

# Slaley Commemoration Hall – Alcohol Policy

## Introduction

Social and fundraising events at Slaley Commemoration Hall often include the Hirer providing refreshments including alcoholic drinks, typically wine and beer/lagers. The Hall premises are licenced by Northumberland County Council under the 2003 Licensing Act – license ref: NPR/1232. This is displayed on the noticeboard in the Hall. As well as the sale and supply of alcohol, the licence also covers entertainment in the Hall.

## For the Hirer

- The Hirer, if selling alcoholic drinks may use the Hall licences for an additional £15 fee.
- Alternatively, the Hirer may ask a Licensee to provide and sell alcoholic drinks at their event and use the Licensee's licence.
- If alcoholic drinks are given free of charge as part of the event there is no additional charge.

## Scope and Restrictions

- The license for Slaley Commemoration Hall allows alcohol to be consumed in the outside areas if it is NOT taken beyond the curtilage of the premises.
- Any undrunk contents cannot be taken from the event – this includes half-drunk bottles of wine.
- A person commits an offence to buy alcohol on behalf of someone under the age of 18 to drink on licensed premises. However, it is legal for someone over 18 to buy beer, wine or cider for someone aged 16 or 17 to drink with a table meal on licensed premises, as long as the young person is accompanied at the meal by a person over the age of 18.

## Challenge 25 Scheme.

As Trustees we are responsible if there is an event where alcohol is sold/served to a person under 18 years of age. To tackle this, the Hall Trustees have adopted the Challenge 25 Scheme.

- By adopting the Challenge 25 policy, the bar staff are given the support to ask for ID from any person appearing to be under 25. The bar staff should take the ID and inspect it for authenticity and check that the date of birth allows the person to purchase alcohol. A record of refusals should be kept.
- A poster for display by any temporary bar is on the main noticeboard.
- This is included in the Terms and Conditions of Hire.