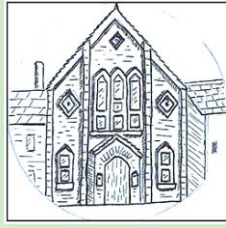


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# Hurworth Village Hall



(Registered Charity No: 520830)

Church Row, Hurworth on Tees, Darlington, DL2 2AQ

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## Hall Booking Policy and Procedures

### Introduction

Hurworth Village Hall Management Committee wish to ensure that Hurworth Village Hall is utilised for the benefit of Hurworth Village Residents and User Groups and to minimise disruption to the community.

This policy is implemented to ensure the effective hiring of the Hall to both regular user groups and private hirers and to provide safeguards to users and the local community.

All persons hiring / using Hurworth Village Hall or taking part in activities are expected to comply with the standards which are set out in this document.

### Bookings

Bookings are available for the inhabitants of the Parish of Hurworth and the neighbourhood as per the Governing Document. The Hirer will be over 18 years of age.

Bookings for other groups or non- residents will only be accepted in exceptional circumstances or where it is of significant interest to the community of Hurworth.

The Hurworth Village Hall booking diary is retained by the Bookings Secretary. Availability can be checked by contacting the Booking Secretary. Contact details are also displayed on the noticeboard outside Hurworth Village Hall and on the website at [www.hurworthvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.hurworthvillagehall.org.uk).

The Bookings Secretary shall:

- On receipt of an enquiry contact the enquirer and discuss the proposed booking (and suitability of the event for the Hall).

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- Advise the enquirer of the Hall availability and fees.
- On receipt of a confirmed booking, enter the details on the bookings calendar and complete a Booking Agreement Form (Appendix 1).
- Provide The Hirer with a copy of the Booking Agreement Form and the Hire Agreement (Appendix 2 or Appendix 3).
- Ensure that prior to the event that the Booking Agreement Form is signed by The Hirer and returned to the Bookings Secretary and retained on a central file.
- Make access arrangements to the Hall with the Hirer.
- Collect all fees from Hirers.

## Fees

Charges are made for actual access time.

- Regular weekly classes £11.00 per hour
- One off use – Hurworth Parish Residents £15.00 per hour
- One off use – None residents of HPC £25.00 per hour

These fees are reviewed annually in January by the Hurworth Village Hall Management Committee.

## Access

The Booking Secretary shall agree access arrangements with the Hirer.

### Regular weekly classes

- On receipt of a confirmed booking, enter the details on the bookings calendar and complete a Booking Agreement Form - Regular Weekly Classes (Appendix 3).
- The nominated key holder of the specific club or group shall ensure all members treat the Hall with due respect. Any damage or breakages (however caused) must be reported to the booking secretary at the earliest opportunity. The Village Hall Management Committee will determine the cost of repairing any damage or breakages and if necessary an invoice raised accordingly.
- The Booking Secretary will supply a key to The Hirer for their safe keeping and use. A £20.00 deposit will be taken for the key and returned when the key is returned to the Booking Secretary.
- The Booking Secretary will keep an up to date list of key Holders and their contact details.
- Any clubs or groups that use their own electrical equipment must ensure the equipment is PAT tested.

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- Any clubs or groups that use sound/music systems are responsible for ensuring they comply with the Performing Rights Society guidelines.
- If the club or group does not use, or does not propose to use the Hall for a period of 4 consecutive weeks (other than school holidays) the key holder must inform the booking secretary at the earliest convenience. The Village Hall Committee will consider the reasons for this and may consider terminating the booking.
- When a regular booking ceases the Booking Secretary will recover the key from the Hirer.
- To assist with the gathering of footfall data for the annual report and grant applications, the responsible key holder for each Club or group will provide the booking secretary with accurate information about their clubs / groups attendance annually. This information will include name of the group / club, the date and the number of people attending on these dates.

### One off hire

- The Booking Secretary, or in their absence another member of the Hurworth Village Hall Management Committee or their representative will meet The Hirer to open and close the Hall at a designated time.

### **Standards for the hire of Hurworth Village Hall**

Hurworth Village Hall Management Committee would like all users to embrace and enjoy the facilities and activities of the Hall.

To achieve this, every user is expected to adhere to the following standards:

- Exercise a duty of care for the health, safety and welfare of all persons using Hurworth Village Hall facilities. (Maximum capacity main hall 100 persons, small hall 30).
- Ensure compliance with Hurworth Village Hall policies. Specifically: Health and Safety Policy, Environmental Policy, Equal Opportunities Policy and the Child Protection and Vulnerable Adults Policy.
- Ensure all children and young persons under the age of 18 are supervised at all times, by an appropriate adult as per the Hire Agreement.
- Treat everyone with respect and in accordance with their needs, embracing individual difference.
- Conclude all activities by 11.00 pm and leave the premises within 30 minutes after that time.
- Do not cause disorder or excessive noise, to the potential detriment of residents or other users.
- Park vehicles in a considered manner as not to cause obstruction or danger.
- Leave all facilities clean, tidy and immediately report any damage or hazards to the Bookings Secretary.

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- Ensure the building is left safe and secure.
- The hirer responsible for the specific event shall ensure all guests treat the Hall with due respect. Any damage or breakages (however caused) must be reported to the booking secretary at the earliest opportunity. The Village Hall Management Committee will determine the cost of repairing any damage or breakages and if necessary an invoice raised accordingly.

**Complaints**

Any complaints should be made in accordance with Hurworth Village Hall Complaints Policy and Procedure.

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**Hurworth Village Hall****Booking Agreement Form**

This **Agreement** is made on the date hereof between **Hurworth Village Hall** which is a registered charity and the **Hirer** whereby in consideration of the Hirer paying the **Hiring Fee** specified below.

Hurworth Village Hall agrees to permit the Hirer to use the **Hall** on the Date(s) and Times and for the Purpose(s) specified below subject to the terms of the **Hire Agreement**.

Name of Hirer	
Organisation	
Address	
E-mail	
Tel. Number	
Date (s) of Hire	
Time (s) of Hire (To include set up and tidy away)	
Purpose of Hire	
Total hiring fee	£  (£10.00 Non refundable deposit by return Plus £ Payable on the day)
Date Hiring fee paid	
<p>The Hirer confirms that a copy of Hurworth Village Hall Hire Agreement has been provided to them and that they agree to the terms included therein.</p> <p>The Hirer understands that the above information will be used and retained by Hurworth Village Hall solely for the purposes of the hire of the Hall in line with the Privacy Policy. This policy is available on request or via our website at <a href="http://www.hurworthvillagehall.org.uk">www.hurworthvillagehall.org.uk</a>. If you would like to receive news via e-mail of our future events please confirm your e-mail address below.</p>	
<b>Signed by Hirer</b>	
<b>Name</b>	
<b>Date</b>	
<b>E-mail address to receive news of forthcoming events</b>	
<b>Signed on behalf of Hurworth Village Hall</b>	
<b>Name</b>	
<b>Date</b>	

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## Hirer to keep for their reference

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#### Hire Agreement

##### HIRERS RESPONSIBILITIES

For the purposes of these conditions, the term HIRER shall mean an individual hirer or, where the Hirer is an organisation or group, the authorised representative. The HIRER will be over 18 years of age.

##### Supervision

- The hirer is considered to be the Event manager and will, 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, and the behaviour of all persons using the premises whatever their capacity: including proper supervision of car parking and young person's under 18 years.

##### Use of Premises

- The hirer shall not use the premises for any purpose other than that advised at the time of booking.
- Standard operating hours are 8.00 to 23.30, although all music must cease at 23.00hrs.
- The capacity ( Seating for 80 persons – total capacity no more than 100 persons ) must not be exceeded.
- The sale of alcohol in any form is not permitted unless a Temporary Event Notice has been obtained from Darlington Borough Council. Alcohol is permitted for private events where not sold.
- They 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.
- The Hirer will be responsible for obtaining any licences that are needed and for the observance of the same.
- The premises will not be used for any form of adult entertainment of a sexual nature.
- No smoking is allowed anywhere in Hurworth Village Hall.
- Doors and windows will be managed during events to ensure that noise does not escape from the building.
- The hirer is requested to ensure that users have consideration for local residents both during the event and that they leave quietly at the end of their event.
- Users are requested to not gather outside the hall as this causes a disturbance to neighbours. This includes those gathering to smoke cigarettes and tobacco.
- There is no access to the rear of the Hall.
- The Hirer should note that the use of such as Sellotape to hang decorations on the walls is not permitted as this causes damage to the paintwork. The Hirer will be liable to pay for any necessary repairs as a result of decorations being affixed to walls and woodwork.

##### Indemnity

- The hirer shall reimburse Hurworth Village Hall for the cost of any repair or damage done to any part of the property including the curtilage thereof or the contents of the buildings which may occur during the period of the hiring as a result of the hiring.

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## Insurance

- The hirer shall be responsible for making arrangements to insure against any third party claims which may lie against them (or the organisation if acting as a representative) whilst using the Premises. (The Hurworth Village Hall is insured against any claims arising out of its own negligence).

## Children Act – Safeguarding Children

- The hirer shall ensure that any activities for children comply with relevant legislations and that only fit and proper persons have access to the children.
- With the exception of private parties, where events are organised for children, The Hirer will have a valid certificate from the Disclosure and Barring Service and The Hirer takes full responsibility for any other person's they engage to look after children.
- There shall be a minimum of three competent persons over 18 years of age to supervise all children's events. Children are not allowed in the Hall unaccompanied.
- Where the event is predominantly for children under the age of 16 years there shall be additional adult supervision. The NSPCC recommends:
  - Aged 0 - 2 years: 1 adult to 3 children
  - Aged 2 - 3 years: 1 adult to 4 children
  - Aged 4 - 8 years: 1 adult to 6 children
  - Aged 9 - 12 years: 1 adult to 8 children
  - Aged 13 - 18 years: 1 adult to 10 children.

## Health and Hygiene

- The hirer shall, if preparing, serving or selling food, ensure all relevant food health and hygiene legislation and regulations are adhered to.
- The Hirer shall familiarise themselves with the location of the First Aid Kit.
- The Hirer is responsible for ensuring the Hall is left in a clean and tidy condition with all work surfaces wiped down.
- The Hirer is responsible for ensuring that rubbish is bagged and taken away at the end of their hire period.

## Fire Safety

- Under the Fire Safety Order 2006 hirers of premises such as Village Halls etc. bear the responsibility for fire safety for the duration of their hire.
- As a hirer of Hurworth Village Hall and organiser of your event this responsibility will fall to you.
- The building has previously been risk assessed under the Fire Safety Order so in essence the extent of your responsibilities can be summarised as follows. The hirer must: -
  - Be familiar with the layout of the building and escape routes as indicated by the green 'running man' signs and ensure that these routes are kept free from obstruction.
  - Be familiar with the contents of the Fire Action Notices located at various points throughout the building, which inform you what to do in the event of a fire.
  - Ensure that any electrical equipment used in connection with your hiring e.g. sound systems has been suitably tested by a competent person and is safe.
  - Not use unauthorised heating appliances or highly flammable substances.
  - Ensure that exit signs and the emergency lighting supply illuminating exit signs and routes is turned on the whole time the event is in progress.
  - Ensure that the Fire brigade is called to all fires no matter how small and that the Booking Secretary is informed immediately.

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## **Animals**

- The Hirer shall discuss with the booking secretary if it is their intention to have animals in the Hall. Guide dogs are permissible without discussion.

## **Cancellation**

- If the Hirer wishes to cancel the booking before the date of the event and the Committee is unable to arrange a replacement booking, the question of the payment of the hiring fee shall be at the discretion of the Hurworth Village Hall Committee.
- Hurworth Village Hall Management Committee reserves the right to refuse or cancel a booking at any time without notice, prior to or during the booking event.
- The hirer shall be entitled upon such notice to reimbursement of such monies including the deposit or a proportion of the same as have been paid by the hirer, at the discretion of the Hurworth Village Hall Committee.

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**Hurworth Village Hall**

**Booking Agreement Form - Regular Weekly Classes**

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Hurworth Village Hall agrees to permit the Hirer to use the **Hall** on the Date(s) and Times and for the Purpose(s) specified below subject to the terms of the **Hire Agreement**.

Name of club/class	
Responsible key holder(s)	
Address	
E-mail	
Tel. Number	
Date (s) of Hire	
Time (s) of Hire (To include set up and tidy away)	
Purpose of Hire	
Total hiring fee	£11.00 Per hour for _hour(s) per ____
Payment term – monthly in arrears	BACS / Cash/ Cheque
Date key deposit of £20.00 paid (Returnable)	
<p>The Hirer confirms that a copy of Hurworth Village Hall Hire Agreement has been provided to them and that they agree to the terms included therein.</p> <p>The Hirer understands that the above information will be used and retained by Hurworth Village Hall solely for the purposes of the hire of the Hall in line with the Privacy Policy. This policy is available on request or via our website at <a href="http://www.hurworthvillagehall.org.uk">www.hurworthvillagehall.org.uk</a>. If you would like to receive news via e-mail of our future events please confirm your e-mail address below.</p>	
<b>Signed by Hirer</b>	
<b>Name</b>	
<b>Date</b>	
<b>E-mail address to receive news of forthcoming events</b>	
<b>Signed on behalf of Hurworth Village Hall</b>	
<b>Name</b>	
<b>Date</b>	

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