarily removed from their usual positions to be properly replaced unless directed or agreed otherwise. All lights must be turned off and all doors properly locked and secured. In the event of failure to meet these conditions, the Village Hall Committee shall be at liberty to make an additional charge.

ANY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS NEED TO BE DISCUSSED AND AGREED WITH THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE WHERE NECESSARY AN APPROPRIATE CHARGE MAY BE RAISED.

21. Noise

The Hirer shall ensure that the minimum amount of noise is made on arrival and departure, particularly late at night and early in the morning. The Hirer shall, 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.

22. Stored Equipment

Equipment may not be stored on the premises without prior permission.

The Village Hall accepts no responsibility for any stored 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 stored equipment as permitted) must be removed at the end of each hiring or fees will be charged for each day or part of a day at the hire fee per hiring until the same is removed.

In any of the following circumstances, namely-

- (a) In respect of stored equipment, failure by the Hirer either to pay any storage charges due and payable or to remove the same within 7 days after the agreed storage period has ended
- (b) In respect of any other property brought on to the premises for the purposes of the hiring, failure by the Hirer to remove the same within 7 days after the hiring

The Village Hall Committee may, in its discretion dispose of any such items by sale or otherwise on such terms and conditions as it thinks fit, and charge the Hirer any costs incurred in storing or selling or otherwise disposing of the same.

23. No Alterations

No alterations or additions may be made to the premises nor may any fixtures be installed or placards, decorations or other articles be attached in any way to any part of the premises without the prior written approval of the Village Hall Committee. Any alteration, fixture or fitting or attachment so approved shall at the discretion of the Village Hall Committee remain in the premises at the end of the hiring. It will become the property of the Village Hall Committee unless removed by the Hirer who must make good to the satisfaction of the hall or, if any damage caused to the premises by such removal.

24. No Rights

The Hiring Agreement constitutes permission only to use the premises and confers no tenancy or other right of occupation on the Hirer.