



Hall Hire Agreement

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Summary of Changes

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5 Jun 17	1.0	Initial Release.
30 Jul 17	1.1	Changes to pricing and e-mail details
17 Aug 17	1.2	Incorporated changes agreed at committee meeting of 12 Jul 17
15 Nov 17	1.3	Additions on safeguarding
8 Jan 18	1.4	Updated boardroom hire charges
11 Jan 18	1.5	Increased period for return of deposit from 7 to 14 days
18 Jul 18	1.6	Increase in cleaning fees
19 Mar 19	2.0	Changing miscellaneous item prices, parking penalty and booking confirmations.
12 Mar 20	2.1	Changes to prices, penalty charges and miscellaneous items
19 Oct 21	3.0	Simplified pricing structure and added mandatory cleaning fee.
3 Mar 24	3.1	Changes following revised pricing policy.
27 Aug 24	3.2	Changes to deposit and penalty charges.

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 The Hedgecock Community Centre (HCC) warmly welcomes hirers and their guests. Please read through these terms and conditions and contact us if you have any queries.
- 1.2 The following terms are used in this document:
 - **Hall:** The premises known as Hedgecock Community Centre;
 - **Hirer:** Any organisation, group or individual entering into an agreement for use of the hall.
- 1.3 The hirer is required to be at least 18 years of age.
- 1.4 Hiring of the hall to any organisation, group or individual is at the absolute discretion of the HCC Executive Committee or any other member of staff or volunteer who has the authority to act on behalf of the HCC.
- 1.5 Hirers and their guests are required to treat all users and staff with respect.
- 1.6 The Hirer (or any other person authorised in writing to the HCC by the Hirer) must be present at all times during the hire period.
- 1.7 The Hirer (or the authorised representative) must not leave the premises at the end of hire until a Hall Hire Report Form has been completed and signed.
- 1.8 There are **no parking facilities** available to Hirers or their guests and the Hirer must ensure their guests do not inconvenience local residents by bringing in vehicles onto the estate and parking illegally.
- 1.9 Any vehicles found parked illegally will be issued a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) by a private company, and Hedgecock holds no responsibility for the issuance or enforcement of these notices.
- 1.10 The Hirer must allow HCC staff access to the premises at all times during the period of hire.

2 Facilities & Services

- 2.1 The area of the Hall is **16m x 9m** and can accommodate **120-200** people.
- 2.2 There are separate male and female toilets by the entrance to the building which is available to the Hirer and their guests along with an accessible toilet for disabled users.

- 2.3 Inventory of tables and chairs:

Item	Quantity
Chairs	120
Tables	20

- 2.4 A small kitchen, accessible from the main hall, is also available.
- 2.5 No other areas of the HCC are included in the hire.
- 2.6 The Hirer must ensure the premises are inspected prior to a booking and that the facilities are suitable for the hire.

- 2.7 The Hirer will be required to take up the cleaning service offered through the HCC cleaner who will ensure the centre is swept and mopped at the end of the hire period to the required standard.
- 2.8 Where the Light Cleaning Service has been waived, the hirer must ensure the centre is left in the same state it was at the start of hire and all areas have been swept and mopped. This must be completed within the hire period and the centre must be vacated on or before the end of the hire period.
- 2.9 Should the cleaning not be to the HCCs satisfaction and the cleaner has to be contracted to complete the work, the Hirer will be charged an **additional fee of £50**.

3 Bookings

- 3.1 Bookings can only be made using the official online booking form on the HCC website (<http://www.hedgecockcentre.org.uk/>).
- 3.2 Bookings must be for a minimum of 1 Hour except for Private/Family Parties which are hired out for a minimum of 4 Hours.
- 3.3 Acceptance of the booking form does not imply acceptance of a booking.
- 3.4 Bookings will not be accepted from anyone under the age of 18.
- 3.5 The booking form must disclose full details of proposed use including:
- the purpose of the booking detailing subject matter to be covered;
 - the age range of the expected participants;
 - DBS certificates where relevant;
 - risk assessments and other documentation upon request, where relevant.
- 3.6 The hire is granted based on the details provided by the Hirer at the time of booking.
- 3.7 In the event of any variation of use by the Hirer or failure to comply with the requirements of full disclosure, the HCC reserves the right to cancel the booking.
- 3.8 The HCC may, if it deems necessary, request additional information from the Hirer.
- 3.9 The HCC reserves the right to refuse any booking. This would include events or activities which the HCC considers:
- to be an inappropriate use of the hall;
 - may present a threat to public safety;
 - may promote or incite hatred or violence against others;
 - likely to create a disturbance or inconvenience to the residents in the neighbourhood;
 - to be in conflict with any of the HCC's policies or its aims and objectives;
 - may embroil the HCC in disrepute.
- 3.10 The HCC is not required to provide any reasons for refusing bookings.

Provisional Booking

- 3.11 If the booking is approved, the Hirer will be informed via e-mail or phone. The booking will be considered provisional until the initial payment (see 5) has been received.
- 3.12 A provisional booking does not constitute a legal agreement between the parties.

3.13 A provisional booking will be held for a maximum of 2 days which can be extended to 7 days upon request.

Confirmed Booking

3.14 A provisional booking will become a confirmed booking once the initial payment (see 5) has been received.

4 Prices

4.1 Hire charges listed below are valid for bookings made up to 2 months in advance.

4.2 The HCC reserves the right to increase hire charges and will notify the Hirer giving them two months' notice.

4.3 The Hirer can then choose to accept the new charges or cancel the booking in which case any advance payments made will be returned to the Hirer.

4.4 The Non-Profit rate is only applicable for a minimum of 4 bookings per quarter when paid monthly in advance (with an initial payment for 4 bookings) by a non-profit organisation. Evidence of non-profit status must be provided at time of booking.

4.5 The Non-Profit rate does not apply for a one-off booking and in this case the Private/Family rate will be applicable if not booked by a corporate entity.

Facility / Service	Non-Profit / Block Booking (Minimum 4 bookings paid in advance)	Private/ Family/ Parties (Minimum 4 Hours)	Corporate/ Commercial
Saver: Mon – Sun : 08:00 – 10:00	£20 per hour	£50 per hour	
Off-Peak: Mon – Fri: 09:00 – 16:00	£25 per hour	£50 per hour	
Peak: Mon – Fri: 16:00 – 22:00	£30 per hour	£50 per hour	
Weekend: Sat – Sun & Public Holidays	£35 per hour	£60 per hour	
Light Cleaning Service (Mandatory)	*£30	£30	

4.6 The hire of the hall includes the use of the kitchen.

4.7 The Light Cleaning Service can be waived for hires of 2 hours or less by Non-Profit organisations where food and drink is not provided to users and where the hirer leaves the hall in the same condition it was in at the start of the hire.

4.8 For Corporate or Commercial hirers who enter into a long-term hire agreement, they may be offered the Non-Profit rate if the majority of users of the service are from the Longbridge Ward. This will be at the sole discretion of the HCC Executive Committee. The hirer agrees to supply any evidence requested in support of their claim for the discount at any point during the term of the hire.

4.9 The following equipment is available for hire:

Item	Quantity Available	Price
75" LED TV	1	£55
Projector (without screen)	1	£30
PA System Portable	1	*£35
PA System Main hall (4 speakers)	1	*£60

4.10 A 20% discount will be provided on equipment if two or more items are hired for an event.

5 Payments

- 5.1 Payments must be made via bank transfer to the HCC's bank account details of which can be found on the HCC's website or in emails sent by the HCC.
- 5.2 Prices include the items confirmed to the Hirer in the e-mail response provided on receipt of the booking request. Anything not specifically mentioned in the confirmation e-mail is not included in the hire and must not be used by the Hirer or their guests (including offices, equipment, etc).

Short Term Hire

- 5.3 A deposit must be paid before a booking can be confirmed.
- 5.4 The remaining balance must be paid at least 14 days before the date of hire.
- 5.5 For bookings less than 14 days before the required date, the deposit and 100% of the total cost must be paid for a booking to be confirmed.

Long Term Hire

- 5.6 Payments must be made monthly in advance via a standing order or direct bank transfer.
- 5.7 Long term hires may only be granted for up to 6 months at a time (or up to 12 months with both parties being able to exit the contract after 6 months by providing notice by letter or email before the beginning of the 5th month). The renewal of long-term hires is at the discretion of the HCC Executive Committee.
- 5.8 Long term hires for weekends can only be confirmed for up to 1 month in advance. The renewal of long-term weekend hires is at the discretion of the HCC Executive Committee and may need to be adjusted to accommodate Short Term Hires.

6 Deposit

- 6.1 A deposit of £150 is required which must be paid within two days of the booking request for the hire to be confirmed.
- 6.2 The HCC will aim to return the deposit, less any penalty charges (see 7), no more than 14 days after the hire date via bank transfer to the Hirer's bank account or via cheque issued to the Hirer.
- 6.3 The HCC Executive Committee, at its discretion, may waive the deposit for public organisations in lieu of an undertaking for the Hirer to reimburse the HCC for any penalties that become due as detailed in section 7.

- 6.4 If the penalty charges exceed the amount of the deposit (or where a deposit was waived), an invoice for the balance will be issued to the hirer for payment within 14 days.

7 Penalty Charges

- 7.1 The hirer will be charged for:

- loss or damage to property (see 11);
- additional cleaning the HCC has to undertake which should have been done by the hirer;
- finishing after the end time as agreed on the booking form (see 7.2);
- parking by the Hirer or their guests on the Stephen Jewers estate;
- Any guest or hirer inside the centre **after closing period** (Mon – Sat 10pm, Sunday 9pm)
- serving or consuming alcohol on the premises by the Hirer or their guests;
- other costs incurred by the HCC as a result of any breach of contract by the hirer.

- 7.2 The charge for finishing after the agreed time is **£30 for every 15 minutes**. Due to commitments to other hirers and the availability of staff, the hirer may not be permitted to finish after the agreed time.

- 7.3 Where a penalty charge becomes due for a long-term hire, the Hirer will be required to pay the charge before their next scheduled hire and the hirer will not be permitted any further use of the centre until the payment has been received in full. If the payment is not received within 7 days, the penalty charge will be deducted from the deposit and the HCC reserves the right to cancel any and all future bookings. If any monies remain due after deductions from the deposit, the Hirer is expected to settle outstanding payments within 14 days.

- 7.4 An invoice for all penalty charges will be issued to the hirer.

8 HCC Projects

- 8.1 Charges and rules for projects and activities run by the HCC or in partnership with the HCC will be decided by the HCC Executive Committee at the project inception.

9 Cancellation

- 9.1 The HCC reserves the right to cancel bookings if the hall is rendered unfit for the intended use.
- 9.2 In the event of any cancellation or termination of the hiring no liability shall fall upon the HCC, or any officer of the HCC, in respect of any loss sustained or expenses incurred by the hirer, or any other person, as a result thereof.
- 9.3 If the hirer cancels the hiring following a confirmed booking, the hirer shall be liable to the HCC for any costs, expenses and losses incurred by the HCC. Depending on when the notice of cancellation is received, a percentage of the total hiring charge will be retained by the HCC (see 10.1-10.5).
- 9.4 Cancellations or terminations will only be accepted in writing and deemed effective upon receipt by the HCC.

10 Retentions

- 10.1 10% of the total Hall Hire cost will be retained if the cancellation is more than 28 days before the hire date.
- 10.2 50% of the total Hall Hire cost will be retained if the cancellation is more than 14 days but less than 28 days before the hire date.

- 10.3 100% of the total cost will be retained if the cancellation is within 7 days of the hire date. However, if another Hire is confirmed for the same date(s) then the Hirer will be entitled to a refund of 50% of the total cost.
- 10.4 Any additional arrangements made by the HCC on behalf of the Hirer's (e.g. catering, cleaning) which cannot be cancelled or refunded will be charged in full to the Hirer.
- 10.5 Refunds of charges, less any retentions, will be made within 14 days of cancellation and paid by bank transfer to the Hirer's bank account.

11 Damages, Decorations & Advertising

- 11.1 The hirer shall ensure nails, screws or other fixings are not driven into the walls or floors or into any furniture or fittings or permit to be done anything likely to cause damage to the building or any such furniture or fittings.
- 11.2 The hirer shall repay to the HCC on demand, the cost of reinstating or replacing any part of the premises or any property, whatsoever, which is damaged, destroyed, stolen or removed during the period of hire.
- 11.3 The hirer shall not display and shall ensure that no other person displays any advertisements relating to the hiring by affixing the same to or utilising the support of a lamp-post, guard rail, electricity relay box or any other item of street furniture except with the prior written consent of the HCC.
- 11.4 No signs, posters, banners or similar shall be attached to any wall or other part of the building without the approval of the HCC.
- 11.5 Where permission has been granted for placing signage, it should be fixed in the manner allowed by the HCC and removed at the end of the hire period.
- 11.6 The Hirer may not use the name Hedgecock Community Centre or HCC in any way in connection with their business other than to specify the location of the event.
- 11.7 The Hirer or their guests (whether invited or the members of the general public for open events) may not distribute any leaflets outside the Centre without express permission from the HCC.

12 Equipment & Electrical Installations

- 12.1 The hirer shall ensure all tables and chairs are returned back to the places they were taken from.
- 12.2 The hirer shall ensure any keys issued are returned as agreed at the time of hiring.
- 12.3 All electrical equipment brought into the building shall comply with the Electricity at Work Regulations, 1989. The HCC disclaims all responsibility for all claims and costs arising out of such equipment that does not so comply.
- 12.4 The hirer shall not alter, disconnect, or in any way interfere with the electricity nor install any additional lights.
- 12.5 The Hirer shall not install any "bouncy castle" or similar equipment inside the centre.
- 12.6 The HCC shall not be liable for any loss or damage to equipment brought in by the hirer or their guests.

13 Food & Alcohol

- 13.1 Hirers agree to comply with food hygiene laws where food is being prepared for service. No food is to be stored in the centre.
- 13.2 No food is to be cooked on a barbecue or any kind of cooking device outside of the building. All food preparation must be undertaken in the kitchen area.
- 13.3 The service and/or sale of alcohol is strictly prohibited. The HCC reserves the right to cancel the hire and require the Hirer and their guests to vacate the premises forthwith if any alcohol is found to have been brought in to the centre by the Hirer or their guests. The deposit will be forfeited and no monies will be due to the Hirer.

14 Entertainment and Noise Levels

- 14.1 The playing of music or other entertainment shall be restricted to the inside of the building and must cease at 8pm.
- 14.2 The hirer is responsible for ensuring that their noise levels do not disturb other activities within the building or disturb local residents.
- 14.3 If amplified sound is used, the HCC reserves the right to dictate acceptable volumes.
- 14.4 The centre may not be hired for any events involving entry tickets for admission.
- 14.5 The Hirer must ensure the noise levels during arrivals or departures are not such as to cause nuisance or inconvenience to occupiers of neighbouring properties.
- 14.6 All doors must remain closed during the hire to minimise noise and inconvenience to neighbouring properties.

15 Waste

- 15.1 The hirer shall ensure all areas are clean and free of litter. All bins must be emptied and all waste disposed of in the commercial bin provided outside the centre.
- 15.2 The hirer shall ensure no rubbish is left on the pavements or in the vicinity of the hall and all litter is picked up and disposed of appropriately.
- 15.3 The HCC reserves the right to charge the Hirer for any additional waste disposal costs the HCC incurs due to the Hirer leaving waste on site.
- 15.4 Any property or goods belonging to the Hirer remaining in the facility after the termination of the booking period will be disposed of at the discretion of the HCC and the Hirer will be liable for any costs incurred.

16 Cleaning

- 16.1 The Hirer must ensure that any breakages of glass or spillage of food or drink (on the floor, chairs, tables or other furniture/equipment) are cleaned up immediately.
- 16.2 At the completion of the hirer's activity all tables, chairs and other furniture must be placed in their original positions.
- 16.3 The Hirer must remove any decorations and disposable items they have brought into the hall.

- 16.4 The Hirer must empty all the bins and place the bin bags in the red commercial bin located near the kitchen exit. Any excess waste that does not fit into the commercial bin must be secured and placed neatly on the side of the bin.
- 16.5 Where the hirer has not been required to pay for the Light Cleaning Service, they are required to ensure the floors are swept and mopped and to leave the centre in the same condition as it was at the start of the hire. This includes the main hall, toilets, entrances and the kitchen.
- 16.6 Where cleaning is not to the HCC's satisfaction or any damage has resulted from the cleaning, the Hirer will be liable for any additional costs incurred by the HCC to complete the cleaning.

17 Health & Safety

- 17.1 Hirers, guests and members of the public are obliged at all times to fully comply with the standard health and safety rules. A copy is available on request.
- 17.2 It is illegal to smoke anywhere in the building. A designated smoking area has been allocated outside the building.
- 17.3 No candles or incense sticks may be used in the building.
- 17.4 No bouncy castles or other similar inflatables may be used on or near the vicinity of the centre.
- 17.5 Fire exits must be kept clear at all times.
- 17.6 Fire apparatus must not be interfered with except as necessary in the cause of fighting a fire.
- 17.7 Hirers must make themselves familiar with escape routes in the event of a fire.
- 17.8 Communal or fundraiser events will require the Hirer to take out their own insurance with a Health & Safety Officer, Safeguarding Lead and Risk Assessments in place. Evidence must be provided to the HCC upon request.

18 Safeguarding

- 18.1 The hirer is fully responsible for safeguarding of children (under the age of 18) and vulnerable adults where the parent or guardian of the child is not present during the hire.
- 18.2 The hirer must have safeguarding policies that govern their organisation and ensure they adhere to those policies at all times and deal with any safeguarding issues that may arise according to the relevant central and/or local government guidelines. Copies of the Safeguarding Policy will need to be provided at the time of booking or on request.
- 18.3 The Hirer will be required to supply details / copies of DBS checks or approved coaching certificates for all adults who will be in contact with or supervising children.
- 18.4 Hirers must ensure that they have appropriate adult to child ratios complying with relevant guidance.

19 Extreme Views

- 19.1 The centre will not be hired to any group disseminating extremist views.

20 Insurance

- 20.1 The hirer must obtain their own public liability insurance to adequately cover all liabilities for the forthcoming event for which the booking is made. HCC's own insurance will under no circumstances cover any liability for the hirer or anyone on the hirers' behalf.

21 Indemnity

- 21.1 The hirer agrees to accept full responsibility and indemnify and keep indemnified the HCC against any action, claim or demand whatsoever which arises or may arise as a result of the hire.
- 21.2 The hirer agrees to accept full responsibility and indemnifies the HCC for the loss, damage or theft of any equipment, property or personal belongings.
- 21.3 The hirer fully indemnifies the HCC of all responsibility for any safeguarding issues which arise during the hire and DBS certificates (where appropriate) should be submitted to the HCC along with the hire form.

22 Termination

- 22.1 The HCC reserves the right to terminate any hiring in the event of any behaviour or action which is unlawful or damaging to the Centre or its members. If such termination takes place, the hirer will forfeit the deposit and fees paid.
- 22.2 If for reasons beyond the control of the HCC (the HCC having used all reasonable endeavours to avoid the same) it is necessary for the HCC to close all or part of the building or cancel the booking, the HCC may (without prejudice to the rights and remedies of either party in respect of any prior breach by the other) terminate this Agreement upon reasonable prior notice (which shall be no less than 48 hours save in the case of emergency when as much notice as is reasonably possible will be given) to that effect to the hirer and in that event the HCC shall, unless there has been a breach of any of the conditions of this Agreement, return the due proportion of the amount paid for the use of the Accommodation but the hirer and other persons attending the booking shall have no further claim whatsoever against the HCC in respect of such termination of the Agreement. See also section 9.
- 22.3 In any event, and notwithstanding anything in this Agreement, the HCC will not be liable to the hirer, its guests, employees, agents or contractors for any consequential, special, or indirect loss, loss of business profits or contracts or loss of reputations to the hirer in the event of cancellation of the function or termination of this Agreement by the HCC.

23 Emergency Procedures

- 23.1 The hirer must comply with the HCC's Emergency Procedures. If the fire alarm is sounded, everyone should leave the building immediately by the nearest fire exit. No one should return to the hall until permission has been obtained from the HCC.
- 23.2 In the event of a fire, the emergency services shall be informed by calling 999.

24 English Law

- 24.1 This Agreement shall be governed by English Law and the parties hereby submit to the jurisdiction of the English Courts.

25 Statutory Rights

- 25.1 This Agreement creates no binding relationship between the parties hereto in relation to further booking nor confers on the hirer any Statutory rights under the Landlord and Tenants Acts.

26 Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999

- 26.1 Notwithstanding any other provisions herein contained noting in this Agreement for Hire confers or purports to confer any right to enforce any of its terms pursuant to the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 on any person who is not party hereto.

27 Responsibility

- 27.1 Signatories to the Booking Form and this Agreement bear the responsibility for any violation of the Agreement by all guests.
- 27.2 Where the Hirer is an organisation, the Management Committee of the organisation referred to in the hiring application shall be jointly and severally liable with the Hirer for complying with this agreement.