

St Catherine's Hill Community Hall

17 Marlow Drive Christchurch, Dorset. BH23 2RR

Charity No 1088266

29th September 2020

COVID-19 – Notice

Over the summer the Trustees have been making preparations to reopen the Hall in conjunction with the Hirers. It was hoped to do this by the end of September.

On 22nd September the Government announced tighter restrictions in order to control the apparent upsurge in cases of COVID-19. They issued guidance for Community Halls on 24 September. In it the following advice is given:

"However, we strongly advise that activities where there is a significant likelihood of groups mixing and socialising (and where it will be difficult to prevent mingling and therefore breaking the law) should not take place in a community facility.

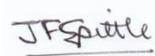
These may include but are not limited to:

- *formal or informal clubs and hobby clubs (e.g. women's institute, veteran's associations, freemasons, sewing clubs, book clubs, crafts clubs, reading groups)*
- *amateur choirs and orchestras*
- *informally organised sport activities on facilities grounds (professionally organised sport activities are exempt)"*

One factor considered is that the predominant demographic group using the Hall are the elderly and that means that, in the case of COVID transmission occurring in the Hall, that the consequences for those affected will be severe. It is also felt that further restrictions are likely to be put in place later this year.

It is with regret therefore, that the Trustees have decided not to reopen the Hall until further notice.

The Hall charity has sufficient financial reserves to cover the running costs of the Hall despite there being no income for this period. Rest assured that we will reopen once we have been advised it is safe to do so.



John Spittle, Chairman, on behalf of the Trustees

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