

**NORTH PETHERTON COMMUNITY CENTRE, FORE STREET, NORTH PETHERTON,  
SOMERSET, TA6 6QA**

**Registered Charity No.291048**

## **HIRING AGREEMENT**

DATED

PARTIES   
.....  
..... **the Hirer (2).**

**AGREED** as follows:

1. In consideration of the hire fee described in clause 1.4, the Community Centre agrees to permit the Hirer to use the premises described in clause 1.5 for the purpose described in clause 1.6 for the period(s) described in clause 1.1. The details inserted in sub-clauses 1.1 to 1.6 below and the answers to the questions in sub-clauses 1.7 and clause 2 are terms of this agreement. This Hiring Agreement includes the annexed Standard Conditions of Hire and the Special Conditions of Hire (if any) set out in the attached Schedule.

1.1 Dates(s) required:

Day & Date  | Frequency   
Start Time  Finish Time

1.2 Community Centre

(a) Registered Charity No   
(b) Authorised Representative   
Address   
Telephone Number

1.3 Hirer:

(a) Name   
(b) Organisation   
(c) Name of Organisation's Authorised Representative   
Address   
Contact Telephone Numbers

1.4	Hire Fee	£ <input type="text"/>
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Deposit\*

£
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The Hirer shall pay as deposit at least one third of the cost of the booking. The balance of the booking fee is payable on or before the conclusion of the event for which the premises are hired (the deposit having been paid on the signing hereof). (All payments to be made payable to the *North Petherton Community Centre*.)

Balance

£
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\*This deposit will be refunded within 28 days of the termination of the period of hire provided that no damage or loss has been caused to the premises and/or contents nor complaints made to the Community Centre about noise or other disturbance during the period of the hiring as a result of the hiring.

Commercial Use?

Yes/No

1.5 Premises

Whole of Community Centre

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If part of Community Centre please specify

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Storage of equipment

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1.6 Purpose/description of hiring

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Will this will be a public or a private event?

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1.7 Is food to be provided at the event? If a private caterer is engaged by the Hirer, please provide details of the Caterer's Health and Safety / Hygiene certificate

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2. The Community Centre has a Premises Licence authorising the following regulated entertainment and licensable activities at the times indicated. Please confirm which licensable activities will take place at your event:

<b>Activity</b>	<b>The hall is licensed for (must be completed by the committee)</b>	<b>Times for which the activity is licensed (must be completed by the committee)</b>	<b>Indicate activities to take place at your event (must be completed by the Hirer)</b>
a. The performance of plays	Yes	09.00 hours to 00.00 hours Monday to Saturday. 09.00 to 22.30 hours Sunday	
b. The exhibition of films	Yes	Ditto	
c. Indoor sporting events	No	N/A	
d. Boxing or wrestling entertainment	No	N/A	
e. The performance of live music	Yes	09.00 hours to 00.00 hours Monday to Saturday. 09.00 to 22.30 hours Sunday	
f. The playing of recorded music	Yes	Ditto	
g. The performance of dance	Yes	Ditto	
h. Entertainments similar to those in a – g		Ditto	
i. Making music	Yes	Ditto	
j. Dancing		Ditto	
k. Entertainment similar to those in i – j	Yes	Ditto	
l. The provision of hot food/drink after 11pm	No	N/A	
m. The sale of alcohol	Yes	Mondays to Saturdays 09.00 hrs to Midnight. Sundays 09.00 hrs to 22.30 hours. New year's Eve from 09.00 hours to 01.00 hours	

- 2.1 Have you indicated at 2 (m) that alcohol will be available at your event?

If you answer yes to the above question, you will need to seek written permission from the Management Committee in order for a bar to be provided or arranged with the Community Centre's Designated Premises Supervisor or for a Temporary Event Notice to be given for the event.

- 2.2 The Hirer agrees not to exceed the maximum permitted number of people per room including the organisers/performers namely: -

Main hall	418 when used for a closely seated audience. 380 when used for dancing. 174 when seating is provided at tables. 220 when used for dancing and seating is provided at tables.	
Kitchen	12 persons engaged in catering activities.	
Small Hall	60 persons seated or as compatible with Public Safety legislation	

2.3 Where a licensable activity will take place, the Hirer hereby acknowledges receipt of a copy of the conditions of the Premises Licence and/or operating Schedule for the premises, in accordance with which the hiring must be undertaken, and agrees to comply with all obligations therein.

2.4 The Community Centre has a licence with the Performing Rights Society for the performance of copyright music.

As Witness the hands of the parties hereto:

Signed by the person named at 1.2(b) above, duly authorised, on behalf of the Community Centre's Management Committee

<p>.....</p> <p>Date.....</p>	
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Signed by the person named at 1.3(a) above or at 1.3(c) above, duly authorised, on behalf of the organisation named at 1.3(b) above, where applicable

<p>.....</p> <p>Date.....</p>	
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*Please note that signatures do not need to be witnessed.*

**I have read, understand and agree to comply with the Standard Conditions of Hire and Special Conditions of Hire attached – please tick box**

## **Standard conditions of hire**

These standard conditions apply to all hiring of the Community Centre. If the Hirer is in any doubt as to the meaning of the following, the Community Centre Secretary or Booking's Secretary should immediately be consulted.

### **1. Age**

The Hirer, not being a person under 18 years of age, hereby accepts responsibility for being in charge of and on the premises at all times when the public are present and for ensuring that all conditions, under this Agreement, relating to management and supervision of the premises are met.

### **2. Supervision**

The Hirer shall, 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. As directed by the Booking's Secretary, the Hirer shall make good or pay for all damage (including accidental damage) to the premises or to the fixtures, fittings or contents and for loss of contents.

### **3. 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 policies in respect thereof nor allow the consumption of alcohol thereon without written permission.

### **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. Licensable activities**

The Hirer shall ensure that the Community Centre holds a Performing Society Right Licence which permits the use of copyright music in any form, e.g. record, compact disc, tapes, radio, television or by performers in person. If other licences are required in respect of any activity in the Community Centre the Hirer should ensure that they hold the relevant licence or the Community Centre holds it.

### **6. Public safety compliance**

The Hirer shall comply with all conditions and regulations made in respect of the premises by the Local Authority, the Licensing Authority, the Community Centre's Fire Risk Assessment or otherwise, particularly in connection with any event which constitutes regulated entertainment, at which alcohol is sold or provided or which is attended by children. The hirer shall also comply with the Community Centre's health and safety policy.

(a) The Hirer acknowledges that they have received instruction in the following matters:

- The action to be taken in event of fire. This includes calling the Fire Brigade and evacuating the hall.
- The location and use of fire equipment.
- Escape routes and the need to keep them clear.
- Method of operation of escape door fastenings.
- Appreciation of the importance of any fire doors and of closing all fire doors at the time of a fire.

- (b) In advance of an entertainment or play the Hirer shall check the following items:
- That all fire exits are unlocked and panic bolts in good working order.
  - That all escape routes are free of obstruction and can be safely used.
  - That any fire doors are not wedged open.
  - That exit signs are illuminated.
  - That there are no obvious fire hazards on the premises.

#### **7. Means of escape**

- (a) All means of exit from the premises must be kept free from obstruction and immediately available for instant free public exit.
- (b) The emergency lighting supply illuminating all exit signs and routes must be turned on during the whole of the time the premises are occupied (if not operated by an automatic mains failure switching device).

#### **8. Outbreaks of fire**

The Fire Brigade shall be called to any outbreak of fire, however slight, and details thereof shall be given to the Booking's Secretary for immediate onward transmission to the Secretary of the Management Committee. There is no public telephone at the Community Centre. The nearest Public Telephone is located west of the Community Centre, adjoining the Bus Stop, 150 yards distant. For Fire Alarm information please refer to the attached letter dated 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2012 from the Management Committee.

#### **9. Health and hygiene**

The Hirer shall, if preparing, serving or selling food, observe all relevant food health and hygiene legislation and regulations. In particular dairy products, vegetables and meat on the premises must be refrigerated and stored in compliance with the Food Temperature Regulations. The premises are provided with a refrigerator and thermometer.

#### **10. Electrical appliance safety**

The Hirer shall ensure that any electrical appliances brought by them to the premises and used there shall be safe, in good working order, and used in a safe manner in accordance with the Electricity at Work Regulations 1989. Where a residual circuit breaker is provided the Hirer **must** make use of it in the interests of public safety.

#### **11. Insurance and indemnity**

(a) The Hirer shall be liable for:

- (i) the cost of repair of any damage (including accidental and malicious damage) done to any part of the premises including the curtilage thereof or the contents of the premises
- (ii) all claims, losses, damages and costs made against or incurred by the Management Committee, their employees, volunteers, agents or invitees in respect of damage or loss of property or injury to persons arising as a result of the use of the premises (including the storage of equipment) by the Hirer, and
- (iii) all claims, losses, damages and costs made against or incurred by the Management Committee, their employees, volunteers, agents or invitees as a result of any nuisance caused to a third party as a result of the use of the premises by the Hirer, and subject to sub-clause (b), the Hirer shall indemnify and keep indemnified accordingly each member of the Management Committee and the Community Centre's employees, volunteers, agents and invitees against such liabilities.

(b) The Management Committee shall take out adequate insurance to insure the liabilities described in sub-clauses (a)(i) above and may, in its discretion and in the case of non commercial hirers, insure the liabilities described in sub-clauses (a) (ii) and (iii) above. The Management Committee shall claim on its insurance for any liability of the Hirer hereunder

but the Hirer shall indemnify and keep indemnified each member of the Management Committee and the Community Centre's employees, volunteers, agents and invitees against (a) any insurance excess incurred and (b) the difference between the amount of the liability and the monies received under the insurance policy.

- (c) Where the Community Centre does not insure the liabilities described in sub-clauses (a) (ii) and (iii) above, the Hirer shall take out adequate insurance to insure such liability and on demand shall produce the policy and current receipt or other evidence of cover to the Community Centre Secretary. Failure to produce such policy and evidence of cover will render the hiring void and enable the Booking's Secretary to rehire the premises to another hirer.

The Community Centre is insured against any claims arising out of its **own** negligence.

## **12. Accidents and dangerous occurrences**

The Hirer must report all accidents involving injury to the public to a member of the Community Centre Management Committee **as soon as possible** and complete the relevant section in the Community Centre's Accident Book located in the Kitchen. Any failure of equipment belonging to the Community Centre 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 Incident Contact Centre. The Community Centre Booking's Secretary will give assistance in completing this form. This is in accordance with the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 1995 (RIDDOR). The Incident Contact Centre can be contacted in any of the following ways:

- Telephone: 0845 3009923
- Facsimile: 0845 3009924
- Website: [www.riddor.gov.uk](http://www.riddor.gov.uk) or via the HSE website: [www.hse.gov.uk](http://www.hse.gov.uk)
- Post: Incident Contact Centre, Caerphilly Business Park, Caerphilly, CF83 3GG

## **13. Explosives and flammable substances**

The hirer shall ensure that:

- (a) Highly flammable substances are not brought into, or used in any part of the premises and that
- (b) No internal decorations of a combustible nature (e.g. polystyrene, cotton wool) shall be erected without the consent of the management committee. No decorations are to be put up near light fittings or heaters.

## **14. Heating**

The Hirer shall ensure that no unauthorised heating appliances shall be used on the Premises when open to the public without the consent of the management committee. Portable Liquefied Propane Gas (LPG) heating appliances shall not be used.

## **15. Drunk and disorderly behaviour and supply of illegal drugs**

The Hirer shall ensure that in order to avoid disturbing neighbours to the Community Centre and avoid violent or criminal behaviour, care shall be taken to avoid excessive consumption of alcohol. Drunk and disorderly behaviour shall not be permitted either on the premises or in its immediate vicinity. Alcohol shall not be served to any person suspected of being drunk nor to any person suspected of being under the age of 18. Any person suspected of being drunk, under the influence of drugs or who is behaving in a violent or disorderly way shall be asked to leave the premises. No illegal drugs may be brought onto the premises.

## **16. Animals**

The Hirer shall ensure that no animals (including birds) except guide dogs are brought into the premises, other than for a special event agreed to by the Management Committee. No animals whatsoever are to enter the kitchen at any time.

**17. Compliance with the Children Act 1989**

The Hirer shall ensure that any activities for children under eight years of age comply with the provisions of The Children Act, 1989 and that only fit and proper persons who have passed the appropriate Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) checks and, from 2010, comply with ISA requirements have access to the children. Checks may also apply where children over eight and vulnerable adults are taking part in activities. The Hirer shall provide the Community Centre Management Committee with a copy of their CRB check and Child Protection Policy on request.

**18. 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 premises, and shall indemnify and keep indemnified each member of the Management Committee accordingly against all actions, claims and proceedings arising from any breach of this condition. Failure to observe this condition may lead to prosecution by the local authority.

**19. 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 discounts offered are based only on Manufacturers' Recommended Retail Prices.

**20. Film shows and Performance of Plays**

It is the sole responsibility of the Hirer to ensure all copyrights laws are observed and that any royalties due are paid direct to the appropriate proper authority.

**21. Cancellation**

If the Hirer wishes to cancel the booking before the date of the event and the Community Centre is unable to conclude a replacement booking, the question of the payment or the repayment of the fee shall be at the discretion of the Community Centre Management Committee. The Management Committee reserves the right to cancel this hiring by written notice to the Hirer in the event of:

- (a) the premises being required for use as a Polling Station for a Parliamentary or Local Government election or by-election
- (b) the Community Centre Management Committee reasonably considering that (i) such hiring will lead to a breach of licensing conditions, if applicable, or other legal or statutory requirements, or (ii) unlawful or unsuitable activities will take place at the premises as a result of this hiring
- (c) the premises becoming unfit for the use intended by the Hirer
- (d) an emergency requiring use of the premises as a shelter for the victims of flooding, snowstorm, fire, explosion or those at risk of these or similar disasters.

In any such case the Hirer shall be entitled to a refund of any deposit already paid, but the Community Centre Management Committee shall not be liable to the Hirer for any resulting direct or indirect loss or damages whatsoever.

**22. End of hire**

The Hirer shall be responsible for leaving the premises and surrounding area in a clean and tidy condition, properly locked and secured unless directed otherwise and any contents temporarily removed from their usual positions properly replaced, otherwise the Community Centre shall be at liberty to make an additional charge.



**23. Noise**

The Hirer shall ensure that the minimum of noise is made on arrival and departure, particularly late at night and early in the morning. The Hirer shall, if using sound amplification equipment, make use of any noise limitation device provided at the premises and comply with any other licensing condition for the premises.

**24. Stored equipment**

The Community Centre accepts no responsibility for any stored equipment or other property brought on to or left at the premises, and all liability for loss or damage is hereby excluded. At its discretion and subject to space availability, the committee may allow certain items to be stored provided they meet fire safety standards. All equipment and other property (other than stored equipment) must be removed at the end of each hiring or fees will be charged for each day or part of a day at the hire fee per hiring until the same is removed.

The Community Centre may, use its discretion in any of the following circumstances:

- (a) Failure by the Hirer either to pay any charges in respect of stored equipment due and payable or to remove the same within 7 days after the agreed storage period has ended
- (b) Failure by the Hirer to dispose of any property brought on to the premises for the purposes of the hiring. This may result in the Community Centre Management Committee disposing of any such items by sale or otherwise on such terms and conditions as it thinks fit, and charge the Hirer any costs incurred in storing and selling or otherwise disposing of the same.

**25. No alterations**

No alterations or additions may be made to the premises nor may any fixtures be installed or placards, decorations or other articles be attached in any way to any part of the premises without the prior written approval of the Booking's Secretary. Any alteration, fixture or fitting or attachment so approved shall at the discretion of the Community Centre Management Committee remain in the premises at the end of the hiring. It will become the property of the Community Centre Management Committee unless removed by the hirer who must make good to the satisfaction of the hall or, if any damage caused to the premises by such removal.

**26. No rights**

The Hiring Agreement constitutes permission only to use the premises and confers no tenancy or other right of occupation on the Hirer.

**27. Dangerous and unsuitable performances**

Performances involving danger to the public or of a sexually explicit or immoral nature shall not be given.

**28. Smoking**

The Hirer shall, and shall ensure that the Hirer's invitees, comply with the prohibition of smoking in public places provisions of the Health Act 2006 and regulations made thereunder. Any person who breaches this provision shall be asked to leave the premises.

**Special Conditions of Hire**

1. The Community Centre is not licensed for 18<sup>th</sup> birthday parties, public discos.
2. Photographic proof of age shall be required from persons seeking to purchase alcohol who appear to be under 18 years of age.

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