

Standard Conditions of Hire

These standard conditions apply to all hiring of the village hall. If the Hirer is in any doubt as to the meaning of the following, the Hall Secretary or Booking Clerk 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 these standard conditions, relating to management and supervision of the premises are met, including supervision of the use of the Wi-Fi service.
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 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.
3. **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 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. **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.
5. **Licensable activities**

The Village Hall holds a Performing Society Right Licence which permits the use of copyright music in any form, e.g. record, compact disc, tapes, radio, television or by performers in person. If other licences are required in respect of any activity in the village hall the Hirer should ensure that they hold the relevant licence or the village hall holds it.
6. **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, 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 or any vulnerable persons. The hirer shall also comply with the hall's health and safety policy.

 - (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.
 - Escape routes and the need to keep them clear.
 - Assembly point in case of fire is the car park at the rear of The Lathkil Hotel.
 - 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) In advance of an entertainment or play 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.
 - That any fire doors are not wedged open.
 - That exit signs are illuminated.
 - That there is no obvious fire hazards on the premises.
7. **Means of escape**
 - (a) All means of exit from the premises must be kept free from obstruction and be immediately available for instant public exit.
 - (b) The emergency lighting supply illuminating all exit signs and routes must be turned on during the whole of the time the premises are occupied (if not operated by an automatic mains failure-switching device).
8. **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.
9. **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.
10. **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.

11. 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 or any breach of clause 29 (Wi-Fi Services) of these standard conditions, 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 village 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 village 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 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.
- (c) Where the village hall does not insure the liabilities described in sub-clauses (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 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.

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

12. Accidents 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 book. 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). Any failure of equipment belonging to the village hall or brought in by the Hirer must also be reported **as soon as possible**.

13. 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 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.

14. 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.

15. 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.

16. 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.

17. 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 management committee with a copy of their CRB check and Child Protection Policy on request.

18. 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.

19. 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.

20. Film shows

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.

21. 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.

22. 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.

23. 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 and comply with any other licensing condition for the premises.

24. 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.

25. 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 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 hall or if any damage is caused to the premises by such removal.

26. No rights

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

27. Dangerous and unsuitable performances

Performances involving danger to the public or of a sexually explicit nature shall not be given.

28. No Smoking Policy

A no smoking policy operates within the building and on the premises within the curtilage under the jurisdiction of Over Haddon Village Hall.

29. Wi-Fi Services

When using the Wi-Fi service the Hirer agrees at all times to be bound by the following provisions:

- (a) not to use the Wi-Fi service 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 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 Wi-Fi 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 Wi-Fi service security procedure confidential and not to disclose it to any third party.

30. Termination of the Wi-Fi Services

Village Hall have the right to suspend or terminate the Wi-Fi service immediately in the event that there is a breach of any of the provisions of these standard conditions including without limitation:

- (i) if the Hirer uses any equipment which is defective or illegal;
- (ii) if the Hirer causes any technical or other problems to our Wi-Fi service;
- (iii) if, in our opinion, the Hirer is involved in fraudulent or unauthorised use of the Wi-Fi service;
- (iv) if the Hirer resells access to our service; or
- (v) if the Hirer uses our service in contravention of the terms of these standard conditions.

31. Availability of Wi-Fi Services

- (a) Although the Village Hall aim to offer the best Wi-Fi service possible, we make no promise that the Wi-Fi service will meet the Hirer's requirements. We cannot guarantee that the Wi-Fi services will be fault-free or accessible at all times.
- (b) It is the responsibility of the Hirer to ensure that the Wi-Fi enabled device is compatible with the Village Hall Wi-Fi service and is switched on. The availability and performance of the Wi-Fi service is subject to all memory, storage and any other limitations in the Hirer's device. The Village Hall Wi-Fi service is only available to the Hirer's device when it is within the operating range of the main hall.
- (c) Village Hall are not responsible for data, messages, or pages that the Hirer may lose or that become misdirected because of interruptions or performance issues with the Wi-Fi service or wireless communications networks generally. Village Hall may impose usage, or service limits, suspend service, or block certain kinds of usage in our sole discretion, to protect other users of the Wi-Fi service. Network speed is no indication of the speed at which the Hirer's Wi-Fi enabled device or our Wi-Fi service sends or receives data. Actual network speed will vary based on configuration, compression and network congestion.

32. Privacy and Data Protection

- (a) Village Hall may collect and store personal data through the Hirer's use of the Wi-Fi service.
- (b) Village Hall shall process all information about the Hirer which is provided in relation to the Wi-Fi service in accordance with the Hirer's legal rights under GDPR 2018 and solely for the purposes of offering the Wi-Fi service. By using the Wi-Fi service, the Hirer agrees to the terms of this clause 32. If the Hirer would like more information or objects to anything in these conditions, Hirer should speak to Village Hall Secretary,
- (c) Over Haddon Village Hall uses personal data for the purposes of managing the hall, its bookings and finances, running and marketing events at the hall, staff/volunteer employment 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. If you would like to find out more about how we use your personal data or want to see a copy of information about you that we hold, please contact the hall Secretary/Administration Officer.