

Grayshott & Hindhead Institute & Village Hall

STANDARD CONDITIONS OF HIRE

1. INTRODUCTION:-

- 1.1 For the Purposes of these Conditions of Hire, the term THE HIRER shall mean an individual hirer or, where the hirer is an Organisation, the authorised representative of that Organisation. THE PREMISES or THE HALL shall mean the Grayshott Village Hall and the curtilage, buildings and fittings surrounding it. THE COMMITTEE shall mean the Trustees of the Grayshott and Hindhead Institute and Village Hall who act as the Management Committee.
- 1.2 The clause headings do not form part of this agreement and shall not be taken into account in its interpretation.
- 1.3 These Standard Conditions of Hire constitute permission only to use the premises and confer no tenancy or other right of occupation on THE HIRER.
- 1.4 These Conditions of Hire shall be effective from 5th February 2025 and supersede all previous Conditions of Hire and shall remain in effect until such time as they are superseded.

2. BOOKINGS:-

- 2.1 All bookings are accepted in accordance with these Conditions of Hire.
- 2.2 All HIRERS must complete a Booking Application form, which should be sent to the Booking Secretary, use the on-line enquiry facility available on THE HALL's website or such other means as advised by the Booking Secretary.
- 2.3 THE HIRER must be a person of 21 years of age or more at the time that the booking is made.
- 2.4 THE COMMITTEE reserves the right to refuse a booking without notice or to cancel this Hiring Agreement at any time. THE HIRER shall be entitled upon such notice to the reimbursement of such monies including any deposit or a proportion of the same as have been paid by THE HIRER to the Committee but THE COMMITTEE shall not be liable to make any further payment to THE HIRER.
- 2.5 If THE HIRER wishes to cancel the Booking before the date of the event the question of the payment or the re-payment of the fee(s) shall be at the discretion of THE COMMITTEE.
- 2.6 In the event of THE HALL or any part thereof being rendered unfit for the use for which it has been hired, THE COMMITTEE shall not be liable to THE HIRER for any resulting loss or damage whatsoever.
- 2.7 Bookings are accepted in accordance with the published SESSION TIMINGS & LETTING RATES or as agreed with THE COMMITTEE. Failure to vacate THE PREMISES by the agreed time may result in an additional charge.
- 2.8 Use of any ancillary facility (eg Audio Visual equipment) belonging to THE COMMITTEE must be booked with the Booking Secretary and instruction in its use obtained before the hiring commences.
- 2.9 THE HIRER shall ensure that the WiFi internet access made available by THE COMMITTEE is not subject to inappropriate use.
- 2.10 THE HIRER shall indemnify each member of THE COMMITTEE and THE HALL's employees, volunteers, agents and invitees against all claims, losses, damages and costs:-
 - (a) in respect of the repair of any damage done to any part of THE PREMISES or the contents of THE PREMISES
 - (b) 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
 - (c) 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.
- 2.11 THE COMMITTEE reserves the right to charge a refundable deposit in respect of any booking which will be held against loss or damage arising from the booking. THE COMMITTEE reserves the right to withhold repayment of all or part of such a deposit in case of loss, damage or any other non-compliance with these Conditions of Hire.
- 2.12 THE HIRER shall make payment of the agreed fee before the hiring commences as agreed with the Booking Secretary. When THE COMMITTEE agrees to extend credit facilities invoices will be rendered on a monthly basis and full payment must be received within twenty one days. Overdue accounts may be subject to a late payment interest charge.
- 2.13 THE HIRER accepts that summary details of all bookings will be published on THE HALL's website.

3. GENERAL CONDUCT AND USE OF PREMISES:-

- 3.1 THE HIRER will during the period of the hiring, be responsible for the supervision of THE PREMISES, the fabric and the contents, their care, safety from damage, or change, and the behaviour of all persons using THE PREMISES, including the proper supervision of car-parking arrangements so as to avoid obstruction of the highway or danger to other users.
- 3.2 THE HIRER shall ensure that no alterations or additions are made to the premises nor any fixtures be installed or be attached to any part of the premises without the prior written approval of THE COMMITTEE. THE HIRER shall report any damage, loss, failure or breakage to the Caretaker.
- 3.3 THE HIRER shall ensure that notices, decorations and other items shall only be displayed and fixed in such a manner as not to cause damage or danger.
- 3.4 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.
- 3.5 THE HIRER shall ensure that all means of exit from THE PREMISES are kept free from obstruction and immediately available for use.
- 3.6 THE HIRER shall comply with all conditions and regulations made in respect of THE PREMISES by the Fire Authority, Local Authority, the Licensing Authority or otherwise.
- 3.7 THE HIRER shall ensure that any activities for or involving children comply with the provisions of all relevant legislation and that only fit and proper persons have access to the children during the period of the Hiring.
- 3.8 THE HIRER shall ensure that the fixtures and fittings are not altered, adjusted or removed without the written permission of THE COMMITTEE.
- 3.9 THE HIRER shall ensure that any electrical appliances brought by them onto THE PREMISES and used there are in good, safe working order and are used in a safe manner in accordance with the Electricity at Work Regulations 1989.
- 3.10 THE HIRER shall ensure that Heating appliances are not brought onto THE PREMISES without the written permission of THE COMMITTEE.
- 3.11 THE HIRER shall ensure that highly flammable substances are not brought into, or used in any part of the premises.

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- 3.12 THE HIRER shall ensure that the use of THE PREMISES does not cause a nuisance to the surrounding inhabitants and in particular ensure that the minimum of noise is made on arrival and departure.
- 3.13 THE HIRER shall be responsible for leaving THE PREMISES in a clean and tidy condition at the end of each hiring period and for ensuring that any contents temporarily removed from their usual positions are replaced. Failure to comply with this condition may incur an additional charge.
- 3.14 THE HIRER shall ensure that spillages are cleared-up promptly to ensure that they do not create a hazard. Cleaning equipment is available in the disabled toilet area.
- 3.15 THE HIRER shall ensure that ladders are used in a proper and safe manner. Guidance relating to the safe use of ladders is on display.
- 3.16 THE HIRER shall ensure that tables and chairs are stacked, transported and used in a safe manner. Trolleys are available for transporting tables and chairs.
- 3.17 THE HIRER shall ensure that bottles, boxes and large amounts of rubbish are removed by THE HIRER from THE PREMISES at the end of the hiring.
- 3.18 THE 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 equipment stored by agreement) must be removed at the end of each hiring or fees may be charged for each day or part day until the same is removed.
- 3.19 The Caretaker will usually assist THE HIRER in the setting out of tables, chairs etc if advised not less than 3 working days in advance. When the caretaker is on holiday, or otherwise unavailable, THE HIRER will be responsible for the setting out and clearing away of all furniture etc.
- 3.20 THE HIRER must ensure that any instruction given by the Caretaker or any member of THE COMMITTEE is complied with.

4. ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR & DRUGS:-

- 4.1 The SALE of alcoholic liquor for consumption on the premises can be permitted under THE HALL's Premises Licence. If THE HIRER wishes to offer alcohol for SALE the prior WRITTEN permission of THE COMMITTEE must be obtained. Where permission is granted THE HIRER shall ensure that all bar staff are briefed regarding the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003 and that children under the age of 16 years are only admitted to the premises if accompanied by an adult.
- 4.2 THE HIRER shall ensure that in order to avoid disturbing neighbours of 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 nor 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 immediately. In case of serious disturbance the police shall be summoned without delay. Note:- It is a criminal offence for any person to sell alcohol to a young person under the age of 18 anywhere.
- 4.3 No illegal drugs may be brought onto THE PREMISES.

5. REGULATED ENTERTAINMENT:-

[Including a performance of a play, a performance of live music, any playing of recorded music, a performance of dance, entertainment facilities for making music, entertainment facilities for dancing, exhibition of films]

- 5.1 THE HIRER shall ensure that all requirements of The Premises License issued by East Hampshire District Council are complied with whenever any regulated activity is carried-on.
- 5.2 A copy of the licence and associated conditions including the minimum number of attendants required may be obtained from the Booking Secretary.
- 5.3 Seating, if any, must be set out in accordance with one of the standard plans as advised by THE COMMITTEE.
- 5.4 THE COMMITTEE will assume that THE HIRER will act as the responsible person whenever licensable public entertainment is provided unless THE HIRER otherwise advises the Booking Secretary in writing at least 48 hours in advance providing the name of the responsible person (who must be at least twenty one years of age).

[Please note:- The Theatre Lighting & Fittings (excluding the basic Stage & Auditorium Lighting) are not the property of the THE HALL and consequently not automatically available for use. If THE HIRER requires the use of this equipment a separate arrangement must be made with the Grayshott Stagers. THE COMMITTEE cannot accept responsibility for any such arrangements.]

6. USE OF COPYRIGHT MATERIAL:-

- 6.1 THE HIRER shall ensure that any use of copyright material is properly licensed.
- 6.2 THE COMMITTEE holds a PRS (Performing Right Society) license in respect of the use of copyright music in THE PREMISES which covers the performance of some musical compositions (including lyrics) but not certain works staged in their entirety (e.g. musical plays, operas & pantomimes) where the performing right is not administered by PRS for Music.
- 6.3 THE COMMITTEE does NOT hold a PPL (Phonographic Performance Ltd) license for recorded music.
- 6.4 Further information and guidance regarding the use of copyright music may be obtained from PPL/PRS www.pplprs.co.uk or by calling 0800 072 0808.
- 6.5 THE COMMITTEE may require THE HIRER to produce written evidence that any use of copyright music is properly licensed. Failure to produce satisfactory evidence will entitle THE COMMITTEE to cancel the booking(s) without compensation.
- 6.6 THE COMMITTEE does NOT hold a license from the Motion Picture Licensing Company (MPLC) and consequently is NOT licensed for the screening of audio-visual films and TV shows whether broadcast on television, on home entertainment DVD/Bluray or viewed via the internet. Further information may be obtained from MPLC uk.mplc.com.

7. TEMPORARY EVENT NOTICES (TENS):-

- 7.1 In order to hold a licensable activity (eg indoor sporting events, boxing or wrestling) not covered by the THE HALL's Premises License a Temporary Event Notice (TEN) will need to be given to the licensing authority. The Hirer shall obtain the written consent of THE COMMITTEE before giving the licensing authority a TEN. Failure to do so will result in cancellation of the hiring without compensation.

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8. USE OF KITCHEN:-

- 8.1 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. Further guidance may be obtained from East Hampshire District Council at Petersfield.
- 8.2 THE HIRER shall ensure that the kitchen is kept clear of coats, handbags, paperwork, etc. and that it is only used for the preparation and serving of food.
- 8.3 THE HIRER shall ensure that the kitchen and appliances are left in a clean condition after use. Cleaning equipment and materials are available in the kitchen.
- 8.4 THE HIRER shall ensure that no dogs or other animals are allowed to enter the kitchen.
- 8.5 THE HIRER should note that the Kitchen is a shared facility available to other users of the various rooms within THE PREMISES and that exclusive use is not guaranteed.

9. IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:-

- 9.1 THE HIRER shall familiarise him/herself before the hiring commences with the procedure as displayed in THE PREMISES to be followed in the event of fire or other emergency and ensure that it is complied with.
- 9.2 THE HIRER shall ensure that the Fire Brigade is called to ANY outbreak of fire, however slight, and that the building is evacuated.
- 9.3 THE HIRER shall ensure that the building is evacuated and the relevant body summoned in the event of any other situation where there is an actual or potential danger to users of THE PREMISES (e.g. a suspected gas leak).
- 9.4 THE HIRER acknowledges that the Basic First Aid supplies provided in the kitchen may be used at the HIRER'S risk and that THE COMMITTEE cannot accept responsibility for their use.
- 9.5 THE HIRER shall report any injury, accident or other such occurrence to the Caretaker or Booking Secretary as soon as is practical.

10. INSURANCE:-

- 10.1 THE HIRER shall take out adequate insurance to insure the Hirer and members of the Hirer's organisation and invitees against the Hirer's liability 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 Hall Booking Secretary. Failure to produce such policy and evidence of cover will render the hiring void and enable the Hall Booking Secretary to rehire the premises to another hirer.
- 10.2 THE COMMITTEE is insured against any claims arising out of its own actions only.

11. OCCUPANCY CAPACITY OF PREMISES:-

- 11.1 The assessed maximum capacity for each room within the Village Hall is as shown in the table below and **must not** be exceeded under any circumstances.
- 11.2 The 'in use' capacity of each room **may be less** than the maximum capacity for a particular event. Examples of factors that may reduce the maximum capacity include, but are not exclusively:-
 - Layout of tables/chairs
 - Location/size of DJ/Lighting control station for concert/theatrical production
 - Location/size of bar area
 - Number of musicians for a theatrical performance
- 11.3 THE HIRER is responsible for ensuring that he/she limits the number of people admitted to the premises (subject to the assessed maximum capacity) such that health and safety is not compromised, having due regard to the nature of their event and layout of the room.

Room	Type of use	Maximum Capacity
Main Hall	Tables & Chairs (eg for meeting or meal)	143
	Standing (eg for band concert)	286
	Theatre Style Seating (1)	168 (with centre gangway) 182 (without centre gangway)
Small Hall	Tables & Chairs (eg for meeting or meal)	59
	Standing (eg for band concert)	60
Studio	Tables & Chairs (eg for meeting or meal)	86
	Standing (eg for band concert)	115
Common Room	Tables & Chairs (eg for meeting)	56
	Standing (eg for band concert)	60
Nancy Littlejohn Room	Tables & Chairs (meeting room)	26

(1) Theatre style seating must be set out in accordance with one of the plans provided.

Grayshott Village Hall Management Committee dated:- 4th February 2025.