

# SMOKEFREE POLICY

## PURPOSE

This policy has been developed to protect all Village Hall users, committee members, hirers' contractors and visitors from exposure to secondhand smoke and to assist compliance with the Health Act 2006.

Exposure to secondhand smoke increases the risk of lung cancer, heart disease and other serious illnesses. Ventilation or separating smokers and non-smokers within the same airspace does not completely stop potentially dangerous exposure.

## POLICY

It is the policy of the Village Hall Committee that all our areas are smokefree, and all users have a right to use the Village Hall in a smokefree environment. The policy shall come into effect on Sunday, 1 July 2007. Smoking is prohibited in all enclosed and substantially enclosed premises in the Village Hall. This policy applies to all Village Hall committee members, users, hirers' contractors and visitors.

## IMPLEMENTATION

Overall responsibility for policy implementation and review rests with the Village Hall Committee, and all members are obliged to adhere to, and support the implementation of the policy. The committee shall inform all Village Hall users, hirers' contractors and visitors of the policy and their role in the implementation and monitoring of the policy. Appropriate 'no-smoking' signs will be clearly displayed at the entrances to and within the premises, and a copy of the Policy will be on display in the Village Hall.

## NON-COMPLIANCE

Local disciplinary procedures will be followed if a Village Hall committee member, user, hirer contractor or visitor does not comply with this policy.

Those who do not comply with the smokefree law may also be liable to a fixed penalty fine and possible criminal prosecution.

## LOCAL DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

Draw the person's attention to the no smoking signs and ask them to stop smoking and point out they are committing a criminal offence. If they continue to smoke, ask them to leave the building. Remind the person that under the law you could both receive a fine. If physical violence is threatened then the police will be notified.

## HELP TO STOP SMOKING

The NHS offers a range of free services to help smokers give up. Visit [www.gosmokefree.co.uk](http://www.gosmokefree.co.uk) or call the NHS Smoking Helpline on 0800 169 0 169 for details. Alternatively you can text 'GIVE UP' and your full Post code to 88088 to find your local NHS Stop Smoking Service.

Signed



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