



Oundle Town Council

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Queen Victoria Hall Hire Terms and Conditions

1. Oundle Town Council (OTC) are the trustees of the Queen Victoria Hall (QVH) and agree to hire the hall for the purpose described in the hire agreement. The Hirer shall not sub-hire the QVH or allow it to be used for any unlawful or unsuitable purposes.
2. The person signing this agreement is the Hirer and must be aged 25 years or older.
3. By signing this agreement, the Hirer agrees to abide by these booking conditions.
4. The opening hours of the premises is Monday to Sunday, 8.30 to 00.00.
5. A deposit of £100 is required for bookings where there is the sale and/or supply of alcohol and/or for events such as parties, theatre productions, live music etc. We will advise you if a deposit is required for your hire. The deposit will be returned within 28 days following the hire provided there is no damage or loss caused to the premises and/or the contents.
6. Full payment for the booking is required before the date of the hire. A payment schedule for long term hire will be agreed on an individual basis.
7. Following full payment OTC will give the Hirer the door entry code. The Hirer is responsible for this code and is not permitted to give it to anyone else.
8. Hirers are charged for the actual time booked. Time to set up and clear the QVH must be during the booked time.
9. The Hirer is responsible for having their own relevant insurance to carry out the activities they have hired the QVH for. You will need to provide copies of your insurance before your event.
10. Wireless broadband access is offered free of charge to hirers; the hirer must request permission from OTC and sign the broadband policy. The Council does not guarantee connectivity.

11. Premises Licence

11.1. The QVH has a Premises Licence authorising the following regulated entertainment and

licensable activities to be carried on inside the premises only and at these specified times:

- Sale and consumption of alcohol: 5.00pm to 11.30pm
- Performance of Dance: 8.30am to 11.00pm
- Exhibition of films: 8.30am to 11.00pm
- Performance of live music: 8.30am to 11.00pm
- Performance of plays: 8.30am to 11.00pm
- Playing of recorded music: 8.30am to 11.00pm
- Indoor sporting events: 8.30am to 11.00pm

11.2. The Hirer is responsible for making sure the licenced activities do not take place outside the

premises; this includes the steps outside the bar, the alley by the fire exits and on the pavement in front of the premises.

12. Sale and Consumption of alcohol

12.1. Alcohol can only be sold at an event if it has been agreed with OTC otherwise it is not permitted.

12.2. It is at OTC's discretion to; refuse permission to sell alcohol at an event, agree a £25 fee or request the Hirer applies for a Temporary Event Notice (TEN) from North Northamptonshire Council. If a TEN is requested, it must be sent to OTC at least 5 working days before the event.

12.3. Where it is agreed alcohol can be sold at an event, it is the Hirer's responsibility to comply with all current applicable licensing regulations with regards to selling and consumption of alcohol, including these terms and conditions.

12.4. Only alcohol where duty and VAT has been paid is permitted to be sold on the premises. Homebrewed and alcohol where duty and VAT has not been paid must not be sold anywhere on the premises.

12.5. It is illegal to sell or knowingly allow any person to sell alcohol to a person under 18.

The Hirer must follow the Think 25 scheme and ask for acceptable forms of ID; driving license, passport and cards bearing PASS hologram.

12.6 It is not permitted for people to buy bottles and drink off the premises after the event.

12.7 The Hirer must ensure they and their staff do not carry out, arrange or participate in any irresponsible promotions in relation to the premises including drinking games or other activities.

12.8 The Hirer shall ensure that free potable water is provided on request to customers where it is reasonably available.

12.9. The Hirer must ensure that (a) where any of the following alcoholic drinks are sold or supplied for consumption on the premises (other than alcoholic drinks sold or supplied having been made up in advance ready for sale or supply in securely closed container) it is available to customers in the following measures (i) beer or cider: 1/2 pint; (ii) gin, rum, vodka or whiskey: 25ml or 35ml; and (iii) still wine in a glass: 125ml; (b) these measures are displayed in a menu, price list or other printed material which is available to customers on the premises; and (c) where a customer does not in relation to a sale of alcohol specify the quantity of alcohol to be sold, the customer is made aware that these measures are available.

12.10. The Hirer shall ensure that no alcohol is sold or supplied for consumption on or off the premises for a price which is less than the permitted price.

12.11. Selling of alcohol must finish at 11.30pm. Consumption of alcohol must be finished by 11.40pm.

13. Legislation

13.1. The Hirer shall make sure that any activities for children comply with the provisions of the Children Act 2006 and the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006.

13.2. If selling goods, the Hirer shall comply with trading laws and any code of practice including legislation which prohibits the sale or hire of age restricted products.

13.3. The Hirer is responsible for making sure they have the appropriate copyright licences for films and not permit children to view age-restricted films classified according to the recommendations of the British Board of Film Classification.

13.4. The Hirer is responsible for making sure nothing is done on or in relation to the premises in contravention of the law relating to gaming, betting and lotteries.

14. Security/Health & Safety/Damage

14.1. The Hirer is responsible for the supervision of QVH, the fabric and contents, and the behaviour of all persons during the hire.

14.2. Hirers are not allowed to use any sort of tape or blue/white tack adhesive on the floor or walls.

14.3. The movement of furniture or the use of extra furniture, stage extensions etc. must not cause damage to any part of the building and contents.

14.4. Paint spills and damage should be cleaned up quickly and reported to OTC. Dust sheets must always be used.

14.5. OTC accepts no responsibility for any stored equipment, goods or other property left on the premises and shall not be liable for personal injury caused by the Hirer's event.

14.6. The Hirer shall be responsible for all claims, damages and any expenses incurred from their hire.

14.7. Smoking is not permitted anywhere on the premises.

14.8. The Hirer is responsible for ensuring that they are familiar with all fire procedures and exits and for the Health & Safety of anyone on the premises during their booking.

14.9. The Hirer shall ensure that all gangways, exit doors and stairways for public access are kept clear of obstruction.

14.10. The use of naked flame, highly flammable substances, smoke machines, lasers and pyrotechnics is not permitted anywhere on the premises.

14.11. The Hirer shall make sure that all electrical equipment brought by them to the premises is safe, in good working order, and used in a safe manner.

14.12. Tape is not allowed on the stage except tape which is known as LX tape (also known as PVC tape). Gaffer tape, packaging tape, clear tape etc is not allowed as it leaves a residue and may take the vanish with it when removed.

14.13. Please report any faults or damage before and during the hire to OTC as soon as possible, by email admin@oundle.gov.uk or telephone 01832 272055, Monday to Friday, 9am to 2pm.

15. Sound and Music

15.1. The Hirer is responsible for adhering to all conditions of the Performing Rights Society where any music in any form is part of the event.

15.2. The noise must be kept to a reasonable level for a residential area and no sound should emit from the premises so as to cause undue nuisance. Playing of music must finish at 11pm.

16. Food

16.1. It is the Hirer's legal duty that any food production or consumption must comply with food safety and hygiene regulations.

17. Clearing Up

17.1. The Hirer shall leave the premises in a clean and tidy condition when the hire is complete.

17.2. All rubbish must be swept up, bagged for disposal and put out by bins and all furniture returned to its original place.

17.3. The Hirer is responsible for making sure all doors and windows are closed and properly secure before they leave the building.

18. Interruption of Regular Bookings

18.1. If a Hirer is a regular user, OTC reserves the right to offer an alternative venue or cancel all, or part of the bookings in favour of large one-off bookings such as Oundle Amateur Dramatic Society, Gilbert & Sullivan, and Peterborough Opera.

19. Cancellation

19.1. If the Hirer cancels the booking before the event and OTC is unable to arrange a replacement booking, OTC may at their discretion, withhold part of the deposit and hire charge for costs incurred due to the cancellation.

19.2. OTC reserves the right to cancel the booking if;

- **It's required for use as a Polling Station for a Parliamentary or Local Government election or by-election,**
- **The hire will lead to the breach of the licensing conditions,**
- **If the hire will involve unlawful or unsuitable activities,**
- **If the hall has become unfit or unsafe for the hire,**
- **If an emergency requires use of the hall for victims of flooding, snowstorm, fire, explosion or those at risk of similar disasters.**

- If North Northamptonshire Council request the use of the building for ‘Emergency Operations’

19.3. OTC will endeavour to give reasonable notice of a cancellation for these circumstances and will refund the Hirer in full, however the Council shall not be liable to pay compensation due to this cancellation.

FIRE EVACUATION PROCEDURES

IN THE EVENT OF FIRE AT: Queen Victoria Hall, 7 West Street, Oundle, PE8 4EJ

- 1. RAISE THE ALARM:** the person discovering the fire shouts “FIRE” and sets off the alarm at the nearest safe break glass.
- 2. CALL THE FIRE BRIGADE: Dial 999**
- 3. ATTACK THE FIRE:** Only if it is safe to do so & you have been trained with the appropriate firefighting equipment. **DO NOT TAKE RISKS**

- ✓ **As the Hirer you are responsible for ensuring that those using the hired premises are evacuated** by the nearest safe exit route closing all doors behind you.
- ✓ **Give assistance to evacuate disabled persons.**
- ✓ **NEVER** go back to collect belongings.
- ✓ **The Hirer is responsible for verifying that the building is clear as they leave.**
- ✓ **The Hirer** will report details of the completed evacuation and other appropriate information to the person in charge at the assembly point e.g. Fire Officer.
- ✓ **Everyone will assemble in an orderly manner at the FIRE ASSEMBLY POINT LOCATED AT: THE PAVEMENT OPPOSITE THE QUEEN VICTORIA HALL**
- ✓ **NEVER** re-enter any building until the Fire Brigade has given the **ALL CLEAR.**
- ✓ **The Hirer must make themselves aware of the fire exits**
- ✓ **Keep exit routes free from obstructions**
- ✓ **The Hirer will liaise with the Fire Brigade on their arrival:**
 - ✓ Informing them of unaccounted personnel
 - ✓ Fire Location
 - ✓ Electrical/Gas status and location of hazardous materials (Flammables, etc)

SIGNED DECLARATION:

1. I have read and understood the Fire Evacuation Procedures.
2. I have received an emergency contact number from Lisa Allan who is contactable should an emergency arise.

Name.....

Signed.....Dated.....