

GERRARDS CROSS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Standard Conditions of Hire of Rooms/Halls in the Memorial Centre

If the Hirer is in any doubt as to the meaning of the following, the Community Association should be immediately consulted.

N.B. For the purposes of these conditions, the term Hirer shall mean an individual hirer or, where the hirer is an organisation, the authorised representative.

1. **Supervision. THE HIRER** will, during the period of the hiring, be responsible for supervision of the premises, the fabric and the contents, their care, safety from damage however slight; or change of any sort and the behaviour of all persons using the premises whatever their capacity, including proper supervision of car parking arrangements so as to avoid obstruction of the highway.
2. **Use of Premises. THE HIRER** shall not use the premises for any purpose other than that described in the hiring agreement and shall not sub-hire or use the premises or allow the premises to be used for any unlawful purpose or in any unlawful way nor do anything or bring onto the premises anything which may endanger the same or render invalid any insurance policy in respect thereof nor allow the consumption of alcohol thereon without written permission.
3. **Licences. THE HIRER** shall be responsible for obtaining such licences as may be needed such as that from the Performing Right Society, from Phonographic Performance Ltd or otherwise and for the observance of the same.
4. **Gaming, Betting and Lotteries. THE HIRER** shall ensure that nothing is done on or in relation to the premises in contravention of the law relating to gaming, betting and lotteries.
5. **Public Safety Compliance. THE HIRER** shall comply with all conditions and regulations made in respect of the premises by the Fire Authority, Local Authority, the Local Magistrates' Court or otherwise, particularly in connection with any event which includes public dancing or music or other similar public entertainment or stage plays.
6. **Health and Hygiene. THE HIRER** shall, if preparing, serving or selling food, observe all relevant food health and hygiene legislation and regulations.
7. **ELECTRICAL APPLIANCE SAFETY. THE HIRER** shall ensure that any electrical appliance brought by him to the premises and used there shall be safe and in good working order, and used in a safe manner. Where a residual circuit-breaker is provided under terms of the PEL or CPL, the hirer must make use of it in the interests of public safety.
8. **Indemnity. THE HIRER** shall indemnify the committee for the cost of repair of any damage done to any part of the property, including the curtilage thereof or the contents of the buildings, which may occur during the period of the hiring as a result of the hiring.

THE HIRER shall be responsible for making arrangements to insure against any third party claims which may lie against him or her (or the organisation if acting as a representative) whilst using the Memorial Centre. (The Memorial Centre is insured against any claims arising out of its own negligence's).
9. **Accidents and Dangerous Occurrences. THE HIRER** must report all accidents involving injury to the public to a member of the Community Association Staff as soon as possible. Any failure of equipment, either that belonging to the Community Association or brought in by the hirer, must also be reported as soon as possible. Certain types of accident or injury must be reported on a special form to the local authority. The Office Manager will give assistance in completing this form. This is in accordance with the Executive Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulation 1995.
10. **Animals. THE HIRER** shall ensure that no animals (including birds) except guide dogs are brought into the Community Association, other than for a special event agreed to by the Community Association. And no animals whatsoever are to enter the kitchen at any time.
11. **Compliance with The Children Act. THE HIRER** shall ensure that any activity for children under eight years of age complies with the provisions of The Children Act of 1989 and that only fit and proper persons have access to the children.

12. **Fly-Posting.** **THE HIRER** shall not carry out or permit fly-posting or any other form of unauthorised advertisements for any event taking place at the Memorial Centre and shall indemnify the Committee accordingly against all action, claims and proceedings arising from any breach of this condition. Failure to observe this condition may lead to prosecution by the local authority.
13. **Sale of Goods.** **THE HIRER** shall, if selling goods on the premises, comply with Fair Trading Laws and any code of practice used in connection with such sales. In particular, the Hirer shall ensure that the total prices of all goods and services are prominently displayed, as shall be the organiser's name and address, and that any discount offered is based only on Manufacturers Recommended Retail Prices.
14. **Cancellation.** **IF THE HIRER** wishes to cancel the booking before the date of the event, the following fees will be due in the timescales:

Cancellation 2 weeks or more before the hire date – no charge
Cancellation less than 2 weeks before the hire date - 100% of the room hire is due
15. **Cancellation.** **THE ASSOCIATION** reserves the right to cancel this hiring in the event of the hall being required for use as a Polling Station for a Parliamentary or Local Government election or bye-election, in which case the Hirer shall be entitled to a refund of any deposit already paid.
16. **Unfit for Use.** In the event of any of the rooms or any part thereof being rendered unfit for the use for which it has been hired, the committee shall not be liable to the hirer for any resulting loss or damage whatsoever.
17. **Refusal of Booking.** **THE ASSOCIATION** reserves the right to refuse a booking without notice or to cancel this hiring agreement at any time, either before or during the term of the agreement, upon giving seven days notice in writing to the hirer.

THE HIRER shall be entitled upon such notice to reimbursement of such monies, including the deposit or a proportion of the same as have been paid by the Hirer to the Association, but the Committee shall not be liable to make any further payment to the hirer
18. **End of Hire.** **THE HIRER** shall be responsible for leaving the premises and surrounding area on time and in a clean and tidy condition, properly locked and secured unless directed otherwise and any contents temporarily removed from their usual positions replaced, otherwise the Association shall not return the deposit.
19. **Use of glasses, crockery & cutlery.** **THE HIRER** shall be responsible to ensure that any utensils used are cleaned and put away at the end of the event otherwise the Association will not return the deposit.
20. Please ensure the cookers, microwaves, fridges, dishwashers, glasswashers, are left in a clean/useable condition otherwise deposit will not be refunded.
21. **Noise.** **THE HIRER** shall ensure that the minimum of noise is made on arrival and departure.
22. **Consumption of Alcohol** - All alcohol and other drinks to be consumed on the premises are to be purchased from the Community Association.

Booking Name:

Signed Date

Name (printed)

Persons signing must be over 18 years of age