

## Wrentham Village Hall Hiring Agreement

**Please ensure you have read and understood the guidance notes. The village hall management committee must make hirers aware that on signing the agreement they enter into a contract that could be used in evidence should legal action become necessary.**

DATED

PARTIES

**AGREED** as follows:

1. In consideration of the hire fee described in clause 1.4, the Village Hall agrees to permit the Hirer to use the premises described in clause 1.5 for the purpose described in clause 1.6 for the period(s) described in clause 1.1. The details inserted in sub-clauses 1.1 to 1.6 below and the answers to the questions in sub-clauses 1.7 and clause 2 are terms of this agreement. This Hiring Agreement includes the annexed Standard Conditions of Hire and the Special Conditions of Hire (if any) set out in the attached Schedule **and also the notes for hirers.**

1.1 Date(s) required:

Day(s)

Month/year

Time required (hours)

From

Preparation

1.2 Village Hall:

(a) Registered Charity No

(b) Authorised Representative

Address

Telephone Numbers

1.3 Hirer:

(a) Name

(b) Organisation

(c) Name of Organisation's Authorised Representative

Address

Telephone Numbers & email

1.4 Hire Fee

Booking Deposit

The balance of the booking fee shall be paid prior to the start of the event.

Special deposit

This deposit will be refunded within 28 days of the termination of the period of hire provided that no damage or loss has been caused to the premises and/or contents nor complaints made to the Village Hall about noise or

other disturbance during the period of the hiring as a result of the hiring and also that no extra cleaning has been necessary.

Balance

£

Payable on or before the conclusion of the event for which the premises are hired (the deposit having been paid on the signing hereof)

Commercial Use?

Yes/No

**Optional additional condition for use with commercial hirers:**

*"Village Halls are usually held on strict trusts with the Charity Commission for the purposes of a Village Hall. The management committee is bound to ensure that the Village Hall is administered in accordance with those trusts. Accordingly, the village hall is bound to preserve and hereby reserves the right to terminate this agreement in the event of the hall being required on the same date/time for the fulfilment of its charitable purposes. (For details, please see section 22 of "Standard Conditions of hire" attached).*

*In the event of such termination by the Village Hall, the Village Hall shall refund to the Hirer all monies paid by the Hirer to the village hall. The Village Hall shall not however be liable to make any further payment to the Hirer in respect of expenses, costs or losses incurred directly or indirectly by the Hirer in relation to the termination".*

1.5 Areas required.

Whole of the building.

If only part of building

Storage of equipment


1.6 Purpose/description of hiring:

Will tickets be sold for your event? Yes/No

1.7 Is food to be provided at the event? Yes/No

2. The Village Hall has a Premises Licence authorising the following regulated entertainment and licensable activities at the times indicated. Please confirm which licensable activities will take place at your event:

Activity	The hall is licensed for	Times for which the activity is licensed	Indicate activities to take place at your event
a. The performance of plays	yes	<b>For all marked as</b>	
b. The exhibition of films	yes	<b>" yes ":</b>	
c. Indoor sporting events	yes	<b>10.00 - 00.01</b>	
d. Boxing or wrestling entertainment	x	<b>But Sunday:</b>	
e. The performance of live music	yes	<b>10.30 - 22.30</b>	
f. The playing of recorded music	yes		
g. The performance of dance	yes		
h. Entertainments similar to those in a – g	yes		
i. Making music	yes		
j. Dancing	yes		
k. Entertainment similar to those in i – j	yes		
l. The provision of hot food/drink after 11pm	x		
m. The sale of alcohol	x		

**There are to be no performances that are dangerous to the public. Children will only be able to see films with the appropriate certificates.**

2.1 Where a licensable activity will take place, the hirer hereby acknowledges receipt of a copy of the conditions of the Premises Licence and/or operating Schedule for the premises, in accordance with which the hiring must be undertaken, and agrees to comply with all obligations therein.

**2.2 Have you indicated at 2(m) above that alcohol will be available at your event Yes/No**

**If you answer yes to the above question, you will need to seek written permission from the management committee by completing the appropriate forms.**

- 2.3 The Hirer agrees not to exceed the maximum permitted number of people per room **including the organisers/performers.**

Main hall	120
Committee/games room	30 per room

- 2.4 The hall *does have* a licence:

With the Performing Right Society for the performance of copyright music.	
from Phonographic Performance Licence (PPL)	

- 2.5 In order to hold a licensable activity on the premises or on part of the premises not covered by the hall's Premises Licence or where a Village Hall does not have a Premises Licence, a Temporary Event Notice (TEN) will need to be given to the licensing authority.  
The Hirer shall obtain the written consent of the management committee for this purpose before giving the licensing authority a TEN.
3. The Hirer agrees with the Village Hall to be present (by its authorised representative, if appropriate) during the hiring and to comply fully with this Hire Agreement.
4. It is hereby agreed that the Standard Conditions of Hire together with any additional conditions imposed under the Premises Licence (2.1) or that the Village Hall management committee deem necessary shall form part of the terms of this Hiring Agreement unless specifically excluded by agreement in writing between the Village Hall and the Hirer.
5. None of the provisions of this Agreement are intended to or will operate to confer any benefit pursuant to the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 on a person who is not named as a party to this Agreement.

As Witness the hands of the parties hereto:

**Signed by the person named** at 1.2(b) above, duly authorised, **on behalf of the Village Hall's Management Committee**

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**Signed by the person named** at 1.3(a) above or at 1.3(c) above, **duly authorised, on behalf of the organisation named at 1.3(b) above, where applicable**

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## Standard conditions of hire

These standard conditions must be made available to all hirers either in hard or electronic copy or should be made available for all on the Village Hall notice board. If the Hirer is in any doubt as to the meaning of any of the conditions, the Hall Secretary or Booking Clerk should immediately be consulted. ( **The hirer** is that person whose name appears at 1.3 "a" &/or "c" of the booking form. )

### 1. Age

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

## 2. Supervision

The Hirer is 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. 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. Supervisors will be over 18 years. At least 2 supervisors are needed if less than 100 people are present & at least 3 supervisors, if 100 - 200 people are present. If the audience is mostly under 16 then 3 or 4 supervisors respectively are needed. *Paid door supervisors must be licensed with a local authority.*

## 3. Use of premises

The Hirer shall not use the premises (including the car park if any) 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 or unsuitable 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.

## 4. Insurance and indemnity

(a) The Hirer shall be liable for:

- (i) the cost of repair of any damage (including accidental and malicious damage) done to any part of the premises including the curtilage thereof or the contents of the premises
- (ii) all claims, losses, damages and costs made against or incurred by the village hall management committee, their employees, volunteers, agents or invitees 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
- (iii) all claims, losses, damages and costs made against or incurred by the village hall management committee, their employees, volunteers, agents or invitees as a result of any nuisance caused to a third party as a result of the use of the premises by the Hirer, and

subject to sub-clause (b), the Hirer shall indemnify and keep indemnified accordingly each member of the village hall management committee and the Village Hall's employees, volunteers, agents and invitees against such liabilities.

(b) Under certain circumstances and at discretion of the village hall committee the hirer may be covered by our policy under Hirers Liability.

"The Insurance company will indemnify the hirer of the village hall for bodily injury, or property damage occurring during the period of insurance arising directly from their use of the premises.

However, they will not make any payment if the hirer:

- 1) benefits from any other insurance policy that also provides indemnity for the hirers activities; or
- 2) hires the insured premises on any regular, permanent or long-term basis unless:  
The hirer is using the premises for the benefit of the local community; and  
If you request that we provide indemnity."
- 3) Intends the hire primarily for commercial reasons or to make a profit.

If the village hall shall claim on its insurance for any liability of the Hirer hereunder 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) any insurance excess incurred and (b) the difference between the amount of the liability and the monies received under the insurance policy.

Where the village hall does not insure the liabilities of the Hirer, the Hirer shall take out adequate insurance to insure such liability and on demand shall produce the policy and current receipt or other evidence of cover to the village 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.

(b) **Bouncy castles** are allowed but only with prior agreement with the committee and on the production of a valid certificate of insurance for 3<sup>rd</sup> party injury.

**The village hall is insured against any claims arising out of its own action or inaction.**

**For claims arising from Hirers Liability, the most that will be paid is £5,000,000.00 for each claim, including defence costs.**

**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. Music Copyright licensing**

The hirer shall ensure that the Village Hall holds relevant licences under Performing Right Society (PRS) and the Phonographic Performance Licence (PPL) or, where appropriate, the hirer holds a licence. Commercial activities must make their own provision for PRS/PPL.

**7. Film**

Children shall be restricted from viewing age-restricted films classified according to the recommendations of the British Board of Film Classification. Hirers should ensure that they have the appropriate copyright licences for film.

**8. Childcare Act 2006**

The Hirer shall ensure that any activities for children under eight years of age comply with the provisions of the Childcare Act 2006 and the Safeguarding Vulnerable groups Act 2006 and only fit and proper persons who have passed the appropriate Disclosure and barring checks should 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 management committee with a copy of their DBS check and Child Protection Policy on request. This does not apply to oneoff children's parties.

**9. Public safety compliance**

The Hirer shall comply with all conditions and regulations made in respect of the premises by the Local Authority, the Licensing Authority, and the hall's 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. The Hirer shall also comply with the hall's health and safety policy.

The Fire Service shall be called to any outbreak of fire, however slight, and details shall be given to the **chairman** of the management committee.

(a) The Hirer acknowledges that they 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 fire equipment. (Include diagram of location when handing over keys.) Attached plan.
- Escape routes and the need to keep them clear. Attached plan.
- 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.
- Location of the first aid box.

(b) In advance of any activity whether regulated entertainment or not the Hirer shall check the following items:

- 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 for instant free public exit.
- That any fire doors are not wedged open.
- That exit signs are illuminated.
- That there are no obvious fire hazards on the premises.
- That emergency lighting supply illuminating all exit signs and routes are turned on during the whole of the time the premises are occupied (if not operated by an automatic mains failure switching device).
- **That a fully operating mobile phone is available at all times**

Prior to the start of any event, the audience will be made aware of fire and evacuation procedures.

**10. Noise**

The Hirer shall ensure that the minimum 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.

**11. 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. No illegal drugs may be brought onto the property. Drunk and disorderly behaviour shall not be permitted either on the premises or in its immediate vicinity. 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 in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003.

**12. Health and hygiene**

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. The premises are provided with a refrigerator and thermometer. Hirers are asked to ensure that children under 12 are accompanied by an adult in the kitchen area. These premises are not registered with the local authority for food business purposes.

**13. 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. **A residual circuit breaker is provided at the main trip box and in the kitchen.**

**14. Stored equipment**

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) 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.

The Village Hall may, use its discretion in any of the following circumstances:

- (a) Failure by the Hirer either to pay any charges in respect of stored equipment due and payable or to remove the same within 7 days after the agreed storage period has ended.
- (b) Failure by the Hirer to dispose of any property brought on to the premises for the purposes of the hiring. This may result in the village hall management committee disposing 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 and selling or otherwise disposing of the same.

**15. Smoking**

The Hirer shall, and shall ensure that the Hirer's invitees, comply with the prohibition of smoking in public places provisions of the Health Act 2006 and regulations made thereunder. Any person who breaches this provision shall be asked to leave the premises. The Hirer shall 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.

**16. Accidents, damage and dangerous occurrences**

The Hirer must report all accidents involving injury to the public to a member of the village hall management committee **as soon as** possible and complete the relevant section in the village hall's accident log. All types of accident or injury must be reported on a special form in the accident log (found to Left of kitchen back door). The Village Hall Secretary will give assistance in completing this form and can provide contact details. Any failure of, or damage to, equipment belonging to the Village Hall or brought in by the Hirer must also be reported **as soon as** possible.

**17. Explosives and flammable substances**

The hirer shall ensure that:

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

**18. 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.

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

**20. 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.

**21. 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. No illegal items may be brought into nor sold in the property.

**22. Cancellation**

If the Hirer wishes to cancel the booking before the date of the event and the Village Hall 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 Village Hall. The Village Hall 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.

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

**23. 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 village hall shall be at liberty to make an additional charge.

**24. 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 Secretary. Any alteration, fixture or fitting or attachment so approved shall at the discretion of the Village Hall remain in the premises at the end of the hiring. It will become the property of the Village Hall unless removed by the Hirer who must make good to the satisfaction of the Village Hall any damage caused to the premises by such removal.

**25. No rights**

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

IN CASE OF PROBLEMS PLEASE CONTACT:

Bookings Manager - 07946203084

Fiona Anderson, Chair - 01502 675560

