



# **ANSTY VILLAGE CENTRE**

## **Conditions of Hire**

### **BOOKING**

The Hirer will be deemed the Responsible Person and may only use the room and area for the purpose stated on the booking form. The Hirer shall not use the premises for any other purpose than that described and not sub-hire the room to a third party or allow the premises to be used for any unlawful or unauthorised activity. The Hirer (or their Authorised Representative, not being a person under 21 years of age), should be on the premises during the period of the booking. The Hirer must vacate the room at the end of their hired period.

It is required that all children be supervised and not allowed to leave the hall unsupervised by an adult. CCTV is in operation.

Regular hirers may be issued with a fob to access the main door and hall and a further fob to turn the alarm system off and on. To comply with the Terms and Conditions for Access and Conditions of Hire, they must sign the Acceptance Form confirming they have read and understood these terms.

The Management do not allow birthday parties for persons between the age of 13 to 25 years.

The Management Committee reserve the right to refuse a booking without giving a reason.

The Hirer will be required to give notice and receive permission on booking the hall if they intend to sell alcohol and take out a Temporary Event Notice (TENs). No license is required for free alcohol. The store cupboard to the left of the kitchen may be used as a temporary bar. Please advise if needed.

The Management Committee reserves the right to cancel any relevant hiring in the event of the hall being required for use as a Polling Station for a Parliamentary or Local Government election or by-election, in which case the hirer shall be refunded any hire fee already paid for that relevant date. The Management Committee also reserves the right to cancel any hiring due to any unforeseen circumstance which affects the building such as a power cut, fire, flooding, damage which might affect a booking. All monies in these circumstances will be refunded.

Please note that any long-term regular bookings are subject to a regular review by the Management Committee.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES FOR USE AND DAMAGE AND CLEANING**

The Hirer deemed the Responsible Person, during the period of the booking, will be responsible for supervision of the premises. The Hirer must let the Booking Secretary know of any issues, breakages or damage to the hall or equipment. They will be deemed responsible for any damage, however slight, to the building and the contents and will be charged accordingly. Instructions on how to open the folding doors and use of blinds and Audio/Visual system are posted by the entrance. If in any doubt, please contact the Booking Secretary. This also applies to the kitchen. **Please note:** all accidents must be recorded in the Health & Safety Accident Book located in the cupboard to the left of the kitchen.

The Hirer must ensure the premises are left in the same clean and tidy condition as they find it. If the Hirer has any issues as to the condition of the premises, they must report this as soon as possible. Cleaning equipment is available in the hall in the first cupboard on the left. A charge will be made for any cleaning considered necessary by the Management. It is strongly recommended that cleaners are engaged for large events, particularly those serving alcohol. The Management can arrange cleaning on request for a charge when booking an event.

Hirers are responsible for the setting up and putting away of all items used during the period of hire, this includes the tables and chairs. Please ensure all items are clean before putting away. This applies also to the kitchen. When booking the hall, please ensure you have allowed enough time at the beginning and end of your booking for this purpose.

The Hirer must ensure that noise is kept within reasonable levels and asked to make as little noise as possible on vacating the building, especially after 23.00 hours due to the proximity of private houses. To ensure the residents adjacent to the Centre are not disturbed, the folding doors must be closed by 9.30pm. Air conditioning is available in the hall. If used, please ensure it is turned off when vacating the hall.

When using the Air Conditioning, please ensure that all doors and windows are shut and the two thermostats are at the same temperature and set between 18 – 21 degrees. The thermostat in the kitchen can be set at a different temperature but still within the same range. As stated above, please ensure the Air Conditioning is turned off when leaving the hall.

Please ensure when leaving, the lights in the hall (and kitchen if used) are turned off. If the blinds are drawn, please leave open. Close windows if opened. Please ensure the folding doors are closed and locked if used.

Please ensure that all equipment in the kitchen is turned off except for the cooker, fridge and fridge/freezer.

No apparatus or equipment of any description can be left on the premises without the prior consent of the Management Committee.

No responsibility whatsoever can be taken for any 'personal' items left on the premises.

**Please note: It is forbidden to attach anything to the walls, doors, cupboards, windows, ceilings or blinds in the hall as it removes or damages the paintwork. This also includes use of nails, screws, Sellotape, Blu-Tak or similar. To ensure the walls and cupboards are not damaged, hooks have been attached around the hall on the bulkhead should you need to hang any light decorations.**

### **PAYMENT, DEPOSITS AND CANCELLATIONS**

**Please note: When paying your invoice you are confirming you have read and agree to the Conditions of Hire.**

#### **Payment:**

**If your hire date is within 3 months (90 days) of the date of invoice:**

Payment must be made within 14 days of the date of your invoice or your booking could be cancelled.

**If your hire date is more than 3 months (90 days) after the date of invoice:**

A minimum of 25% of the hall hire cost must be made within 14 days of the date of the invoice or your booking could be cancelled. The balance of the invoice (if not already paid in full) must be made at least 3 months (90 days) before your hire date or your booking could be cancelled.

#### **Deposits:**

A refundable deposit will be charged for all bookings at the rate quoted in the Hire Charges. In the case of regular bookings, a £50 deposit may be required and held on account as security for damage or cleaning and refunded should the booking no longer be required subject to there being no damage or cleaning needed during the course of the booking. Should any damage exceed the required deposit, a further charge will be made.

A non-refundable deposit of £200 will be charged at the time of booking for weddings which will be set against the hall hire.

#### **Cancellations:**

If your cancellation is made more than 14 days before your hall hire date, 25% of the hall hire cost will be retained and the additional amount refunded.

If your cancellation is made within 14 days of your hall hire date, you will be liable for 100% of the hall hire cost.

Cancellation of a regular booking received less than 14 days prior to the start of the following month will not be reimbursed.

All cancellations due to 'force majeure' or national or local lockdowns due to an infectious disease such as Covid, a full refund will be given or the opportunity to re-schedule the booking to a later date.

Any cancellation of a booking for any reason, including you (or members of your party) being unable to attend because you (or a member of your party) fall ill with an infectious disease such as Covid, or are required to quarantine or self-isolate, will still be subject to the same terms and conditions of a standard booking. (See above). We strongly urge you to take out event insurance for large parties. However, the Refundable Deposit and all Line Items will be returned in full.

**Please note: £15 for each 15 minutes, after the grace period of 15 minutes, will be deducted from your deposit should you arrive or leave later than the times of your booked event.**

## **HEALTH & SAFETY**

It is the responsibility of the individual Hirers whose purpose of hire is to run classes, conferences, clubs and/or similar to ensure that they are aware of the Health & Safety at Work Act 1974 and to take reasonable precautions to ensure that their activities are carried out in a responsible way.

A copy of the Village Centre Health & Safety Policy is available on the website:

<https://anstysussex.uk>

Any accidents should be reported to a delegated member and an Accident Report Form Completed. Accident book located in cupboard to left of kitchen.

It is the responsibility of the Hirer to have undergone a DBS (Disclosure & Barring Service) check if the purpose of their hire is to be in close contact with children and vulnerable adults. Proof of a DBS certificate must be presented to the Booking Secretary. This does not apply to private hire for parties and similar.

The Hirer is responsible for obtaining 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Liability Insurance and provide a copy of Insurance/Certificates if the purpose of their hire is a business.

Instructors must provide proof of their qualifications.

The Hirer is responsible for any relevant Safeguarding issues that might arise and the ability to provide First Aid. A First Aid kit is available in the kitchen and the cleaning cupboard.

The Hirer shall abide by any special conditions of hire imposed due to infectious diseases such as COVID restrictions. The Centre may be closed at short notice on official guidance.

The Hirer should familiarise themselves and those attending their event with the locations of the Emergency Exits and fire extinguishers and the Safety Notices displayed in the room hired and ensure that access to the exits and equipment is kept free from obstruction.

Please ensure children are kept under supervision at all times and not allowed to wander around the building or use the disabled lift. CCTV is in operation.

The Hirer is deemed responsible for the overall conduct and safety of the attendees unless they nominate and inform the Booking Secretary of another named adult (21+ years). For all large group gatherings, two responsible adults must be in attendance at all times during the booking. They will be deemed responsible for the overall conduct and safety of the booking. The Hirer is responsible for the evacuation of the premises in case of emergency.

The Hirer and/or persons attending the event must not bring any inflammable material into the building, nor decorations of a combustible nature or light a naked flame. Birthday candles on cakes within reason are allowed.

The use of Bouncy Castles, bubble, foam machines or similar apparatus are not allowed due to safety issues and the height of the hall ceiling. Permission must be sought from MSDC if Bouncy Castles, fireworks or other such entertainment is requested for an event on the recreation ground.

It is the Hirer's responsibility to ensure that they or persons they have engaged have adequate insurance against injury and damage to persons and the building. All electrical items plugged into the hall must have passed the necessary P.A.T. tests and certificates must be produced on request. Public Liability insurance cover must exist for such equipment and copies of certificates of insurance must be presented on request otherwise Hirers may be asked to remove the equipment from the premises.

Smoking or vaping is prohibited throughout the building and balcony.

The Management shall not be responsible for any loss, damage or injury arising from the use of the Centre and the car park, except to the extent that it can be shown to be negligent.

The Hirer will be responsible to ensure that there is proper supervision of car parking arrangements to avoid collision of vehicles, obstruction or injury or damage to persons in and/or around the car park. **Parking spaces cannot be guaranteed.**

The Village Hall Management Committee reserves the right to enter the Hall at any time during an event if it has reason to believe there may be a problem, and to impose further conditions on the spot or curtail the event as it considers necessary for the welfare of guests or the safety of the building or the impropriety of use.

## **MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT**

The Hall holds the appropriate licenses for Public Entertainment. Music must cease by 11.00pm and all music must be kept to a suitable level to avoid disturbance of neighbours. To ensure the residents adjacent to the Centre are not disturbed, the folding doors must be closed by 9.30pm.

The Audio/Visual equipment in the hall is available on request to hire. A hearing loop is installed throughout the building.

## **FOOD SAFETY & HYGIENE**

Under the Food Safety Act 1990, it is the responsibility of persons providing food for any event held in the Hall to ensure that they are aware of and abide by the legal requirements. The Management Committee is not responsible for any food brought into the Hall.

The Hirer or persons connected to the booking must ensure that all food brought into the building is removed, including from the fridges and any electrical equipment used such as the cooker, Lincat, microwave, kettle and dishwasher are turned off before leaving. Please ensure the dishwasher is drained down. Instructions for all appliances can be obtained in the file in the drawer to the left of the cooker.

Please take **ALL** your rubbish home. The bins in the car park are for Clubroom use only.

Please ensure all water taps are turned off, all fire doors and windows are locked and the kitchen hatch is down.

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