

Newnham Armoury Village Hall Hire Agreement

Charity No. 269054

Part 2

TO BE RETAINED BY THE RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUAL NAMED IN PART 1

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The Armoury Village Hall Management Committee agrees to allow the Hirer to use the premises for the period(s) described in Part 1, clause 2. *Please write a description on the dotted line below.*

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Hire fee paid: Yes/No

Name: Signed: Date:

Authorised representative of Newnham Armoury Village Hall Committee

A. Standard Conditions of Hire

For the purposes of these conditions, the term Hirer means an individual hirer or the authorised representative of an organisation. The term Committee means Newnham Armoury Village Hall Management Committee.

1. This Hiring Agreement constitutes permission only to use the premises as described in Part 1 and confers no tenancy or other right of occupation on the Hirer. The Hirer shall not sub-hire or allow the premises to be used for any unlawful purpose or in any unlawful way nor do anything which may render invalid any insurance policies in respect thereof.
2. The Hirer will be present during the agreed hire period.
3. The Armoury Village Hall has a Premises Licence permitting live or recorded music to be played, dancing and theatrical performance. **Under the terms of the Premises Licence, all events must finish by midnight.**
4. No alcohol shall be sold without prior agreement and written permission from the Committee.
5. If the Hirer wishes to cancel the booking before the date of the event and a replacement booking cannot be found, the question of the payment or the repayment of the fee shall be at the discretion of the Committee. If the premises become unfit for the use intended by the Hirer by reason of flood, fire or other unforeseen circumstances the Hirer shall be entitled to a refund of any deposit already paid, but the Committee shall not be liable to the Hirer for any resulting direct or indirect loss or damages.
6. The Hirer shall ensure that any activities for children under eight years of age comply with the provisions of The Children Act (1989).
7. If the hall kitchen is booked, hot water, crockery and cutlery are available free of charge. But (because items in stock disappear) hirers should provide their own tea towels, rubbish bags and washing up liquid.
8. The Hirer shall, during the period of the hiring, be responsible for: supervision of the premises, the fabric and the contents; their care, and safety from damage, however slight; and the behaviour of all persons using the premises, including proper supervision of car parking arrangements.
9. The Hirer will ensure that no vehicle shall be parked outside the frontage of the hall. Stopping for the purposes of loading and unloading is allowed for the briefest period, and the vehicle(s) must then be removed from the approaches.

10. The Hirer will ensure that the minimum of noise is made on arrival and departure, and that those attending the session do not interrupt the activities of other hirers completing their hire or using other parts of the hall.

11. All means of exit from the premises must be kept free from obstruction and immediately available for instant free public exit. Users must not congregate on or otherwise use the fire escape other than in an emergency unless authorised by the Committee.

12. The Hirer shall ensure that any electrical appliances brought by them to the premises and used there shall be safe, in good working order, and used in a safe manner in accordance with the Electricity at Work Regulations 1989.

13. The Hirer shall ensure that no unauthorised heating appliances shall be used on the premises.

14. The Hirer shall indemnify the Committee for the cost of repair of any damage (including accidental damage) done to any part of the property or the contents, fixtures and fittings of the building which may occur during the period of the hiring as a result of the hiring.

15. The First Aid box is kept in the kitchen above the microwave oven. Under government legislation (RIDDOR) all accidents involving injury must be recorded in the hall's accident book (which is kept on the kitchen window sill). The Hirer should also report any accidents to the chairman of the Committee (01594 516361), as by investigating them solutions may be found to prevent further accidents.

16. In case of fire: there are fire exits from the upstairs and downstairs halls as well as the main door. The fire extinguishers are sited in the lobby and downstairs hall (aqua spray), in the kitchen (CO₂, for flammable liquid and electrical fires, and fire blanket), and upstairs (water, and foam for solid and flammable liquid fires). But, unless the risk is minimal, usher everyone outside and ensure that the Fire Brigade has been called. The assembly point is on the corner outside Red Lion House.

17. At the end of the session the Hirer shall be responsible for leaving the premises in a clean and tidy condition, all WCs checked for their acceptable use by subsequent hirers, kitchen appliances switched off at the wall, any contents temporarily removed from their usual positions properly replaced, **RUBBISH TAKEN HOME**, properly locked and secured, and the key returned to Newnham Post Office. 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 stored equipment) must be removed at the end of each hiring.

B. Sale of alcohol

The Hirer (individual or authorised representative) of Newnham Armoury Village Hall for the event specified in Part 1 of this Agreement is also responsible for compliance with the law during the event in the hall in relation to the sale of alcohol. The following are offences under the Licensing Act 2003:

1. The sale or supply of alcohol to children under 18 years of age. Ignorance is no defence – ask for ID!
2. Allowing the sale of alcohol to children under 18.
3. Knowingly allowing the consumption of alcohol on the premises by a person aged under 18.
4. Allowing disorderly behaviour on the premises.
5. The sale of alcohol to a person who is drunk.
6. Obtaining alcohol for a person who is drunk.

Failure to comply with this legislation could result in the prosecution of the Hirer and the Armoury Management Committee!