

VILLAGE HALL FOCUS

THE NEWSLETTER OF NETHER HEYFORD VILLAGE HALL



FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE....

With the redecoration of the main hall completed, a smart venue is ready to welcome back our regular users.

The building is classed as Covid-19 Secure which permits a maximum of 30 people to be in the hall.

There is further detail on page 2 on the effect of the latest Coronavirus Regulations.

I do hope that you will find the newsletter useful.

Alwyne Wilson

SEPTEMBER RE-OPENING

The hall did re-open on 1st September, and we were pleased to welcome back some of our regular hirers.

Then on 14th September the "Rule of 6" came into force. You can read more about that on page 2.

NEW VICE CHAIRMAN

Please welcome Joan Kirkbride to the Management Committee. Joan, who brings many years of experience as chairman and committee member of many varied organisations, has been co-opted into the role of Vice Chairman.

WEBSITE

The website www.netherheyfordvillagehall.org has been in use for several months now,

"What3Words" has recently been added to help users find the hall - [overlooks.into.stars](https://www.what3words.com/)

Appropriate at least....



FACE COVERINGS

Currently the Coronavirus Regulations require the wearing of face coverings in community buildings.

Signs have been placed to remind hall users.

Remember that some individuals cannot wear face coverings for medical reason. Please be tolerant!

RE-OPENING THE VILLAGE HALL.....

The hall was re-opened on 1st September as a "Covid -19 Secure" venue, but after just a few days, the Government announced drastic changes to the Coronavirus (Covid-19) Regulations which would limit gatherings to 6 people. Or did they?

At the outset it appeared that the hall would again be closed to users, but behind the soundbites and headlines in the guidance documentation on the gov.uk website, was detail that has allowed us to continue to make the hall available to users.

The pages of "*COVID-19: Guidance for the safe use of multi-purpose community facilities*" issued by the government, includes a section on permitted activities including leisure and social gatherings.

"We recognise the importance of social clubs for some individuals and recommend that these can proceed with caution in venues that have been made COVID-19 secure.

Clubs or groups that use community facilities can begin to meet again and facility managers should follow these COVID-19 secure guidelines to facilitate that.

Premises or locations following COVID-19 secure guidelines will be able to hold more than 30 people, subject to their own capacity limits. It is important for people to maintain social distancing and good hand hygiene when visiting these spaces. People using community facilities should continue to limit their interactions with those they do not live with outside of any formal activities they are participating in to help control the virus.

People meeting in a club or group context at a community centre should be encouraged to socially distance from anyone they do not live with or who is not in their support bubble."

The hall therefore remains open for those who wish to use it, albeit with obligations on everyone to participate in maintaining the Covid-19 Secure condition.

Please remember that entrance to the hall remains unchanged, there is a one-way system to access the washrooms, and to avoid people passing each other in the front lobby, exit will be via the front fire escape door.

The Management Committee is committed to doing everything necessary to keep the hall as safe and Covid-19 Secure as possible, but if you see something that needs to be added, or could be done better, please let us know about it.

Below is the Covid-19 Secure notice on the front door. Please follow the instructions when using the hall.

- 1. You must not enter if you or anyone in your household currently has COVID-19 symptoms.**
- 2. If you develop COVID-19 symptoms within 7 days** of visiting these premises alert NHS 111, the hall booking secretary on 01327-342167, and the organiser of the activity you attended.
- 3. The Coronavirus Regulations require all users of community facilities to wear a face covering.**
- 4. You must provide your name and contact details to the event organiser.** If you are not comfortable to do this, then you will not be permitted to remain in the hall. Contact details will be held for 21 days then destroyed.
- 5. Maintain 2 metres social distancing as far as possible:** Wait behind the marked lines as you go through the entrance hall to your activity and observe the one-way system marked.
- 6. Use the hand sanitiser provided** on entering the premises. Clean your hands often. Soap and paper towels are provided.
- 7. Avoid touching your face, nose, or eyes.** Clean your hands if you do.
- 8. "Catch it, Bin it, Kill it".** Tissues should be disposed of into one of the rubbish bags provided. Then wash your hands.
- 9. Check the organisers of your activity have cleaned door handles, tables, other equipment, sinks and surfaces before you arrived.** Keep them clean. We cannot clean all surfaces at the hall between each hire.
- 10. Take turns to use confined spaces such as corridors, kitchen and toilet areas.** Standing or sitting next to someone is lower risk than opposite them. Briefly passing another person in a confined space is low risk.
- 11. Keep the hall well ventilated. Close doors and windows on leaving.**