

QUENINGTON VILLAGE HALL - HIRING POLICY

Introduction

The purpose of this document is to set out the Trustees' policy for hiring out the village hall accommodation and equipment. This is to be done in accordance with the charity 'scheme' (rules of governance), and in order that the assets are used in the best interests of the charity.

Committee's Role

It is the role of the Management Committee (Trustees) to set the terms and conditions for the use of the hall, to ensure:

- the health and safety of users
- the good repair and cleanliness of the hall rooms and facilities
- consideration of residents living nearby

It is also the role of the Management Committee to set the hire charges in line with the income required to keep the hall financially sound and in good repair. The hire charges should be reviewed and agreed annually, prior to the Annual General Meeting. The charges will apply for the twelve months following the AGM. Once agreed, they should be adhered to until the next review. This applies to hire of equipment outside the hall, as well as the rooms themselves.

Bookings are made through the Hallmaster website, which is accessed via the QVH part of the Quenington Village website (<https://queningtonvillage.uk/quenington-village-hall/>), on the Online Booking page (<https://queningtonvillage.uk/quenington-village-hall/booking/>)

Booking Clerk's Role and Responsibilities

The booking clerk is responsible for:

- Responding to enquiries, and helping hirers with the booking procedure if necessary
- Checking & confirming bookings via the Hallmaster website
- Raising Hallmaster invoices for one-off bookings (the treasurer invoices regular users)
- Showing hirers the hall, when necessary, and ensuring they are aware of the Terms & Conditions of Hire
- Informing users if other rooms are in use at the same time
- Arranging for keys to be provided for regular users, and ensuring that one-off hirers know the key safe code

Hire Charges, definitions and discounts

Use of the kitchen, equipment and other facilities are included in the costs of room hire.

Booking period: This includes the time required to set up and clear away the hall after use.

Parish or Charity rate: hirer is resident of the parishes of Quenington, Coln St Aldwyns or Hatherop, and the usage is non-commercial (the hirer must be in attendance for the period of the hire) **OR** hirer is a not-for-profit organisation (eg charity, Brownies etc)

Non-Parish or Commercial rate: hirer is a private individual from outside the parishes of Quenington, Coln or Hatherop **OR** hirer is a commercial user, business enterprise, or public sector organisation.

Refunds/Cancellations

A full refund will be given if the event is cancelled more than four weeks beforehand. After that time no refund will be given.

Other

Hirers should be aware that the other meeting room may be in use by other hirers. If they wish to have exclusive use of the rooms, they can hire the whole hall.

If bookings are made by organisations involving children, other parts of the hall will not be let for the duration of the hire period.

Unless other arrangements have been agreed, the hirer is responsible for:

- setting out tables, chairs, equipment etc.
- putting everything away tidily after use
- cleaning the hall at the end of the hire

Hirers must tick a box on the Hallmaster booking system, to say they have read and agreed to the Terms & Conditions of Hire.

The Management Committee reserves the right to charge a discretionary rate in certain circumstances, subject to agreement of at least 4 members.

HOURLY HIRING RATES

Area for Hire	Non-Parish / Commercial	CHQ Parishes / Charity
Main Hall	£8	£6
Small Meeting Room	£4	£3
Whole Hall	£10	£7.50

OFF-SITE EQUIPMENT HIRE - per item per day

Item	Non-Parish / Commercial	CHQ Parishes / Charity
Large folding tables	£2	£1
Small low folding tables (blue top)	£1	50p
Folding chairs (indoor use only)	£1	50p
Small plastic chairs (child size)	50p	25p
Tea urn	£10	£5
Gazebos (NOT pop-up!)	£15	£10