

Knarsdale with Kirkhaugh (Cairns) Community Hall

Standard Conditions of Hire

These standard conditions apply to all hiring of the Hall and a copy should be given to all Hirers. If the Hirer is in any doubt as to the meaning of the following, the Hall Booking Secretary should immediately be consulted.

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 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 Booking 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.

3. 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 Hall shall be at liberty to make an additional charge. *'Refer to checklist in Hirer's pack'*

4. Use of premises

The Hirer shall not use the premises (including the car park) 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 authorisation.

5. 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 Hall Operating Committee, 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) The Hall shall take out adequate insurance to insure the liabilities described in sub-clauses (a)(i) above and may, in its discretion and in the case of non-commercial hirers, insure the liabilities described in sub-clauses (a) (ii) and (iii) above. The Hall shall claim on its insurance for any liability of the Hirer hereunder but the Hirer shall indemnify and keep indemnified each member of the Hall Operating Committee, 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.

(i) Where the Hall does not insure the liabilities described in subclauses (a)(ii) and (iii) above, 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 Booking Secretary. Failure to produce such policy and evidence of cover will render the hiring void and enable the Booking Secretary to rehire the premises to another Hirer.

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

6. Bouncy Castles Are not allowed on the premises.

7. 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.

8. Music Copyright licensing

The Hirer shall ensure that the Hall holds relevant licences under Performing Right Society (PRS) and the Phonographic Performance Licence (PPL) or, where appropriate, the hirer holds a licence.

9. 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.

10. Safeguarding Children, Young People and Adults at Risk

The Hirer must ensure that any activities for children, young people and adults at risk are only provided by fit and proper persons in accordance with the Children Act 1989 and 2004, the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 and any subsequent legislation.

When requested, the Hirer must provide the Booking Secretary with a copy of the Hirer's Safeguarding Policy and evidence that they have carried out relevant checks through the Disclosure Barring Service (DBS). All reasonable steps must be taken to prevent harm, and to respond appropriately when harm does occur. Relevant concerns must be reported.

11. 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 Chairperson or any Trustee.

(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 the diagram of locations, when handing over keys.)
- 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.
- 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.

The use of smoke/haze machines is strictly prohibited.

12. Working at height

Includes any activity where a person could fall and injure themselves, at any height. Working at height must be avoided where possible during the hire of the hall.

The Hall Management Committee discourages hirers working at height and accepts no liability for injuries or damage resulting from unsafe working at height practices.

All hirers must ensure that any activities involving working at height are carried out safely and in accordance with relevant health and safety legislation, including the Work at Height Regulations 2005. Where working at height is unavoidable, hirers should:

- seek approval and guidance from the Hall Management Committee;
- once approved, ensure that the activity is properly planned and supervised;
- ensure that only appropriate, well maintained, fit for purpose equipment is used, ie hall step ladders;
- the use of chairs, tables, or other unsuitable furniture is strictly prohibited.

13. 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, comply with any other licensing condition for the premise.

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. No illegal drugs may be brought onto the premises. 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. Alcohol shall not be served to anyone suspected of being under 18.

15. 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 the Food Temperature Regulations. The premises are provided with a refrigerator thermometer.

16. 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.

17. Stored equipment

The Operating Committee 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 Operating Committee 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 Hall Operating 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.

18. Smoking and Vaping

The Hirer 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 or vape does so outside and disposes of cigarette ends, matches, etc. in a tidy and responsible manner, so as not to cause a fire. Vapes should be disposed of in a similar way or recycled if possible.

19. Accidents and dangerous occurrences

Any failure of equipment belonging to the Hall or brought in by the Hirer must also be reported **as soon as** possible. The Hirer must report all accidents involving injury to the public to directly to a Trustee or via a member of the Hall Operating Committee **as soon as** possible and complete the relevant section in the Hall's accident book. Certain types of accident or injury must be reported on a special form to the Incident Contact Centre. A Trustee 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).

20. Explosives and flammable substances

The hirer shall ensure that:

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

21. 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 Operating Committee. Portable Liquefied Propane Gas (LPG) heating appliances shall not be used.

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

23. 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 Hall's Operating 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.

24. 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.

25. WiFi Services

Refer to Clause 28 section iv, a) i – iv and section b)

26. Termination of the WiFi service

We have the right to suspend or terminate our WiFi service immediately in the event that there is any breach of any of the provisions of these Standard Conditions including without limitation:

- (i) if you use any equipment which is defective or illegal;
- (ii) if you cause any technical or other problems to our WiFi service;
- (iii) if, in our opinion, you are involved in fraudulent or unauthorised use of our WiFi service;
- (iv) if you resell access to our WiFi service; or
- (v) if you use our WiFi service in contravention of the terms of these Standard Conditions.

27. Availability of WiFi Services

(i) Although we aim to offer the best WiFi service possible, we make no promise that the WiFi service will meet your requirements. We cannot guarantee that our WiFi service will be fault-free or accessible at all times.

(ii) It is your responsibility to ensure that any WiFi enabled device used by you is compatible with our WiFi service and is switched on. The availability and performance of our

WiFi service is subject to all memory, storage and any other limitations in your device. Our WiFi service is only available to your device when it is within the operating range of the main hall.

(iii) We are not responsible for data, messages, or pages that you may lose or that become misdirected because of the interruptions or performance issues with our WiFi service or wireless communications networks generally. We may impose usage, or service limits, suspend service, or block certain kinds of usage in our sole discretion, to protect other users of our WiFi service. Network speed is no indication of the speed at which your WiFi enabled device or our WiFi service sends or receives data. Actual network speed will vary based on configuration, compression and network congestion.

28. Privacy and Data Protection

Personal data is used for the purpose of managing the hall, its bookings and finances, running and marketing events at the hall and its fundraising activities. Data may be retained for up to 7 years for accounts purposes and for longer where required by the hall's insurers. In addition:

- (i) We may collect and store personal data through your use of our WiFi service.
- (ii) We may process all information about you which is provided in relation to our WiFi service in accordance with your legal rights under the GDPR 2018 and solely for the purposes of offering the WiFi service.
- (iii) By using our WiFi service, you agree to the terms of this clause 28. If you would like more information or object to anything in these conditions, you should speak to:

A member of the Management Team

(iv) When using the WiFi service, the Hirer agrees at all times to be bound by the following provisions:

- a) Not to use the WiFi for any of the following purposes:
 - i. disseminating any unlawful, harassing, libellous, abusive, threatening, harmful, vulgar, obscene or otherwise objectionable material or otherwise breaching any laws;
 - ii. transmitting material that constitutes a criminal offence or encourages conduct that constitutes a criminal offence, results in civil liability or otherwise breaches any applicable laws, regulations or code of practice;
 - iii. interfering with any other persons use or enjoyment of the WiFi service; and
 - iv. making, transmitting or storing electronic copies of material protected by copyright without permission of the owner.
- b) to keep any username, password, or any other information which forms part of the WiFi service security procedure confidential and not to disclose it to any third party.

29. Cancellation

If the Hirer wishes to cancel the booking before the date of the event and the Booking Secretary 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 Hall. The 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 Hall Operating 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.

to the satisfaction of the Hall any damage caused to the premises by such removal.

31. No rights

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

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

30. 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 approval of the Booking Secretary. In our discretion, any alteration, fixture or fitting or attachment so approved shall at the discretion of the Hall remain in the premises at the end of the hiring. It will become the property of the Hall unless removed by the Hirer who must make good