

Soberton Village Hall - Conditions of Hire

General Conditions of Hire

1. **Bookings** - All hall bookings must be made through the **Bookings Email** <mailto:sobertonvillagehall@googlemail.com>. Bookings are only confirmed on receipt of confirmation from the **Bookings Email**. The Hall is not available for booking after midnight.
2. **Payment** – Payment for bookings must be made with the booking. Payments can be made by BACS (see final page for details). A booking deposit of half the total charge is made to private hirers where the booking is six months in advance. This is not normally returnable if the booking is cancelled. Any preparation time, excluding bar deliveries, is chargeable.
3. **Hall Keys** - The hirer is responsible for arranging, with the Bookings Email, for the collection of Hall key(s) and for returning them at the end of the hiring. For regular Hirers they must **keep an up-to-date list of keyholders and provide a copy of this to the Bookings Email**.
4. **The Hirer** – He\she is responsible, during the period of hiring, for supervision of the premises, care of the contents and safety from damage, and the behaviour of all persons using the premises. This includes proper supervision of car parking arrangements so as to avoid obstruction of the highways. A responsible adult must be present at all functions to ensure Conditions of Hire are met.
5. **Smoking is prohibited throughout the hall premises.**
6. **Fire and Safety Procedures** - The Hirer must sign to confirm that they have read and understood the fire evacuation procedures for the hall. Any electrical appliances provided by the Hirer must display an in-date PAT Certificate.
7. **Accidents** - In the event of an accident, the details must be recorded in the Accident Report Folder (located in the kitchen) and the **Bookings Email** must be advised **within 24 hours**. .
8. **Heating and cooking are by electricity** - Background heating is provided inclusive in the hiring charge. Additional heating can be obtained by the use of coin meters located as follows:

Main Hall heaters (£1 and £2 coins) -	In disabled toilet
Kitchen, and foyer heaters (£1 coins)-	In disabled toilet
Blake's Room heating (£1 coins) -	In Blake's Room wall cabinet
Cree Room heating (£1 and £2 coins)	In Cree Room
9. **Facilities** - Hiring fees include use of tables, chairs, crockery and all kitchen appliances. Additional tables are stowed beneath the stage.
10. **Dogs** – They are not allowed in the hall unless they are registered assistance dogs.
11. **Food and drink** - The Hirer shall, if preparing, serving or selling food observe all relevant food health and hygiene legislation and regulations. If you hire a caterer for a function it's your responsibility that they have appropriate Catering certificate and insurance. Hirers must apply for their own **Temporary Event Notice issued under the current Licensing Act** for the sale of alcohol. Further guidance on the sale of alcohol can be found at www.gov.uk/temporary-events-notice An additional £30 will be charged if a paid bar is requested.
12. **Fireworks / Bonfires / Beacons** – These are not permitted under our Insurance.
13. **Bouncy Castles** - These are not permitted under our Insurance unless the provider has appropriate licence and insurance..

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14. **Chairs** - When large numbers of chairs are used by the hirer, especially when setting up for a seated audience, it is the responsibility of the hirer to adhere to the SVH Committee's guidelines for chair layout & to use the connectors provided to link chairs when 4 or more are placed in a row. These guidelines are available from the Booking Email at the time of booking. **Note** - The blue fabric covered chairs must not be used outdoors or in any manner likely to cause damage to the fabric or the chair e.g. standing on them.
15. **Damage.** Breakages and/or damage, including to the fabric of the hall, must be reported and will be charged for. Any additional cleaning required as a result of a hiring will be charged for.
16. **On Completion** of the hiring, the Hirer is responsible for leaving the premises and surrounds in a clean and tidy condition. Close all internal doors, turn off heaters and cooker, switch off and unplug all electrical appliances except fridge, freezer and water heater. Ensure all exit doors and windows are fully secured and locked, and all lights and taps are turned off.

Refuse must be put in the wheelie bins outside the Hall. These are emptied fortnightly. Rubbish outside them is not collected and must be removed by the Hirer. Please take home any recyclable rubbish, such as bottles and paper.

17. **Chairs and tables** should be returned to the storeroom and stacked as per the displayed instructions.
18. **Use of Wi-fi**
Use of the Hall's Wi-fi is the responsibility of the hirer. Wi-fi access is provided free of charge to legitimate hirers of Soberton Village Hall and by using it, you agree that your device details may be stored. You also agree to only use the wi-fi for lawful and legal purposes and not for commercial purposes without written consent of the Committee. It is not a secure network and Soberton Village Hall is not responsible for the security of data transmitted by the hirer using the wi-fi.

19. **Public Health Restrictions**

During the Covid pandemic, the Committee attached Additional Special Conditions for use of the hall which they reserve the right to reinstate if required, but in the meantime require any users to adhere to current government guidance in the event of any public health issue.

20. **Miscellaneous:-**

- a) Any organisation or person using the Hall for commercial purposes is **not covered** by the Hall's Public Liability Insurance. Use by any non-profit making organisation or person shall not be regarded as use for commercial purposes.
- b) All bookings are subject to the Committee's approval and the Committee reserves the right to cancel a hiring.
- c) Hirers are requested not to unwind **stage curtains** without using the winch and to use only the foyer notice board for displaying notices or posters.
- d) **Fixtures and fittings** must not be removed.
- e) **PAT Tested** – Annually covered and recorded. It is recommended that all relevant electrical items used in the Hall must be PAT tested and own electrical equipment is used at own risk.
- f) **BBQs** must only be used by a responsible adult and adequate safety precautions must be taken. Small disposable **BBQs** cannot be used on the grass areas.
- g) If **ladders/stepladders** are used, ensure that they will not slip and that one adult stands at the bottom to provide stability and support. Never use a ladder/stepladder by yourself. Always ensure that you have assistance. Users of ladders must take full responsibility for their own safety and is **undertaken at your own risk**. Although our ladders/step ladders are believed to **be safe, we cannot guarantee their safety**.
- h) **Lighting** – Please be aware that the site is in a National Park Dark sky area and areas away from the Hall are unlit.

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- i) The **Soberton Village Hall Management Committee** has discretion to refuse a proposed booking if a satisfactory explanation and assurances about the proposed use are not given. Failure to disclose information may invalidate the hiring contract.

Additional Special Conditions:

Public Functions

The hall is licensed for use for public entertainment and for the performance of occasional stage plays. In this connection, the following special conditions apply.

1. **The Hirer**, or nominated representative of the hiring organisation, is to be on the premises, in charge, when the public are present and is responsible for ensuring that all conditions of hire and supervision are met. The name of the nominee is to be reported to the **Bookings Email**.
2. **Attendants** - When the Hall is in use for public entertainment of any kind there must be three adults (**over 21**) present, in addition to the hirer, who know the action to be taken in the event of fire or other emergency. The aim being to avoid panic and to ensure orderly evacuation of the Hall.
3. **Opening Hours** - No entertainment or performance may take place on Christmas Day, or Good Friday and no extension beyond midnight can be granted.

Private Functions

The following special condition applies for all private functions.

A standard **£100 Damage Deposit** will be required for parties held and this is increased to **£350** for larger events such as weddings.

The Damage Deposit must be received in advance for all private functions. This is returnable after a successful hiring. All or part of the deposit will be retained after hiring if any of the following issues arise:

- complaints are received from member(s) of the community against the private function requiring compensation e.g. noise; litter; damage to 3rd party property or person; traffic congestion; disorderly behaviour
- the hall is left in an untidy or dirty condition
- refuse is not appropriately disposed of
- any conditions of hire are broken.

The Soberton Village Hall Management Committee will in its absolute discretion judge how much of the deposit will be retained should these conditions not be met.

The decision of the Soberton Village Hall Management Committee will be final.

The Soberton Village Hall Management Committee shall not be held responsible for loss of or damage caused to any persons or property on the premises.

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TARIFF OF CHARGES

Charges for hiring the Hall and its equipment are as follows:

	Parish Block Bookings	Parish Bookings	Non-Parish Block Bookings	Non-Parish Bookings
Hall and Kitchen				
Hourly Rate	£10.00	£12.00	£14.00	£18.00
Whole Hall. Exclusive use				
Hourly Rate		£15.00		£25.00
All day (8am to midnight)		£175.00		£275.00
Note:				
There is an additional charge if bar is requested.		£30.00		£30.00
A Temporary Event Notice (TEN) is required to sell alcohol				
Blake's Room and Cree Room				
Hourly Rate		£8.00		£10.00
Marquee (where hirers choose to erect one)		£60.00		£60.00
Brownies				
Summer bookings - Hall and Kitchen		£50.00 per day		

Preparation

The above charges include a 15-minute set up period. Hirers requiring more time please inform the **Bookings Email** as regular cleaning and maintenance activity may be taking place.

For functions requiring preparation the evening before, the hall may if available be booked for the previous evening for a minimum of four hours at the appropriate hourly rate.

Private Function Damage Deposit

A damage deposit is due for each private hiring. See General Conditions of Hire for details.

Notes:

1. A booking deposit of half the total charge is made to private hirers where the booking is six months in advance
2. A surcharge will be made if the hall is left in a dirty condition.
3. Damage to hall decoration will be charged.

All enquiries to the Bookings Email, sobertonvillagehall@googlemail.com