



BARRINGTON VILLAGE HALL TRUSTEES

Barrington Village Hall re-opening arrangements: a message for our regular hirers.

Dear valued Hirer

We are sure that you share with us a desire to re-open the hall as soon as it is safe so that our facilities can be available to all our users. In order to assist you with your planning for future use, we would like to update you on an indicative timescale for this process.

Now that we are in receipt of the detailed guidance documents on '**Re-opening Village and Community Halls post COVID-19**', published by ACRE (*Action with Communities in Rural England*), Trustees met last week to begin to plan how we might begin to do so.

As you can imagine, there are comprehensive risk assessments to carry out as well as some significant modifications required in how we will need to use the hall in the future. Trustees have begun the somewhat daunting task of working through this guidance and taking the steps necessary to ensure that we can be fully compliant in all aspects before opening. We anticipate that this will be complete in time for an opening at the beginning of September. We will provide updates on progress in the interim and obviously inform you if this planned date is likely to change.

A major part of the work required is to undertake detailed risk assessments for each group and type of use and, as part of this process, we will be asking you to complete a risk assessment form along with details of how your hire arrangements will be able to meet the new requirements to be COVID-19 compliant. Full details and instructions will be sent to you very soon. We are really grateful for your help and co-operation with this as we work towards re-opening, whilst appropriately safeguarding all of us who use our hall in whatever capacity.

All of the Trustees would like to extend their grateful thanks for your continued support.

Debbie Eustice
Secretary and Vice Chair Barrington Village Hall
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