

## **Terms and Conditions for Hire of the Burtle Village Hall**

These standard conditions apply to all hiring the village hall. If the Hirer is in any doubt as to the meaning of the following, the Booking Secretary or the Chair should be consulted immediately.

### **1. 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 Chair, 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 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.

### **3. Gaming Betting and Lottery**

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 Hirer shall ensure that the Village Hall holds a Music Licence (PRS and PPL) which permits the use of copyright music in any form e.g. record, compact disc, tapes, radio, and 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.

### **5. 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 which constitutes regulated entertainment, at which alcohol is sold or provided or which is attended by children

- (a) The Hirer acknowledges that they have received Instruction in the following matters:
- The action to be taken in the event of a 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.
- (b) In advance of an entertainment or play, the Hirer shall 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.
  - That fire doors are not wedged open.
  - That exit signs are illuminated.
  - That there are no obvious fire hazards on the premises.

## **6. Means of Escape**

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

## **7. 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 BVH management committee.

## **8. Health & 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 but not a thermometer.

## **9. 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.

## **10. Indemnity**

- (a) The Hirer shall Indemnify and keep indemnified each member or the management committee and the 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) The Hirer shall take out adequate Insurance to insure the hirer and members of

the Hirers Organization 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 BVH Secretary. Failure to produce such policy and evidence of cover will render the hiring void and enable the Burtle Village Hall Secretary to rehire the premises to another hirer.

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

### **11. Accidents and Dangerous Occurrences**

The Hirer must report all accidents and injuries to the Chair within seven days of occurrence. All accidents and injuries must be reported on the special forms held in the Village Hall with the Accident Book. The Chair must log the completed form and any further action that may be required. The relevant section in the Accident Book must be completed.

Any failure of equipment belonging to the Hall or brought in by the Hirer must also be reported within seven days.

### **12. Explosion 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;
- (b) No internal decorations of a combustible nature (e.g. polystyrene, cotton wool) shall be erected without the consent of the BVHMC. No decorations are to be put up near light fittings or heaters.

### **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 BVHMC. 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**

Well behaved dogs may be brought into the hall but must be kept under control and on a lead at all times. No other animals (including birds) are to be brought into the premises, other than for a special event agreed to by the BVHMC. No animals whatsoever are to enter the kitchen at any time.

## **16. Compliance with Safeguarding Legislation**

Safeguarding refers to the actions we take to promote the welfare of all participants, including children, involved in any activities. It is the responsibility of everyone to ensure the safeguarding and welfare of all participants.

The Hirer shall ensure that any activities for children under 18 comply with the provisions of The Children's Acts of 1989 and 2004 and only suitable persons have access to the children, with the correct level of Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks where appropriate. The Hirer shall provide the committee with a copy of their Safeguarding Policy on request.

Any activities for adults must comply with The Care Act of 2014.

## **17. Reporting**

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 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 organisers name and address and that any discounts offered are based only on Manufacturers' Recommended Retail Prices.

## **19. Cancellation**

Booking cancellations are subject to the following notices and refunds:

- Up to 1 month- 100% refund.
- Up to 2 weeks- 50% refund.
- Up to 1 week- 25% refund.
- Less than 1 week- 0% refund\*

\* Mitigating circumstances will be taken into consideration for short notice cancellations.

The 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 Management Committee reasonably considering that such hiring will lead to a breach of licensing conditions. If applicable, or other legal or statutory requirements, or 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 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, properly locked and secured unless directed otherwise and any contents temporarily removed from their usual positions properly replaced. All Rubbish is to be removed from the premises at the end of the hire. **All Hirers must adhere to the 'End of Session Checklist'**

## 21. 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.

## 22. Stored Equipment

The Hall 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.

The BVHMC may, at its discretion 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 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 and 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 Chair. Any alteration, fixture or fitting or attachment so approved shall at the discretion of the hall committee remain in the premises at the end of the hiring, it will become the property of the BVHMC unless removed by the Hirer who must make good to the satisfaction of the Chair 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.

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