

High Halden War Memorial Hall, Registered Charity Number 213310

Conditions of Hire

Regular Hires

If you are in any doubt as to the meaning of any of the Conditions of Hire, you must seek clarification from us without delay.

1. Age

Either you, not being a person under 18 years of age, or an authorised representative (aged over 18) will be present and accept responsibility for being in charge of and on the premises at all time during the hire and for ensuring that all Conditions of Hire under this agreement relating to management and supervision of the premises are met.

2. Supervision

During the period of the hire, you are responsible for:

- (i) supervision of the premises, the fabric and the contents;
- (ii) care of the premises, safety from damage however slight or change of any sort; and
- (iii) the behaviour of all persons using the premises whatever their capacity, including proper supervision of car parking arrangements to avoid obstruction of the highway.

As directed by us, you must 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 the premises

You must not use the premises (including the car park) for any purposes other than that described in the Hire Agreement and must 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 to bring on the premises anything which might endanger the premises or render invalid any insurance policies covering the premises nor allow the consumption of alcohol without our written permission.

Bouncy castles and inflatable games are not permitted on the premises.

4. Insurance and indemnity

- (i) You are liable for:
 - (a) costs arising from accidental and malicious loss or damage and for loss or damage arising out of your negligence to any part of the premises including its curtilage or its contents
 - (b) costs arising from accidental and malicious loss or damage and for loss or damage arising out of your negligence done to our WiFi service.
 - (c) all claims, losses, damages and costs made against or incurred by us, our employees, volunteers, agents or invitees in respect of damage or loss of property or injury to persons arising as a result of your use of the premises (including storing equipment) and your use of our WiFi service, and
 - (d) all claims, losses, damages and costs made against or incurred by us as a result of any nuisance caused to a third party as a result of your use of the premises and/or the use of our WiFi service, and subject to sub-clause (ii), you must indemnify us against such liabilities.
- (ii) We will take out adequate insurance to insure the liabilities described in sub-clauses (i) (a) and (b) above may, in our discretion and in the case of non-commercial hirers, insure the liabilities described in sub-clauses (i) (c) and (d) above. We will claim on our insurance for any liability you incur but you must indemnify us against:

- (a) any insurance excess incurred and
- (b) the difference between the amount of the liability and the monies we receive under the insurance policy.

(iii) Where we do not insure the liabilities described in sub-clauses (i) (c) and (d) above, you must take out adequate insurance to insure such liability and on demand must produce the policy and current receipt or other evidence of cover to our Hall Secretary. If you fail to produce such policy and evidence of cover, we will cancel the Hire Agreement and re-hire the premises to another hirer. We are insured against any claims arising out of our own negligence.

5. Gaming, betting and lotteries

You must 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 hall holds relevant licences under Performing Right Society (PRS) and the Phonographic Performance Licence (PPL). Where appropriate commercial hires must hold such licence(s).

7. Music

You must have our written permission for performance of live music and the playing of recorded music under the Deregulation Action 2015. This agreement confers that permission.

8. Film

You must restrict children from viewing age-restricted films classified according to the recommendations of the British Board of Film Classification. You must ensure that you have the appropriate copyright licences for film. This agreement confers the required permission on you. (The Deregulation Action 2015 requires you to have our written permission to show a film).

9. Safeguarding children, young people, and adults at risk

You 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, you must provide us with a copy of your Safeguarding Policy and evidence that you have carried out relevant checks through the Disclosure and Barring Services (DBS). All reasonable steps must be taken to prevent harm, and to respond appropriately when harm does occur.

10. Public safety compliance

You must comply with all conditions and regulations made in respect of the premises by the Local Authority, the Licensing Authority, and our fire risk assessment or otherwise, particularly in connection with any event which constitutes regulated entertainment, at which alcohol is provided or which is attended by children. You must also comply with our health and safety policy. Alcohol cannot be sold on the premises without the appropriate licence.

You must call the Fire Service to any outbreak of fire, however minor, and give details to the Hall Secretary.

- (i) You acknowledge that you have received instruction in the following matters:
- The action to be taken in event of fire. This includes calling the Fire Service and evacuating the hall.
 - The location and use of fire equipment as shown when handing over the 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 ensuring all fire doors are closed at the time of a fire.
 - Location of the first aid box.
- (ii) In advance of any activity whether regulated entertainment or not you must check the following items:
- That all escape routes are free of obstruction and can be safely used.
 - That any fire doors are not wedged open.

11. Noise

You must ensure that the minimum of noise is made on arrival and departure, particularly late at night and early in the mornings. You must, if using sound amplification equipment, make use of any noise limitation device provided at the premises and comply with any other licensing conditions for the premises.

12. Drunk and disorderly behaviour and supply of illegal drugs

You must ensure that in order to avoid disturbing neighbours of the hall and avoid violent or criminal behaviour:

- (i) No one attending the event consumes excessive amounts of alcohol.
- (ii) No illegal drugs are brought onto the premises.

Drunk and disorderly behaviour is not permitted either on the premises or in its immediate vicinity. A person suspected of being drunk, under the influence of drugs or who is behaving in a violent or disorderly way must be asked to leave the premises in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003.

13. Food, health and hygiene

You must, 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.

14. Electrical appliance safety

You must ensure that any electrical appliances brought by you to the premises and used there are safe, in good working order, and used in a safe manner in accordance with the Electricity at Work Regulations 1989.

15. Smoking

You must comply with the prohibition of smoking in public places provisions of the Health Act 2006 and regulations made thereunder. We will ask any person who breaches this provision to leave the premises. You must ensure that anyone wishing to smoke does so outside and disposed of cigarette ends, matches etc. in a tidy and responsible manner, so as not to cause a fire, ideally in the cigarette butt bin provided.

16. Accidents and dangerous occurrences

You must report to us as soon as possible any failure of our equipment or equipment brought in by you. You must report all accidents involving injury to the public to us as soon as possible and complete the relevant section in our accident book.

17. Explosives and flammable substances

You must ensure that:

- (i) Highly flammable substances are not brought into or used in any part of the premises.
- (ii) No temporary internal decorations of a combustible nature (e.g., polystyrene, cotton wool) are erected without our consent.

18. Heating

You must ensure that no unauthorised heating appliances are used on the premises without our consent. You must not use portable liquefied propane gas (LPG) heating appliances.

19. Animals

No animals are allowed on the premises except guide dogs, hearing dogs and assistance dogs without prior consent.

20. Fly posting

You must not carry out or permit fly posting or any other form of unauthorised advertisements for any event taking place at the premises and must indemnify and keep indemnified us accordingly against all actions, claims and proceedings arising from any breach of this Condition. If you fail to observe this Condition you may be prosecuted by the local authority.

21. Sale of goods

You must, if selling goods on the premises, comply with Fair Trading Laws and any code of practice used in connection with such sales. In particular, you must ensure that the total prices of all goods and services are prominently displayed as must be the organiser's name and address and that any discounts offered are based only on Manufacturers' Recommended Retail Price.

22. WiFi services

When using the WiFi service you agree at all times to be bound by the following provisions:

- (i) not to use the WiFi service for any of the following purposes:
 - a) disseminating any unlawful, harassing, libellous, abusive, threatening, harmful, vulgar, obscene or otherwise objectionable material or otherwise breaching any laws;

- b) 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;
 - c) interfering with any other persons use or enjoyment of the WiFi services; or
 - d) making, transmitting or storing electronic copies of materials protected by copyright without permission of the owner;
- (ii) 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.

23. Termination of WiFi service

We have the right to suspend or terminate our Wi-Fi 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 option, 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 Wi-Fi service in contravention of the terms of these Standard Conditions.

24. 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 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.

25. Privacy and Data Protection

- (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 Data Protection 1998 and solely for the purposes of offering the WiFi service.
- (iii) By using our WiFi service, you agree to the terms of this clause 25.

26. Cancellation

If you wish to cancel the booking before the date of the event and we are unable to conclude a replacement booking, we may, in our complete discretion, return the deposit or require payment of the hire fee.

We reserve the right to cancel this Agreement by giving you written notice in the event of:

- (i) The premises being required for use as a Polling Station for a Parliamentary or Local Government election or by-election;
- (ii) The premises being required for use a contingency arrangement for High Halden Church of England Primary School
- (iii) Our reasonably considering that (a) such hiring will lead to a breach of licensing conditions, if applicable, or other legal or statutory requirements, or (b) unlawful or unsuitable activities will take place at the premises as a result of this hiring;
- (iv) the premises becoming unfit for your intended use;
- (v) 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 you will be entitled to a refund of any deposit already paid, but we will not be liable to you for any resulting direct or indirect loss or damages whatsoever.

27. End of hire

You are 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 we may make an additional charge.

28. No alterations

You must not make any alterations or additions to the premises nor install or attach any fixtures of placards, decorations, or other articles in any way to any part of the premises without our prior written approval. In our discretion, any alternation, fixture or fitting or attachment which we have approved may remain in the premises at the end of the hiring. Such items will become our property unless you remove them, and you must make good to our satisfaction any damage you cause to the premises by such removal.

29. No rights

This Agreement constitutes permission only to use the premises and confers no tenancy or other rights of occupation on you.