

# **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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