

Access Statement for Slaley Commemoration Hall

The Trustees of Slaley Commemoration Hall manage and maintain the facility based on the Charity Constitution which 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.”

To achieve these objectives, we have the following in place:

- The following statement is printed on the inner foyer door and explains the ethos of our community building.

“Welcome to our Hall, anything you need please approach anyone on the management committee. We hope you enjoy your experience of whatever event you are attending”.

- We are mindful of people with reduced mobility and have provided a ramp for ease of wheelchair access, handrails at the steps and accessible toilet facilities.
- We are mindful of people with reduced hearing ability and have installed a hearing loop.
- We are mindful of the need for hall users to have modern communication facilities and have installed FREE internet access.
- We are mindful of the needs of carers of young children and have provided nappy changing facilities and storage area for their own toys, games and equipment.
- We are mindful that the catering facilities need to meet the needs of young and old alike. Many people do not always want a cup and saucer but prefer beakers for their hot drinks therefore we have provided a selection of modern beakers. This is in addition to the more formal plain white full dining crockery for 120 people.
- We are mindful that visitors have concerns about allergies and food hygiene and we encourage all our user groups to adhere to some simple good practice guidelines.
- We are mindful that using the hall for our visitors can be daunting and to make their experience easy and straightforward we have produced a

User Guide which explains everything from how to use the dishwasher to where to find a band-aid.

- We are mindful that the hall could become a wedding venue and to help couples consider the Hall we have produced a Wedding Guide, providing details of everything from Taxis to Outside Catering and from Florists to Magicians.
- We are mindful that the hall could be used as a business hub and after securing the support of the community owned village pub who would supply the catering needs, we are currently putting together a leaflet.
- We are mindful that the Hall has many attractions for different groups and none are discouraged from making a booking. Example users of the hall include:
 - A Newcastle based men’s group regularly books the Hall for weekend stays and events.
 - The Church provides a Big Brekkie in the Hall during Christian Aid week and also runs a family messy church club.
 - French Wine Exporters frequently hold wine tastings at the Hall.
 - The Hall is the Polling Station for parishioners in Slaley and neighbouring Healey parish.
 - North East Ambulance Service hold Emergency First Aid Training courses in the Hall, these events are subsidised by Slaley Parish Council to make the training accessible to all.

Signed by Chairman.....

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