

COVID UPDATE 22nd February 2022

'Following the Government announcement of the 21st February the Trustees have considered the relaxation outlined by the PM. In light of the reticence of the scientific community and the continuing high prevalence of Covid in our community we will continue to ask our hirers to comply with the requirements outlined below. We will review these again in our next meeting scheduled for the 22nd March. Please continue to follow our guidelines as follows'

COVID PRECAUTIONS - November 21 Update

Whilst we are working hard to keep the Community Centre open and available to all our users the Trustees must always keep in mind the threat that is still posed by COVID. Over recent days the numbers of infections in the Forest area are showing a steady drop - but we are still way above the national average. We all have stories of people close to us – and users of the Centre - that have unfortunately become ill with the virus. It is vitally important that we maintain our guard and precautions to protect each other as best we can. Trustees have noticed that there has been a much more relaxed approach by many users in abiding by the common-sense precautions we ask for. This is perhaps a reflection of the general relaxation we see in society as a whole. However, we would like to remind everyone using the Hall and Café that:

- 1) All spaces must be adequately ventilated. This means using the windows, roof lights and opening the fire doors to maintain a proper through draft. This is especially important for physical activities.
- 2) Please ensure as much social distance as you can, the guideline of 1m+ still is in force. And ideally the 2m rule still should be followed if possible and proper spacing between participants in physical activity.
- 3) Thank you everyone for still following the cleaning routines but please wipe down surfaces such as door handles and light switches as we have always done.
- 4) Should anyone become ill during their use of the Centre then isolate them in the area by the loos, make arrangements for them to go home and everyone else must isolate, and test in accordance with the latest Government guidelines. Please remember it is the lead hirers responsibility to conduct their own contact tracing.
- 5) If COVID is suspected during a hire period the hirer must let the Trustees know.
- 6) Would all hirers review their own risk assessments and implement as you think best for your activity.

We appreciated that as the weather is getting colder the ventilation requirements may mean you come into a building cooler than you would like. We have turned the heating up to compensate but ventilation must be maintained.

We know its not usual but please be prepared to wear an extra layer if needed when using our facilities. Please share these reminders with all those in your group and thank you for your co operation,

Trustees Nov 12th 2021

"Post - Lockdown" The lifting of restrictions for users.

The Trustees are pleased that the lifting of all Covid restrictions means that we are able to use the Centre more fully. Indeed, since July 2021 we have seen an excellent return by nearly all our regular users and it is good to see the Centre well used. However, we must be aware that although the high level of vaccination among the population seems to have broken the link between Covid infection and serious illness the risk of infection is still considerable and vulnerable people are still at some risk. Therefore, we expect all those using the Centre to show due consideration to other users. This means that we must still be prepared to follow a sensible degree of social distancing, including being prepared to wear face masks if required by the organisers of activities, maintaining high sanitary standards and ensuring high levels of ventilation during activity. One aspect we warmly welcome back and we know has been sorely missed is using the Centre as a venue for children's parties (and adult social events). We are pleased to welcome bookings for these and look forward to hearing of successful parties in the future. If these expectations are met by all using the Centre we will see a vibrant and well used facility in the heart of the village.

Many thanks, Trustees 7 th Sept 2021