

High Kelling Village Hall Policy relating to the sale of alcohol at the Hall

This policy seeks to ensure that legal requirements are adhered to, namely:-

- Preventing crime and disorder and public nuisance
- Protecting the welfare of the Hall's neighbours and other villagers
- Promoting public safety
- Protecting children from harm

And protecting the Hall, its fixtures & fittings and reputation.

The obligations with regard to the sale of alcohol at events are set out in the Licensing Act 2003 (Mandatory Licensing Conditions) Amendment Order 2014. A copy of the guidelines to the Act are held by the secretary to the Village Hall Management Committee and can be reviewed on request. All persons serving at events managed by or on behalf of the Committee must read and comply with these and this policy.

All hirings or other events at the Hall are governed by this Act and hirers or event organisers are required to comply with it. This is a condition in the hiring agreement and again applies to any events run by or on behalf of the Hall Management Committee or not for profit organisations.

In brief the Act prohibits or controls, or otherwise requires:-

- Drinking games, a competition which requires drinking within a set time limit
- Provision of alcohol free or at a discounted rate
- Rewards for the consumption of alcohol
- Promotional material promoting anti-social behaviour or drunkenness
- Pouring alcohol direct into the mouth, e.g. "dentist chair"
- The Act requires the free provision of drinking water on request.
- Most importantly persons selling drink must verify the customer is 18 or older* and the drink is not being purchased for a minor.
- Alcoholic drinks must not be served to a person who is drunk.

The prices/volume of drinks must be clearly displayed and provided in the following measures:-

- beer, cider, lager – half pint or can size
- spirits 25 or 25 ml
- still wine in a glass 125ml

This is designed to reduce inebriation/drunkenness.

A copy of the Hall's premises licence is to be permanently displayed in the Hall.

* Applying the HKVH Premises Age Verification Policy as displayed.

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