## **Community Events**

## **Rules of application**

Dry Doddington Village Hall Committee, recognise that a sense of togetherness is important for improving peoples' quality of life and community spirit.

Community events can increase people's sense of pride in their local area. Events and festivals can help people connect to the culture and heritage of a place. This is especially the case for events where people can learn about each other, exchange knowledge and share their heritage and culture.

However, it must be recognised that the Village Hall has operating costs, which increase considerably when the hall is being used.

The Village Hall Trustees, support community events and those who want to volunteer to run them by considering any Community Event application and where they consider it appropriate, approving the free use of the village hall.

Any paid booking for the same date will take precedence over a Community Event booking.

The community event application must meet all the criteria as detailed below:

- The applicant is a resident of Dry Doddington.
- The event is not in connection with a personal celebration of the applicant or relative/friend of the applicant (E.G. Birthday, Wedding, Anniversary, Christening etc).
- The event is a community celebration, and all villagers (including children) can attend the event free of charge and there is no fee payable as condition of entry to the event.
- The applicant or anyone in their household has not applied for a "Community Event" in the previous 2 months.
- The event is not for profit and there should be no financial or other personal gain for the applicant.
- A donation box must be provided at the event and be prominently placed for users of the Community Event to donate towards the cost of the running of the hall.
- An announcement/s must be made during the community event requesting for donations towards the running cost of the Village Hall.
- The applicant completes a booking form and accepts the standard booking terms.
- The Community event must be advertised on the Village Hall notice board and in the Bus shelter and on the Village Hall Facebook site.
- The Village Hall Committee have final approval to the Community Event application and reserve the right to refuse the application request.