

USE OF HIRER OWN BARBECUE EQUIPMENT

Rules & Guidance

The purpose of this document is to outline and give guidance to the Hirer of the potential risks of using their own barbecue equipment at the Village Hall (subject to permission being granted) and to detail any specific rules as set out by the Village Hall in respect of its use.

The Hirer is responsible for carrying out its own safety precautions to avoid risk to premises or injury to persons.

The Village Hall shall not be liable for any incident resulting from the use of Hirers own barbecue.

Upon booking the hall, the Hirer is deemed to have agreed in full to the Terms and Conditions of Hire and Use, which includes liabilities and responsibilities as well as emergency and first aid details. A copy is available at:-

<https://hallbookingonline.com/wyverstone/documentation.php>

1. Village Hall Rules

The following rules apply:-

- The use of Hirers own barbecue equipment is NOT permitted within the Hall building, and may ONLY be sited in a safe location on the Terrace outside and to the side of the hall. Barbecues are NOT permitted in any other location near or outside the Village Hall; including but not limited to play area, field, front of the hall or in the car park.
- Permission for use of Hirers own barbecue equipment must be sought at least 2 weeks in advance of the Hire Date and is at the discretion of the Hall Committee and/or Booking Secretary.
- The Barbecue equipment must be Gas powered. Charcoal barbecues, including disposable barbecues are not allowed.

2. Hirer Guidance – Potential risks

The following instructions are for guidance to the Hirer only and is not an exhaustive list of considerations when using their own barbecue equipment. The Hirer is therefore responsible for carrying out their own risk assessment and taking adequate safety precautions to protect against damage to premises and persons.

FIRE

- **Location:** Ensure the barbecue is positioned on a flat, stable surface away from buildings, fences, trees, and any other flammable materials. A minimum of 610mm (24 inches) from the building and combustibles is recommended.
- **Supervision:** A designated competent adult (over 18) should light, supervise, and extinguish the barbecue.
- **Fire Extinguisher:** Ensure a readily available fire extinguisher, water, or sand is nearby in case of emergencies. Fire Extinguishers are available in the hall.
- **Weather Conditions:** Avoid using barbecues on windy days.

PERSONAL INJURY RISK

- **Supervision:** Keep children and pets away from the barbecue area at ALL TIMES.
- **Burn Protection:** Use oven mitts and tongs when handling hot items.
- **Hot Components:** Be aware of hot components of the barbecue and avoid direct contact.

FOOD SAFETY

- **Hygiene:** Ensure good hygiene practices are adhered to, including hand washing, cleaning surfaces, and proper food handling.
- **Cross-Contamination:** Avoid cross-contamination of raw and cooked foods.
- **Cooking Temperature:** Ensure food is cooked to the proper internal temperature to eliminate foodborne pathogens.
- **Allergies:** Be aware of and address any potential allergies among attendees.

DAMAGE TO THE VILLAGE HALL

- **Surface Protection:** Ensure the barbecue is not placed anywhere that could cause damage by heat or fire.
- **Waste Disposal:** Ensure all rubbish is disposed of properly and the area is left clean and tidy.
- **Fuel Storage:** Ensure gas bottles are stored and handled safely.

EMERGENCIES

- **Emergency Contacts:** The emergency contact details are available in the Village Hall (*see also item 14 Terms & Conditions*)
- **First Aid:** A First-aid box is located in the foyer and in the kitchen (*see also item 15 Terms & Conditions*)
- **Communication:** Clearly communicate safety rules and procedures to all participants