

The Narth & District Village Hall Committee

Registered Charity no. 524389



Policy on Charging for Charity Events

The Charity Scheme of The Narth & District Village Hall Committee determines the aims of the charity and what is allowable in the furtherance of these aims. The Scheme states:

“The object of the charity is the provision and maintenance of a village hall for use by the inhabitants of the area of benefit without distinction of political, religious or other opinions, including use for:

(a) meetings, lectures and classes, and

(b) other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the inhabitants.”

In order for the committee to maintain the hall, it is essential that a charge is made for its use. However, activities which fulfil the charitable object of improving the conditions of life for inhabitants of the area are subsidised by the committee in that reduced hire rates are charged for these activities. Hire rates are set by the committee and reviewed annually.

Occasionally there are events run by local people which are intended to raise funds for other charitable causes. In some circumstances the committee may decide to waive or reduce the hire fee for these events. This will be at the committee’s discretion, and will be done only in exceptional circumstances. A set of conditions must be met before the committee will consider waiving the hire fee. If these conditions are met, the committee will also take into account the duration and nature of the event, the current financial position of the hall and the number of events in recent months for which the fee has already been waived, before making their decision.

These conditions are:

- The event or activity must be entirely in aid of a charitable cause supported by the committee (i.e. there must be a majority agreement of committee members)
- The event or activity must be organised by unpaid volunteers who are local
- The event must be open for locals to attend as a social occasion, thereby benefitting inhabitants of The Narth and district (to comply with our charitable object)
- The event or activity should not be sponsored by or receive funding from a third party where that funding is intended to cover the costs of the event.

The committee will not discriminate against any particular group or individual but will make the decision whether or not to waive the fee based on this policy.

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