

RHMBC Lettings Policy

General

People are welcome to use our premises as hirers or their guests – regardless of gender, ethnic or religious background or political views.

A booking may be refused if:

- A suitable room is not available

- Sufficient parking spaces are unlikely to be available

- The hirer has previously failed to pay on time

- The hirer has previously shown lack of consideration for the fabric or for other users.

- (In the case of the use of the kitchen) No one has the required food hygiene qualifications.

Timing

Because of the demands on our personnel, except for keyholders (church members and regular users) bookings will normally be refused which:

- Extend beyond 9.30pm

Regular users should arrange additional bookings in advance.

Nature of Activity

Alcohol may not be consumed on our premises

We will require a statement of faith or aims and objectives from any religious, philosophical or campaigning group.

We will decline bookings by groups where the purpose is to practise non-Christian religions; to encourage philosophies not in line with our own ethos; to promote a single political party or religious or racial intolerance.

The previous paragraph does **not** include:

- Meetings on behalf of local or national government; wedding meals or naming ceremonies etc. of whatever ethnic tradition – providing the purpose is social.

- Nor would we prevent anyone requiring to pray privately at certain times of day from doing so aside from the activity for which they have attended.

Scope

Because of our prominent location and generous car park, we receive many requests to host large or non-local meetings. Since these meetings tend to be very demanding of our own personnel and resources, we are unlikely to accept bookings for such events, particularly if they involve audio-visual resources, public address or catering unless they are under the auspices of Baptists, locally, regionally or nationally; Churches Together or one of the non-Baptist congregations which have met regularly on our premises over a number of years.

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