

NORMANDY VILLAGE HALL COVID-19 RISK ASSESSMENT

This Risk Assessment replaces the version dated 22 June 2021. It will be reviewed and updated as necessary to take account of changes in government regulations and guidance but in any case no later than **02 September 2022**.

Note: Advice from the government and PHE on how to keep safe during this crisis is being updated regularly, and Hirers must keep themselves informed of the changes as they are announced, and ensure that they comply with all relevant requirements.

Risk	Mitigation measures	Responsibility
People might book through the online booking system for activities which are still prohibited.	<p>Info for Hirers on website requires Hirers to check and comply with latest government rules. The booking system will not allow completion of a booking without Hirer viewing T&C's, additional Special Conditions, and Risk Assessment, and confirming acceptance. NVH documents include links to up to date government guidance.</p> <p>NVH will keep in touch with Regular Users about changes in government requirements and restrictions.</p> <p>During periods when there are restrictions on permitted activities, NVH Chair will review all bookings as the date approaches and liaise with Hirer if there are any concerns about proposed activities in the light of current Covid restrictions.</p>	<p>NVH to update website information, provide a link to government guidance site, and include requirement in additional Covid-related terms & conditions.</p> <p>Hirers are responsible for checking that their activities are permitted, using links provided by NVH and checking for information relevant to their own activities on gov.uk Covid-19 pages and guidance from any national or specialist body for their activity. They should do this again as the date of their event approaches in case the rules have changes.</p> <p>NVH Chair</p>
Infection might be spread via people's breath.	Social distancing must be practised in accordance with any current government guidelines. NVH has designed Covid-19 secure processes to achieve social distancing as set out in the following actions. From 19 July 2021, social distancing rules were lifted but Hirers should consider whether to continue providing for social distancing in light of the risks relating to	<p>Hirers should review the risks associated with their particular activities and with their participant profile and take appropriate precautions against the spread of infection. Government guidance will be useful in this assessment, including:</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-</p>

	<p>their particular activities and participant profile.</p> <p>Face coverings must be worn in accordance with any applicable government guidelines. From 24 February 2022, the legal requirement for face coverings to be worn will no longer apply but government recommends that they should be worn in crowded enclosed spaces. Hirers should consider the risks associated with their particular activity and decide whether to require some or all of their participants to wear face coverings. If Hirers do not make it a requirement, individuals should also consider for themselves whether it would be advisable to wear a face covering. In any case, Hirers should encourage all participants to wear face coverings in restricted or potentially congested areas eg toilets, kitchens, lobbies, stairs and corridors.</p>	<p>outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own#when-you-do-not-need-to-wear-a-face-covering</p>
Hall capacity limits under normal terms of hire could breach social distancing requirements.	<p>Hirers must comply with Government social distancing rules in force at any particular time. From 19 July 2021, social distancing requirements were lifted but Hirers might wish to retain some in view of their own risk profiles.</p> <p>NVH Special Conditions include an annex with guidance on the implications of social distancing at 2m and 1m for capacity of Main Hall, Small Hall and Meeting Room, but in practice it will depend on layout and circulation needed for individual activities, so Hirers must consider their specific arrangements.</p>	<p>Hirers are responsible for restricting their participant numbers according to their specific circumstances to enable compliance with any social distancing rules in force or to mitigate risks identified in their own risk assessments..</p> <p>Hirers must check the NVH website and government guidance as dates for their events approach to make sure they are aware of and will comply with the latest rules and guidance.</p> <p>Hirers must remind their guests of the need to comply with any rules currently in force regarding social distancing rules and limitations on socialising beyond their household and any associated “bubble”.</p>
People may breach social distancing rules at entrances to NVH	From 19 July 2021 government social distancing rules were lifted and NVH no longer requires but does	Hirers should ensure their participants are aware of and understand the route they should take to access their

	<p>advise Main Hall users to enter via the western entrance nearest to Glaziers Lane.</p> <p>Hirers should consider the risks for their events in deciding which entrance to use. They are strongly advised to use the western end entrance for Main Hall when large events take place in either Hall.</p> <p>2 metre markers have been placed on the NVH pathways to both entrances to assist Hirers or individuals who wish to continue with some social distancing.</p> <p>Individual Hirers should consider further arrangements appropriate for their events (eg staggering arrival / departure times, appropriate distance between participants waiting to enter, placing an organiser in the car park to control numbers approaching NVH, etc). They may wish to use patio doors as part of a one way system eg for exhibitions, but participants from each Hall must remain on their patio area and not encroach on the other Hall's area.</p>	<p>venue.</p> <p>Hirers are responsible for organising and implementing appropriate additional arrangements for their events.</p>
<p>Main Lobby could get congested. Social distancing could be breached.</p>	<p>Hirers should consider any appropriate arrangements for reducing any potential congestion in the Main Lobby. This could include queuing for toilets inside relevant Hall at times of high demand.</p> <p>Hirers must permit NVH to give contact details for a designated member of their group to any other groups using other parts of NVH during the same time slots. Hirers are advised to liaise with each other eg to stagger breaks during their activities.</p>	<p>Hirers and individual participants.</p> <p>NVH (Bookings Team) and Hirers</p> <p>Hirers</p>

	<p>NVH to consider whether there may be a need to require Hirers to book both Halls for certain types of event.</p> <p>NVH may display notices in shared areas advising people to observe social distancing.</p>	<p>NVH Board to review as permitted activities increase. Bookings Team to monitor bookings for potential issues and discuss with Chair as necessary.</p> <p>Hirers to display notices and make announcements at their events as appropriate.</p>
<p>Kitchens and toilets are limited in space and layout has pinch points.</p>	<p>NVH may display notices in shared areas advising people to observe social distancing.</p> <p>Hirers of Small Hall, Meeting Room & GoG Room may need to liaise to stagger times they will access Small Kitchen. There is a hatch from Small Kitchen into Small Hall which reduces the need for people in the kitchen.</p> <p>Hirers unwilling to share may bring their own crockery, utensils etc and place refreshments on a table in the room they have hired.</p>	<p>Hirers to display notices and make announcements at their events as appropriate.</p> <p>Hirers to take responsibility on the day, working together cooperatively.</p> <p>Hirers</p>
<p>Infection is more likely to spread if high standards of cleanliness and hygiene are not maintained.</p>	<p>NVH is professionally cleaned overnight 7 days a week when Hall is fully open. During any periods of partial opening, cleaning will be arranged overnight before each day users are due in. Particular attention must be paid to Covid-19 risks, including high frequency touch points.</p> <p>NVH provides sanitiser stations in the lobbies at both entrances, as well as paper towels and hand sanitiser and/or soap in all toilets and both kitchens. Notices about the need to maintain hand hygiene are displayed at key places in NVH.</p>	<p>NVH (RB) confirms any changes of dates with cleaning company. Cleaning company is responsible for cleaning according to contract. NVH (JP) liaises with individual cleaner as necessary at day to day level.</p> <p>NVH (RB) will make arrangements with JP for cleaning as appropriate when cleaning company is not attending NVH.</p> <p>NVH (JP)</p>

	<p>Hirers and / or their participants should provide additional sanitiser stations, anti-bacterial wipes etc as necessary for their activities, and must comply with any cleaning requirements under NVH's Special Conditions. Hirers must bring own tea towels.</p> <p>All Hirers are required to clean up any spills etc and leave all facilities clean and tidy at the end of their sessions.</p> <p>Door, cupboard & drawer handles, light switches, window catches etc should be cleaned regularly when in use.</p> <p>Hirers should clean surfaces in kitchens and toilets (including basins, taps, toilet handles and seats) before and after participants arrive and depart.</p> <p>Hirers should sanitise equipment used, including NVH tables, chairs, etc and Hirers' own equipment before and after use. Hirers MUST clean any tables and chairs from the storage cupboards at the end of their session irrespective of time of day as contract cleaners do not clean these.</p> <p>Carpet is harder to keep clean than hard floors. It is therefore recommended that the Meeting Room should not be used for sports, keep fit, or other activities involving physical exertion and /or participant proximity to the floor.</p>	<p>Hirers and individual participants</p> <p>Hirers</p> <p>Hirers</p> <p>Hirers</p> <p>Hirers.</p> <p>Hirers</p>
Small children may not understand and comply with COVID precautions.	Children must be supervised by staff or parents at all times. Hirers should consider whether they need to	Hirers

	<p>make special arrangements to reduce children's contact with other users and to enable hand hygiene to be maintained throughout their sessions.</p> <p>The Accessible Toilet is reserved strictly for the use of disabled people, children attending childcare and early years settings accompanied by staff, baby change, and access to the First Aid box. A notice has been placed on the door.</p>	Hirers
Someone might bring Covid-19 infection into NVH.	<p>NVH has posted "Covid-19 Secure" notices at entrances to alert Hirers and their guests to the requirements, including that they may not enter the building if they are unwell.</p> <p>Hirers must be vigilant at all times and if anyone becomes unwell with suspected Covid-19 symptoms, they must be sent home as soon as possible. If they need to be collected, they should be moved well away from other people (minimum 2m), outside if possible. The activity should cease and Hirer should ensure they have contact details for all participants, then ask them to leave.</p> <p>Hirers must advise NVH (Hall Manager 07836 250099) immediately if any of their participants becomes unwell on the premises with Covid-19 symptoms.</p> <p>When alerted to the presence of anyone with Covid-19 symptoms at NVH, Hall Manager will arrange cleaning of the parts of the building which the person has used in accordance with https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-</p>	<p>Hirers.</p> <p>Hirers</p> <p>Hirers</p> <p>JP</p>

	<p>settings/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings. Hall Manager will also arrange closure of relevant parts of the building if required by current guidance, liaising with Booking Secretary to notify other Hirers as necessary.</p>	JP & Bookings Team
A wide range of different risks may arise specifically related to Hirers' activities.	<p>Hirers must carry out individual risk assessments taking account of government requirements and guidance, guidance from any relevant national or professional body, and their own expertise. This should include precautionary measures such as appropriate ventilation* (natural as opposed to air conditioning where possible), avoiding the need for shouting by minimising noise, use of face coverings as recommended in communal enclosed spaces, etc.</p> <p>*The best ventilation can be achieved by using the patio doors in the Main and Small Halls, and windows in the Meeting Room. The Main Hall also has high level windows to assist air circulation and replacement. In colder weather, if it is not practical to keep doors and windows open continuously, they should be opened at regular intervals appropriate for the activity taking place.</p> <p>Hirers must take account of any security or safety issues when patio and other doors are open. Hirers must ensure that doors and windows are securely closed at the ends of the session.</p>	<p>Hirers</p> <p>Hirers</p> <p>Hirers</p>
Potential for legionnaires' disease in underused buildings.	In the event of any significant period of closure measures will be taken as advised by the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health , including emptying hot water tank will be emptied and flushing water through.	NVH using guidance in CIEH leaflet "Legionnaires' disease: lockdown risks and reopening safely" (JP)

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