



WORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Conditions of Hire of the South Room, First Floor of the Parish Hub as at January 2022

Worth Parish Council leases the meeting room from the Cophorne Church Trustees, so hirers are sub-lessees and subject to the same conditions of hire applicable to the whole of the Parish Hub (as below).

1. The premises may be booked for purposes as authorised by the Vicar, Church Wardens and Parochial Church Council (The Trustees) of St John the Evangelist Church, Cophorne, between the hours of 9am and 11.30pm.
2. Worth Parish Council and The Trustees reserve the right to refuse any applications for hire.
3. Worth Parish Council and The Trustees reserve the right to cancel any booking if it is determined not to be for an authorised purpose.
4. Worth Parish Council reserve the right to cancel any booking giving at least 7 days' notice period.
5. The Hirer must be aged twenty-one years or over and must be present throughout the event.
6. The Hirer shall not sub-let a hiring.
7. No event may continue after 11pm and the premises must be vacated by 11.30pm.
8. Worth Parish Council reserves the right to charge a sum equal to half the booking fee for any "casual" hire cancelled (in writing) within 14 days of the hire. Should the booking be cancelled (in writing) within 7 days of the hire, the full amount is payable. When committing to a term of "regular" hires, all hires are payable. A "Regular" booking relates to a weekly hire for a minimum period of 6 weeks or a monthly hire for a minimum period of 3 months.
9. The minimum letting charge for hirers is the appropriate rate for two hours unless by prior agreement with Worth Parish Council
10. A deposit of £100 is to be paid, at the time of application, by any hirer. This will be returnable on the facilities being left secure and in a satisfactory condition, and the key fob being returned.
11. All enquiries for booking and hiring should be made via the Worth Parish Council office. The key fob must be collected from and returned to the Worth Parish Council office by arrangement.
12. At the end of the hire, the Hirer must ensure that:
 - a) the premises are left in a clean condition, and locked with all doors and windows closed and secure. Some cleaning materials are available in the cleaning cupboard on the first floor landing, accessed via the key fob.
 - b) all rubbish and waste materials, including empty bottles have been taken away in bags provided by the Hirer.
 - c) the fish key operated master switch, located in the entrance lobby, is switched off, therefore securing the first-floor door.
 - d) Hirers follow the "General User Guide" notes to secure the main building, ensuring no other hirers are present.
 - e) the main Hub alarm is activated on leaving the building. Located to the left of the main door on the ground floor.
13. Users must not alter any settings on the heating system nor interfere with any fittings within the building

14. Walls, doors and windows must not be defaced in any manner. Pictures and notices may be attached only where Notice Boards are provided. Such attachments must be removed at the end of the hire, unless otherwise agreed in advance.
15. The floor and furniture must be protected when painting materials, water, crayons, glue and similar teaching aids are used and their use carefully supervised. Tables shall be left clean after use – cleaning products are available in the kitchenette, under the sink.
16. All furniture must be carried and not dragged, and any furniture introduced by the hirer shall have adequate protection to ensure that it does not cause any damage to the carpeting.
17. The Hirer shall ensure that any portable electrical appliances brought on to the premises and used there shall be either new or PAT certified within the last two years and are used in a safe manner.
18. Cars may be left in the Car Park to the front of the premises, except for the four spaces reserved for Worth Parish Council between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday.
19. Smoking is not permitted in any part of the premises.
20. In the rare event of a funeral coinciding with a hire, the Trustees reserve the right to require the Hirer not to engage in any activity outside the building for the duration of the funeral.
21. The Hirer is responsible for the cost of any extraordinary cleaning deemed necessary, also of replacing or repairing any damage to the grounds, the premises, its fittings, furniture, and utensils, including crockery, arising from the letting. The cost of which will be withheld from the £100 refundable damage deposit.
22. Neither Worth Parish Council nor The Trustees can be held responsible for loss of, or damage to, the Hirer's property, nor for damage to motor vehicles, or their contents, left in the Car Park. Neither Worth Parish Council nor The Trustees can accept any liability for accidents incurred by, or damage to personal property of, users of the premises. Hirers must determine and arrange any insurance cover that their activities may require. Hirers may be required to produce certificates pertaining to their insurance.
23. The Hirer must be aware of, and comply with, St. John's Policy on Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults, a copy of which is displayed with these Conditions of Hire in the Worth Parish Council lobby of the premises.
24. The Hirer must be familiar with the Fire and Safety Procedures, which are attached hereto, and a copy of which is displayed with these Conditions of Hire in the Worth Parish Council lobby of the premises.
25. Unsupervised children must not be allowed to use the lift or the kitchenette.
26. The Hirer shall ensure that noise levels are controlled to prevent nuisance to other tenants/hirers and local residents.
27. If preparing, serving, or selling food, the Hirer shall observe all relevant regulations.
28. The Hirer shall report all accidents and near misses, using the Accident Book provided, and any problems to Worth Parish Council
29. The Premises are not licensed for the sale of alcohol, and it is the Hirer's responsibility to obtain all necessary licenses and, if such are required, inform the Council in writing (e-mails are accepted), prior to the hire date, that the license has been obtained. A copy of the license is required and failure to provide confirmation may result in the event not being allowed to proceed.

Please note the following items for South Room Hirers only:

- The Fire and Safety Procedures will be sent to you separately in the South Room Welcome Pack once your booking is confirmed.