

# Fancy a drink ?



The consumption of alcohol on these premises is regulated by the Licensing Act 2003. Please see below our policy & guidance for the selling and provision of alcohol on Levens Village Hall premises.

## Levens Village Hall Guidance Note: Selling or Provision of Alcohol

Levens Village Hall does not hold a premises licence for the sale and/or distribution of alcohol.

Consequently, if a hirer or user of the Village Hall wishes to sell alcohol, either directly or indirectly, they will need to apply to Westmorland & Furness Council for a Temporary Event Notice (TEN) in accordance with the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003.

In the context of the Licensing Act, the sale of alcohol, either directly or indirectly, is defined as a situation where there is a financial consideration involved in the provision or distribution of the alcohol. By way of examples:

1. Direct sale – an event where attendees or participants pay for alcohol via an open bar
2. Indirect sale – an event where alcohol is provided as part of the ticket price, e.g. free drink(s) with entry ticket
3. Indirect sale – an event where alcohol is provided by or on behalf of a club to a member or members of the club where there is a fee associated with club membership

In these or similar circumstances the hirer will need to apply for, and secure the issue of, a Temporary Event Notice from Westmorland & Furness Council.

If there is no financial consideration associated with the provision of alcohol then a Temporary Event Notice is NOT required, for example – a private hire where there is no payment for attendance and the hirer provides alcohol free to all other attendees or participants

It is the responsibility of the hirer and TEN applicant to comply with all conditions applicable to a TEN once issued.

As an unlicensed premises there is an annual limit on the number of Temporary Event Notices that can be issued for events in Levens Village Hall. The annual limit is currently 15 in a calendar year. It is the responsibility of the Trustees to maintain a record of the application for, and issue of, Temporary Event Notices to ensure the annual premises limit is not exceeded. Consequently, a hirer or user of the Village Hall must seek approval from the Trustees prior to making an application for a TEN.

In addition to the premises limit there is a personal limit on applications for Temporary Event Notices. No individual can apply for more than 5 TENs in any calendar year. While adherence to this limit is a personal responsibility for the applicant it will also apply to events organised by Trustees for or on behalf of the Village Hall Trust, e.g. LAFS.