

NETHER WHITACRE VILLAGE HALL (in compliance with ACRE guidance)

COVID-19 Risk Assessment

To be completed by all hirers of Village Hall before hire is agreed.

Proposed hirer/organisation:

Proposed purpose of hire:

Please CIRCLE which parts of the building you intend to use: main hall / kitchen / committee room / foyer

Area of Risk	Risk identified	Actions to take to mitigate risk	Notes
Cleanliness of hall and equipment on arrival	Unsure if other hirers or hall cleaner have not cleaned hall or equipment used to standard required.	Group to check with hall committee when hall is cleaned and to make sure regularly used surfaces are cleaned before and during hire e.g. tables, sinks, door and toilet handles.	<i>NB the hall has a paid cleaner who cleans out of hours ready for the first user of the day.</i>
Cleanliness of hall and equipment at end of your hire	The hirer leaves the hall or equipment without cleaning.	Each hirer to make sure regularly used surfaces are cleaned at the end of your hire e.g. tables, sinks, door and toilet handles.	<i>Please describe what cleaning you will do at the end of your hire:</i>
Managing Social distancing	Groups of people gathering in the car park; people not being prepared to wait and expecting to get straight in to the hall instead of queuing	Each hirer to confirm how many members of the public will be allowed into the building at any one time.	<i>How will you manage pinch points (eg doors from foyer into hall; exit door)</i>
Managing Social distancing; especially for people attending who may be vulnerable	People do not maintain 2m social distancing in the hall	Each hirer must ensure that any persons coming into the building due to their hire comply with social distancing as far as possible and use a one-way system. Hirer to be familiar with signage and point it out to people coming into the hall due to their hiring.	<i>Please describe what actions you will be taking during you hire to comply with social distancing in the building: What practices do you have in place to consider vulnerable people (eg 70+)?</i>
Managing social distancing: layout	Maintaining distance	Hirer to show the layout of tables/chairs they intend to use. Govt guidance suggests side by side or back to back working.	<i>Please provide a diagram showing how many tables/chairs you intend to use in the hall/committee room How will you try to minimise face to face?</i>
Respiratory hygiene	Transmission to other members of group	Catch It, Bin It, Kill It. Encourage group to avoid touching mouth, eyes, and nose. The hirer should provide tissues and ask all to dispose into a disposable rubbish bag, then wash or sanitise hands. The hirer must remove ALL rubbish from site.	<i>There will be sanitiser on site but remember to bring your own supply of tissues and hand sanitiser. Remember to take away ALL your rubbish at the end of the hire.</i>
Hand cleanliness	Transmission to other members of group and premises	Advise anyone in your group to use sanitiser on entering and exiting the hall, to wash hands regularly using soap and paper towels.	

Toilets	Transmission to toilet users	Hirer to control numbers accessing toilets at one time, with attention to more vulnerable users. Hirer to clean all surfaces etc before public arrive unless cleaner has pre-cleaned out of hours	
Noise	Transmission of droplets by shouting	All venues should ensure that steps are taken to avoid people needing to unduly raise their voices to each other. This includes refraining from playing music or broadcasts that may encourage shouting.	<i>What steps will you be taking to prevent shouting or other activity that risks projecting droplets?</i>
Someone falls ill with COVID19 symptoms	Transmission to other members of group and premises	Move person to safe area, obtain medical help if necessary. Obtain contact details of all people in your group and pass this information to the hall committee to assist with any track and trace requirement by the authorities.	

Name of hirer completing this assessment:			Received by:
Date completed:	----- ----- -----		

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Special Conditions of Hire during COVID-19

Note: These conditions are supplemental to, not a replacement for, the hall's ordinary conditions of hire.

SC1:

You, the hirer, will be responsible for ensuring those attending your activity or event comply with the COVID-19 Secure Guidelines while entering and occupying the hall, as shown on the attached poster which is also displayed at the hall entrance, in particular using the hand sanitiser supplied when entering the hall and after using tissues.

SC2:

You undertake to comply with the actions identified in the hall's risk assessment, of which you will be provided with a copy.

SC3:

You will be responsible for cleaning door handles, light switches, window catches, equipment, toilet handles and seats, wash basins and all surfaces likely to be used during your period of hire before other members of your group or organisation arrive and to keep the premises clean through regular cleaning of surfaces during your hire, paying particular attention to wash hand basins and kitchen sinks (if used), using either the products supplied (which will be in a clearly accessible location) or your own ordinary domestic products. You will be required to clean again on leaving.

Please take care cleaning electrical equipment. Use cloths - do not spray!

SC4:

You will make sure that everyone likely to attend your activity or event understands that they **MUST NOT DO SO** if they or anyone in their household has had COVID-19 symptoms in the last 48 hours, and that if they develop symptoms within 10 days of visiting the premises they **MUST** use the Test and Trace system to alert others with whom they have been in contact. They must seek a COVID-19 antigen test

SC5:

You will keep the premises well ventilated throughout your hire, with windows and doors (except fire doors) open as far as convenient. You will be responsible for ensuring they are all securely closed on leaving.

SC6:

You will ensure that no more than 30 people attend your activity/event in the Main Hall and 6 in the Committee Room, in order that social distancing can be maintained. You will ensure that people attending do so in groups of no more than 6 (unless they are a “qualifying group”) and that such groups do not mingle. You will ensure social distancing of 2m between individuals or groups is maintained by everyone attending as far as possible, including while waiting to enter the premises, that they observe the one-way system within the premises, and as far as possible observe social distancing of 1m plus mitigation measures when using more confined areas (e.g. moving and stowing equipment, accessing toilets) which should be kept as brief as possible. You will make sure that no more than [one] persons use each suite of toilets at one time.

SC7:

You will take particular care to ensure that social distancing is maintained for any persons aged 70 or over or likely to be clinically more vulnerable to COVID-19, including for example keeping a 2m distance around them when going in and out of rooms and ensuring they can access the toilets, kitchen or other confined areas without others being present. For some people, passing another person in a confined space is less risky, but for older people that should be avoided.

SC8:

You will position furniture or the arrangement of the room as far as possible to facilitate social distancing of 2m between individual people or groups of six or less people or 1m with mitigation measures such as: seating side by side, with at least one empty chair between each person or household group, rather than face-to-face, face coverings and good ventilation. If tables are being used, you will place them so as to maintain social distancing across the table between people from different household groups who are face-to-face e.g. using a wide U-shape.

SC9:

You MUST keep a record of the date and time the activity started and the name and contact telephone number or email of all those who attend your event (or a member of any group of up to 6 people who attend together). This can be done either by operating an advance booking system which collects these details, or by asking everyone who attends to use the NHS QR poster at the hall entrance to register their attendance and by keeping a record of any who do not register using their smartphone app and the hall’s NHS QR poster or your own NHS QR poster.

SC10:

You will be responsible for the disposal of all rubbish created during your hire, including tissues and cleaning cloths, in the rubbish bins provided by the main entrance before you leave the hall. All other rubbish should be taken away with you when you leave the hall.

SC11:

Users are encouraged to bring their own drinks and food. If food or drink is being served (as distinct to being made on a DIY basis) it must be served only at tables or as a takeaway service. Provision of food or drink MUST cease before 10pm (i.e. be cleared away by then). If food and drink is served at tables you MUST ensure there is no mingling between groups at different tables, which must be seated in accordance with SC6.

SC12:

We will have the right to close the hall if there are safety concerns relating to COVID-19, for example, if someone who has attended the hall develops symptoms and thorough cleansing is required or if it is reported that the Special Hiring Conditions above are not being complied with, whether by you or by other hirers, or in the event that public buildings are asked or required to close again. If this is necessary, we will do our best to inform you promptly and you will not be charged for this hire.

SC13:

In the event of someone becoming unwell with suspected Covid-19 symptoms while at the hall you should remove them to the designated safe area which is [Committee Room]. Provide tissues and a bin or plastic bag, and a bowl of warm soapy water for handwashing. Ask others in your group to provide contact details if you do not have them and then leave the premises, observing the usual hand sanitising and social distancing precautions, and advise them to launder their clothes when they arrive home. Inform the hall cleaner on [insert contact no:].

SC14:

For events with more than 30 people (when allowed) you will take additional steps to ensure the safety of the public in relation to COVID-19 and prevent large gatherings or mass events from taking place, for example by operating a booking system or providing attendants or stewards who will ask people to seat themselves furthest from the entrance on arrival, to exit closest to the exits first and invite people to use toilets in the interval row by row.

SC15:

In order to avoid risk of aerosol or droplet transmission you must take steps to avoid people needing to unduly raise their voices to each other, e.g. refrain from playing music or broadcasts at a volume which makes normal conversation difficult.

SC16:

Other special points as appropriate.

E.g. Where a sports, exercise or performing arts activity takes place:

[You will organise your activity in accordance with guidance issued by the relevant governing body for your sport or activity]

E.g. Where a group uses their own equipment:

[You will ask those attending to bring their own equipment and not share it with other members] or
[You will avoid using equipment, which is difficult to clean, as far as possible. You will ensure that any equipment you provide is cleaned before use and before being stored in the hall].

SC 17:

You will encourage all those attending your activity to wear a face covering unless an exemption or other government guidance applies to the activity. A face covering is not required when people are eating or drinking but they should be seated.