

Access Statement for Slaley Commemoration Hall

The Trustees of Slaley Commemoration Hall aim to provide good experience to all visitors and user groups and is continuously looking to improve accessibility and facilities.

As Trustees we manage and maintain the facility based on our 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 that user groups require different sized rooms. We offer:
 - The Den (down a flight of stairs) for private one to one meetings or surgeries.
 - The Community Room for smaller gatherings, meetings, table tennis etc and
 - The Main Hall for sport and larger events.
- We are mindful that the Hall has many attractions for different groups, and none are discouraged from making a booking. Hall information, including availability, is available on our website our Booking Clerk and Trustees can help with any questions.
- We are mindful of people with reduced mobility and have provided a ramp for ease of wheelchair access, handrails at the main doorsteps 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 baby changing facilities.
- There are five toilets in the Hall. These are unisex units, each with their own handwashing and vanity areas. One of the toilets has full disabled access.
- The kitchen is available to all hirers and is well equipped and modern. We are mindful that they should meet the needs of young and old alike. Today people do not always want a cup and saucer but prefer mugs 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 first time users can be daunting and to make their experience easier a committee member will arrange to meet a user at the hall to unlock the door for them, and familiarise them with the hall. In addition, 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 for business meetings and events. The local community owned village pub would be able to provide catering. Wi-Fi is available throughout the building and modern projection and audio-visual facilities are available in the main hall.