

CONDITIONS OF HIRE

1. The Hirer shall, during the period of the hiring, be “the **Responsible Person**” (unless otherwise identified) and will be responsible for supervision of the premises and in particular safety of attendees of their event, preparation of adequate plans (risk assessment) for emergency evacuation and the care and safety from damage, however slight, of the fabric and contents. Fabric, fittings and contents must only be used for their proper purposes. The Hirer shall also be responsible for the behaviour of all persons using the premises (inside or outside on Hall land), in whatever capacity, and the supervision of car parking arrangements to ensure that undue obstruction of the highway is avoided and that access to adjoining properties is maintained through both ends of the car park.
2. New Hirers will ensure they have attended the “use of the hall” induction meeting required prior to the commencement of the hire. The Caretaker of the hall or a nominated person will undertake this.
3. New Hirers must be aware of the outline emergency plan and diagram displayed in the kitchen lobby.
4. The Hirer must arrange suitable insurances for his/her activities and any equipment used. Approval is required for the activity / equipment at the time of booking. If you intend to hire a bouncy castle or similar equipment / activities please be aware that:
 - they are not allowed to be set up in the car park;
 - the hirer confirms in writing that the equipment is being hired from a bona-fide supplier, the supplier is insured and are an established business;
 - the hirer has the direct relationship with the supplier of the equipment not the Village Hall Management Committee
 - the Village Hall insurance does not cover the risk of using the equipment

The Village Hall Management Committee does not take responsibility for any items introduced to or stored on the premises.

5. The Hirer must recognise that there is no telephone on the premises and must bring their own mobile device to contact emergency services (if required).
6. The Hirer must ensure that if they bring any equipment to connect to the hall electrical supply that it has been PAT tested by a qualified electrician or visually inspected on a regular basis.
7. The Hirer must ensure that if cooking the equipment (especially the cooker hob) is supervised at all times. One or more adults must be present in the kitchen, as children are not allowed in the room.

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8. The Hirer 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 that may endanger the same or any insurance policies.
9. The Hirer will allow any member of the Village Hall Management Committee (or nominated person) access to the premises at any time during the period of the hire.
10. The Hirer shall be responsible for safe hygiene in the kitchen during the hire period. Food kept in the refrigerator should be stored between 0°C and +5°C (thermometers provided). Food in the freezer should be stored below -18°C (no thermometer provided). The fridges and freezers must be left switched on and shall not be moved in any circumstance.
11. The Hirer shall comply with all conditions and regulations made in respect of the premises or the Fire Authority, Local Authority, the Local Magistrates' Court or otherwise. No toxic, corrosive, flammable or dangerous substances or any naked flames may be brought into the Hall or car park area.
12. The Hirer shall indemnify the Village Hall Management Committee for the cost of repair of any damage done to any part of the property including the curtilage thereof, or to the contents of the buildings, which may occur because of the hiring. The Village Hall Management Committee reserve the right to impose a bond up to £100, at the time of booking (or later), returnable if no damage is incurred and the premises are returned in the appropriate condition
13. For casual hirers a deposit of 50% is required at the time of booking. If the cost of the hire is less than £50 then payment in full must be made at the time of the booking. For regular non "Account Status" hirers the deposit is £50. Deposits can be varied at the discretion of the Newick Village Hall Management Committee.
14. If the Hirer wishes to cancel the booking before the date of hire the following scale of charges will apply:
 - no charge if cancelled 3 months prior to the date of hire
 - 50% of the charge if cancelled between 3 months and 14 days prior to the date of hire
 - total hire charge if cancelled 14 days or less prior to the date of hire
15. For Hirers with Account Holder status there will be no cancellation charges. This status will be awarded at the sole discretion of the Village Hall Management Committee.
16. At the end of the hiring, the **Hirer shall be responsible for leaving the premises and surrounds in a clean and tidy condition, in particular, the kitchen and bar areas. All doors and windows must be properly locked and secured; the disabled door controls must be switched off.** All electrical appliances except fridges and freezers must be turned off and any hall contents temporarily removed from their usual positions must be properly replaced. If this condition is not met, the Village Hall Management Committee shall be at liberty to make an additional charge or retain all or part of any bond held.

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17. Any rubbish or refuse that cannot be put into the Hall's Waste Wheelie Bins (with the lids properly closed) must be removed completely from the site.
18. The Village Hall Management Committee reserves the right to cancel this hiring for a significant reason. The Hirer shall be entitled to a refund of any deposit (or full payment) already paid.
19. In the event of the Village Hall or any part thereof being rendered unfit for the use for which it has been hired, whatever the cause, the Village Hall Management Committee shall not be liable to the Hirer for any consequential loss or damage.
20. The Law now states that all public areas are NO SMOKING. This includes the use of e-cigarettes. The Hirer shall be responsible for upholding this law.
21. **Any** alcohol consumption in the hall, either free or charged, requires an Alcohol Licence. The use of the Village Hall licence will only be granted with the personal approval of the Village Hall's Licence Holder – Steve Courtman. Use of the bar is included within the cost of the licence. The Hirer must comply with all licensing requirements as set by the law and in our Licence form. If using the bar the approved supervisor has total discretion to open and close the bar in accordance with the hall licence and the law.
22. Crockery and cutlery in the kitchen is included in the hire charge. An additional charge is payable for use of our complete matching sets.
23. Any club or organisation regularly involved with children or vulnerable adults, and that hires the Village Hall, must have Child/Vulnerable Adult Protection Policies and Procedures in place, which comply with the recommendations of ESCC on child safety.
24. The Hirer should contact the Caretaker, Steve Courtman, on 01825 721085 or 07976 809078 to arrange for the collection of the keys for use during the hire period. A deposit of £25 may be required when collecting a set of keys that will be returned when the keys are returned.

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