

## HIRING POLICY FOR

CRUDWELL VILLAGE HALL & RECREATION GROUND

Registered Charity no.294177

### A. GENERAL

1. The Bookings Secretaries are the only persons authorised by the Trustees of Crudwell Village Hall & Recreation Ground (CVHRG) to accept bookings for Crudwell village hall and its field area.
2. In signing the booking form, the Hirer accepts responsibility for the booking and all terms and conditions associated with it. The Hirer must be aged 18 or over.
3. The Trustees of CVHRG reserve the right to refuse any application for the use of the village hall.
4. The Trustees of CVHRG accept no liability for personal injury caused to any person anywhere on the premises or its surrounding area.
5. The Trustees of CVHRG retain the right to enter the premises during any function for the purpose of checking on security, safety and compliance with the conditions of hire.
6. The Hirer shall not sublet the hiring or use the premises for any unlawful purpose or in any unlawful way do anything or bring on to the premises anything that may endanger the property or public or may in any way invalidate any insurance policy held by the Trustees of CVHRG.
7. The play equipment located at the back of the hall between the hall and Tetbury Lane is owned and operated by Crudwell PreSchool and as such is not included in the hire of the hall. If use of this equipment is desired, it is the Hirer's responsibility to obtain permission from Crudwell PreSchool.
8. Dogs are not allowed anywhere on the field, multisports facility or play areas.
9. Dogs are not allowed inside the hall except with the prior written permission of the Trustees of CVHRG.

### B. BOOKINGS – GENERAL POLICIES FOR ALL HIRERS

1. **Booking Agreement:** All hirers of the hall will be issued with and must sign a booking agreement and return it to the Bookings Secretary before the commencement of their hire period.
2. **Access:** Access to the hall will be provided between the times stipulated on the Booking Agreement, whether by Regular or Ad Hoc users. Anyone wishing to access the hall outside of their booking slot must make prior arrangements with the Bookings Secretaries.
3. **Sale and consumption of alcohol** - It is not permitted to sell alcohol on the premises without the benefit of a Temporary Events Notice (TEN). If alcohol is to be sold at an event, the Hirer must so inform the Bookings Secretary at the time of booking. It is the Hirer's responsibility to arrange the necessary TEN and provide a copy to the Bookings Secretary in advance of the event. The Bookings Secretary can provide guidance on this procedure if necessary.
4. **Electrical equipment:** It is the Hirer's responsibility to ensure that any electrical equipment brought by them or those attending their function for use in the hall is safe and if appropriate has been tested in accordance with current legislation. Extension leads must be secured safely so that they are not a hazard.
5. **Chairs and tables** stored inside the hall are for use inside the hall only and not be taken outside.
6. **Barbecues:** No disposable barbecues are allowed inside the village hall or on its grounds. If any Hirer wishes to use a barbecues as part of an event, the Bookings Secretaries must be so advised in writing beforehand and the barbecues must be monitored at all times by a responsible adult. Such barbecues must be located outside of the hall and at a reasonable distance away from the hall.
7. **Raffle/lottery tickets:** If official raffle/lottery tickets are to be sold, the Hirer is responsible for ensuring that the appropriate licences are held and accepts full responsibility for any actions that may arise from selling such tickets without a licence.
7. **Rollaway screen:** The rollaway screen located at the far end of the hall is not the property of the Trustees of CVHRG. Hirers are allowed to use the screen subject to prior approval by one of the Bookings Secretaries or the Chairman of CVHRG. In any event, the Hirer is responsible for any damage to the screen howsoever caused and will be responsible for its immediate repair or replacement as deemed necessary by the owner of the screen.
8. **Hire Rates:** The current Scale of Charges is available for inspection on our website ([www.cvhr.org.uk](http://www.cvhr.org.uk)) or on request from the Bookings Secretaries.
  - Rates are reviewed annually in May with immediate effect for ad hoc enquiries and with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September following for regular users.
  - Local rates for bookings by parishioners of Crudwell may be made at the discretion of the Trustees of CVHRG.

- The hire rate for any booking on New Year's Eve will not be lower than the Saturday function rate.
9. **Cancellations:** The Trustees of CVHRG reserve the right to cancel or refuse any booking by written notice to the Hirer in the event that:
- the hall be required for use as a Polling Station or similar;
  - the Trustees of CVHRG consider that the hiring will lead to a breach of licensing conditions, other legal or statutory requirements, or if unlawful or unsuitable activities will take place at the hall as a result of the booking;
  - the hall is rendered unfit for use or the intended use by the hirer;
  - an emergency occurs which requires the use of the hall as a shelter.
- In any such case, the Hirer shall be entitled to a refund of any deposit, hire payment or bond already paid but the Trustees of CVHRG shall not be liable to the Hirer for any resulting direct or indirect loss or damage whatsoever.
10. **Maximum numbers:** The maximum number of people permitted to use the main hall shall not exceed:
- when used for standing audience: 240
  - when used for functions with no tables or chairs: 200
  - when used for functions with tables and chairs: 120
  - when used for closed seated audiences: 200

**C. REGULAR USERS (those that have agreed with CVHR&G to hire the hall on a regular basis)**

1. Regular users agree in advance to hire the hall in a specific time slot on a regular weekly or monthly basis and are required to sign a booking agreement to this effect annually. Regular users will be invoiced for the dates which they reserve. If they subsequently cannot use the hall on any of the pre-booked dates, they will be given a credit only if the hall can be re-let.
2. All regular users are required to leave the hall in an acceptable state for the next user.
3. Regular youth groups (currently Crudwell PreSchool, Crudwell Scouts, Crudwell Cubs/Beavers, Crudwell Brownies and Crudwell Rainbows) are invoiced in advance at the beginning of each school term for payment on receipt of invoice.
4. Other regular hirers are invoiced at monthly intervals in advance or as otherwise agreed with the Trustees of CVHRG for payment on receipt of invoice.
5. Regular hirers may be issued with a key to the hall and a key to the store room at the discretion of the Trustees of CVHRG (subject to signing the appropriate key holders' agreement);
  - Any group found to misuse the privilege of having a key by going in before their booked time, staying beyond their booked time, sharing the key with another user or making use of the hall at a time they have not booked, will be asked to return their key(s).
  - The person signing the key holders' agreement will be held responsible for the safety of their group's key(s). In the event that a key is lost, stolen or otherwise mislaid, that person will be held liable for the cost of its replacement as well as the potential replacement of all other keys and locks to the hall.
6. Groups may be permitted to leave their own equipment in the store room subject to space being available and at the discretion of the Trustees. Groups will be allocated a shelf and all their equipment must be placed on their shelf and not left on the floor, due to fire regulations and in consideration of other users.
7. Any equipment left in the store room must be covered by the Group's own insurance and the Trustees accept no responsibility whatsoever for any loss or damage to any Group's equipment or possessions. It is the Hirer's responsibility to ensure that adequate insurance is in place where relevant. Each regular hirer has an insurable interest in their own equipment and as such should insure it themselves.

**D. AD HOC USERS (for one-off bookings subject to availability)**

1. Once a booking for a one-off hire is agreed with the Bookings Secretaries, a Booking Agreement is issued which must be signed by the Hirer and returned to the Bookings Secretaries together with a £50 deposit which holds the agreed date and time for that Hirer.
2. Equipment requirements, such as tables and chairs, must be indicated on the Bookings Agreement.
3. The full hire charge will be invoiced at least 14 days prior to the date of the event for payment by return.
4. Experience has shown that, especially after a large evening function, it can be a large task to return the hall to the condition in which it was found. For this reason, the Saturday Evening rate includes two hours

access the following morning for the Hirer to properly clean the hall, subject to availability. (If the hall is not available the following morning, this would have to be done at the end of the function.)

5. A bond against damage and cleanliness will be taken for ad hoc bookings and invoiced with the full hire charge. There is a reduced bond rate for some events, such as evenings meetings and/or children's parties for those of primary school age (5-11) or younger, which may be used at the discretion of the Trustees of CVH&G.
6. The bond and deposit will be returned to the Hirer within 28 days after the hire date unless a report indicates that the hall was not left in an acceptable condition, in which case all or part of the bond or deposit may be retained by the CVHRG. Costs will be based on an appropriate commercial rate.
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  - If a booking is cancelled prior to the event, the £50 deposit may be returned to the Hirer if a replacement booking has been made. If a replacement booking is not made, it will be refunded at the discretion of the Trustees of CVHRG.
  - If the booking is cancelled within 14 days of the event, the Hirer shall remain liable for the hire charge unless a replacement booking is made or at the discretion of the Trustees of CVHRG.
  - The bond will be refunded in the event of a cancellation.

#### **E. FIRE SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- The person in charge of the function **MUST** check the location of all fire exits and exit points. At **ALL** times these must be free from obstruction.
- Fire exit doors are located between the main entrance and the committee room, and at the exit to the PreSchool play area.
- The hirer must be aware of the location all fire extinguishers and the fire blanket. Fire extinguishers are located in the KITCHEN, LOBBY and SIDE of the hall. A fire blanket is located in the kitchen. Please read the operating instructions.
- The person in charge should be aware of who is attending the function in case of an evacuation. Ensure that members of your group are designated to check the building is vacated, without taking personal risk.
- **IN CASE OF FIRE**, call the Fire Brigade immediately.
- Ensure that everyone leaves the building by the nearest available exit. **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES** should anyone stop to collect personal belongings.
- Ensure that all people at the function are accounted for.
- If safe to do so, attack the fire with the appliances available but **AT NO TIME** should anyone take personal risks.
- If it is safe to do so, all electrical appliances should be switched off and doors and windows closed.
- Contact the Chairman at 01666 577091
- Under **NO** circumstances should anyone re-enter the building until instructed by a responsible person.

#### **CONTACTS:**

Village Hall pay phone (located in cloakroom off foyer): 01666 577764

Bookings: [bookings@cvhrg.org.uk](mailto:bookings@cvhrg.org.uk) or 07584 316866