WEDDING & CELEBRATION EVENTS AT CLAYPOLE VILLAGE HALL



2027 WEDDINGS

Welcome to Claypole Village Hall - thank you for considering our beautiful village hall for your celebrations.



The Hall boasts stunning period features – lofty ceilings with beautiful beams, tall windows, traditional fireplaces leading to tall chimneys, the original sprung, wooden floor, as well as the impressive stage as the focal point of the room.

The Hall was built in 1923, a fine example of the 'arts and crafts' movement, in which buildings were simple in their design to allow the quality of the materials and craftsmanship to shine through.

In 2022, drawing on the expertise of a local interior designer, Amanda Campbell, the main hall was renovated with new

curtains and blinds, sanding and varnishing of the floor, a full re-decoration, and upgrades to the audio-visual system – ready for May 2023 when the Hall reached its centenary!

At the end of 2023, the former library, now the Coulby Room, was refurbished to create a new space for hire. Again, Amanda helped us to create the right look for the room – in-keeping with its era but a lovely, cosy room suitable for all sorts of activities.

During 2024, we completed two more major projects, which improved our facilities no end, both completed with support from UKSPF, as well as our own funds and local donations – the refurb of our tired old kitchen with a brand new one and a complete overhaul of our car park, which was riddled with potholes and loose stones and it's now fully tarmacked with marked parking bays.

Weddings & Celebrations

We know that everyone has their own style and ideas for their wedding or celebration, and the Hall's new look provides a fantastic backdrop to suit all tastes - updated for the 21st century, whilst making the most of the original features.

Unlike many other venues, we aren't in the 'wedding business' - we try to strike a balance between being a much-loved community building and offering a space where people can celebrate the key moments in their lives, like weddings, christenings, and special birthdays. For that reason, we place a limit of 2 weddings/large celebration bookings per month, particularly during the summer months, and a total of 10 in a year. This means that the Hall remains available for regular community



hire as well, which is important to us as a team, as well as being a requirement of our trust deed.

The Hall offers a relaxed & beautiful space and the freedom to eat, drink, sing and dance, however you choose, and create the special day you've dreamed of. We provide the space, and you get to make it your own – and we're always amazed by how different it looks each time the Hall gets dressed up!

When you hire the Village Hall for your wedding or celebration, you are getting exclusive use of:

- the **Hall** (14.5m x 8.5m, max. 120 seated capacity, depending on your layout)
- the **Paddock** a large field to the side of the Hall, where you'll find 2 lovely arbors and our Jubilee and Coronation trees. This space is suitable for marguees, yurts, outside seating, bouncy castles, and outdoor games.
- the **Coulby Room**, the former library named after our benefactor, Harry Coulby (you'll see his portrait above the main fireplace); a room suitable for all sorts a quick outfit change, a backstage area for a band/singer, but also known to have been a nursery for mini guests to have a power nap in their travel cot before joining the evening do!!
- the stage approx. 5m x 4m
- the kitchen, newly refurbished in January 2024, with 2 ovens, a hob, domestic & catering fridges, dishwasher, urn, microwave,
- crockery, cutlery, wine glasses & tumblers for 120 place settings
- use of all our tables and chairs
- use of audio-visual equipment (speakers, power amp, mixer, Blu-ray/DVD player, projector, 4m-wide screen)
- Wi-Fi available for caterers/bars to take payments & separate guest Wi-Fi
- free parking in our new car park, with some overflow space on the paddock if you need it
- 2 x 2-hour planning visits prior to your booking
- a handover at the start and end of your booking, and point of contact during your hire

Claypole Village Hall is managed by a team of volunteers - we don't claim to be wedding or party planners but, over time, we've built up a list of contacts for food & drink, entertainment, places to stay and we'll do our best to help you, if we can.

Things to note

In 2018, we renovated the adjoining former caretaker's cottage and leased it to two lovely local ladies who were looking for somewhere to set up a coffee shop business. And so, The Side House Coffee Shop was born! We love sharing our Village Hall site with them and they are a wonderful addition to the village.

When visiting the Hall, make sure you come Tuesday-Saturday if you want to take advantage of their amazing breakfasts, lunches, and delicious cakes. On warmer days of the year, you'll find their customers sitting outside in the formal garden space at the eastern end of the Hall – when the coffee shop closes at 4pm, this space is available for you to use as well.

All internal spaces are exclusively yours, but, as a community building, some of our outside spaces are open plan and therefore available to the public. We have some lovely signage and discreet locks to close off the paddock so that you have sole use during your booking. We'll also put out signage at the entrance to the car park to maximise the spaces available for your guests.

The play park has to remain open for community access but, with a larger (and far more exciting) park down by the school, many residents will divert there if they see a private event taking place.

Costs and Payments

3-DAY WEDDING OPTION

Use of: Main Hall, Coulby Room, the paddock, stage, kitchen & contents, audio-visual equipment, furniture 2 x 2-hr planning visits
Free parking

10am Friday - 1pm Sunday* £2900

2-DAY CELEBRATION OPTION

Use of: Main Hall, Coulby Room, the paddock, stage, kitchen & contents, audio-visual equipment, furniture 2 x 2-hr planning visits
Free parking

9am Saturday - 1pm Sunday* £2050

*If you're looking at celebrations on other days of the week, please check with us

We also ask for a **security deposit** of £350 1 month before your booking. This is completely refundable, as long as no damage, loss of property or additional cleaning takes place during/after your booking. The deposit will be returned to you within 7 days of your hire date.

To secure your booking, we ask for an initial payment of £700 (3-day hires) or £650 (2-day hires) – this is non-refundable but is transferable if you need to change the date. The remaining balance is due in two instalments 6 months and 3 months before your booking. Three months before the hire date, when your final instalment is due, your booking becomes non-refundable but may be transferred to another date if you need to postpone.

How to Book

We operate an online booking system via our website. You can set up an account and use it to schedule your main booking and any planning visits. Go to the online booking page, find the date you want and click on the + symbol to request a booking. www.claypolevillagehall.org/onlinebooking

If you are still finalising the details for caterers, musicians, register office/church, we are happy to hold a date for you for a couple of weeks whilst you pin it all down, but we'd ask you to firm up if we get another enquiry for the same date.

You can also use the booking system to check dates for your planning visits and book those in.

FAQs

Venue/General

When can I access the venue?

If you have a 3-day hire, the Hall is available from 10am on Friday. If you have 2-day hire, 9am on Saturday.

How do I get access?

We operate a key safe system and the code for the lock box will be sent out on the day of your hire. Wherever possible, a member of our team will also meet you for a handover to handle any final queries, show you where everything is – and then you're free to crack on with your set up.

Can my supplier access the Hall when I'm not there?

Yes, but it remains your responsibility to keep the building secure throughout the hire period, even if you leave the keys with a family member, caterer, bar supplier, or wedding planner. You will need to make sure that you've made all your suppliers & helpers aware of the terms of the hire.

Is there parking available?

Yes. There is plenty of parking on site - our car park was resurfaced and line marked at the end of 2024 and all the pathways were resurfaced at the same time. The car park is used by the local community for village shops and The Side House Coffee Shop, but we will put out a sign, limiting parking to your guests and the coffee shop customers, on the day of your wedding/party. If there are any other village events on (like the school fayre), we'll try to get volunteers to staff the car park, keeping it for your guests and the coffee shop only. We also allow hall guests to park along the back hedge to create more parking on busier days. We provide cones for you to put out if you want to keep an area clear for loading/unloading and for any bar/food vans/trailers to pull in.

Where is the best place to unload?

Once you've unlocked at the front of the Hall, you can open up the patio doors at the rear – this is the shortest route to the car park and vehicles can pull in through the wooden gates. We can provide 'no parking' cones for you to keep the gates clear for suppliers and deliveries.

Can I book extra time for setting up or clearing away?

Any extra time booked will be charged at the standard hourly rate for each hire space for the duration of the time that the hall is unavailable for others to hire (incl. overnight).

If this creates a clash with one of our regular classes, we can ask if they are willing to move outside, but it may not be possible or there may be an extra charge if they have to pay for an alternative venue. You should also be aware that many of our smaller bookings, like children's parties, fitness classes, etc., are placed 3-4 months in advance, so we recommend that you book any extra time needed as early as possible to ensure you have what you need.

What comes with the hire of the Hall for a wedding or celebration?

You get the main hall, the paddock, the Coulby Room, the kitchen, use of all our AV equipment, furniture, and crockery/cutlery/glassware. There are ladies' and gents' loos, as well as a separate accessible/inclusive bathroom, which also has a baby changing station.

As for flowers, table settings, decorations, bunting, balloons etc., that's up to you! We are effectively a 'dry hire' - what you see is what you get! This way you get to put a unique and individual stamp on your day.

Does it cost less to get married in the Winter months or on a weekday? We operate a really simple pricing structure which is the same all year round. We understand that many wedding venues offer discounted rates in their quieter months and/or days of the week. However, for a Village Hall, it doesn't really follow the same pattern. Most of our fixed/regular community hires are mid-week and those activities are important, sometimes a lifeline even, for the people who attend. For that reason, and because our primary purpose is as a community facility, we don't offer reduced rates for what, in other venues, is classed as off-peak times.

What if we want to get married in Winter?

Because of the lower temperatures, we recommend a wedding of no more than 70-80 guests from October to April. This way you can have everything taking place indoors. You also need to consider that the ground in the paddock will be far softer, possibly muddy, and plan your layout and activities accordingly – this may also impact the amount of cleaning time required.

Can I have a mid-week wedding?

If you want to make a mid-week booking rather than a weekend, please talk to us and we'll see what we can do.

We are predominantly a community facility, which is set out in our trust deed, and we do our best to strike a sensible balance between wedding hires and community use. Some of our community bookings are term-time only and others operate 52 weeks a year so, depending on your request, it may be possible for us to accept a booking for a weekday wedding.

Can I put up a marquee and/or gazebos?

Yes, you're welcome to set up whatever you like on the paddock. We have installed an outside socket if you need power. Please note though, that this is an open space, and anything left out is done so at your own risk/your suppliers' risk. Whilst we have CCTV in some areas, the paddock isn't covered

Do the fireplaces work? Can we use them?

Our fireplaces have been decommissioned as part of our mission to keep the Hall as energy efficient as possible - three working fireplaces would make for a chilly and draughty hall in Winter!! But you can make a feature of them by placing decorations in them.

Are we allowed to use confetti?

Only if the confetti is an environmentally friendly and decomposable one. If it's not, there may be a deduction from your security deposit to clear it away.

Can we have fireworks?

Out of respect for our neighbours and the local wildlife & livestock, there can be

Can we have candles indoors? Can we have fire pits outside?

Unfortunately, our insurance doesn't cover us for naked flames inside the building or fires outside on the paddock. However, you can create a great atmosphere with battery-operated candles, tea lights & light strings, and electric festoon lighting.

Can we have a barbecue outside?

Absolutely. As long as your caterer is staffing it at all times, you can grill away! The hard standing space outside the patio doors is perfect for this.

Can we smoke?

We don't like to spoil your fun but, after too many morning-afters painstakingly picking up cigarette butts in the outside public spaces, the Village Hall itself is a smoke-free venue. If you or your guests need to have a cigarette or vape while you're here, we can provide you with bucket ash trays which hook on to the fencing or which can be placed on outside tables. Rather than us designating one specific smoking area, this provides each hirer the flexibility to place the smokers away from wherever they want the catering/seating/eating to be. If people do not follow this policy, and there is evidence of smoking anywhere inside the venue or cigarette butts are not in bins, £50 will be deducted from the security deposit.

Are you dog friendly?

Under normal circumstances, we're an assistance dog-only venue, but we understand that having your 4-legged friend with you on your big day is important (and that all your regular dog sitters may well be celebrating with you) so we'll make an exception if they are your guest of honour!

As long as your pooch is friendly and well trained, and you are willing to pick up after them, we are more than happy for them to join you. We would draw the line if your guests brought theirs along too though! As the outside spaces aren't completely enclosed and some areas of the site are community spaces, please ensure that dogs are kept under control at all times. No dogs are allowed in the play park.

Can I have a bouncy castle and/or outdoor games?

You certainly can and you'll find some great suppliers on our list of recommended contacts. There's an outside socket on the wall by the paddock.

Do you have any suppliers you would recommend?

Absolutely. We have seen lots of amazing wedding suppliers come to the Hall over the last few years and, provided the hirers gave them good feedback, we always ask if they would like to go on our recommended suppliers list. We're constantly adding to it so, if you can't find what you're looking for, just drop us a message and we might know someone who can help.

Can my caterer use your kitchen facilities?

Any suppliers you bring in a free to use all the spaces included in your hire. Please be clear with them on size and range of the kitchen facilities – they are welcome to join you on a planning visit. We'd hate for them to arrive thinking that we have Michelin-level facilities and not be able to deliver what they have promised you. You also need to make sure that they know what is required within the hire arrangements, i.e., that all rubbish needs to be removed from site, cutlery & crockery is to be washed, dried and put away in the correct location.

Is there accommodation nearby?

Our village pub, The Five Bells, has several rooms available for bed and breakfast and you'll find several of the well-known hotel brands in and around Newark (Premier Inn, Travelodge, Best Western). Or you could take a look towards Grantham, at Belton Woods Hotel, Spa & Golf or The Barn Hotel & Spa at Marston

You'll also find some lovely Airbnbs in the area. You'll find links to all of these on our recommended suppliers list.

What time do I have to be out of the Hall after our wedding/celebration? We ask that noise is kept to a minimum from 10:30pm by taking your celebrations indoors & closing the doors, and that you and your guests depart by 1am at the very latest.

What time do I have to be out of the Hall at the end of our booking?

Please leave no later than 1pm on the last day of your hire. You will need to clear all areas of all of your belongings, props, decorations, rubbish etc. and tables and chairs need to be stacked back where they were at the start of the hire. Please don't underestimate the amount of time it will take to clear away the morning after and, if you're asking friends and family to help, make sure they know you're relying on them so that they can manage their partying and hangover cures accordingly!

We wouldn't advise having someone else to be solely responsible for the morning after unless you have included them in the handover process at the start of the hire and they are fully briefed on what is required. Essentially, the return of your security deposit will be in their hands.

If you think you will need extra time to clear away, please book it in as early as possible as we have regular hirers on weekdays and will need to ensure that facilities are clean and ready for them.

Do I have to clean the Hall?

We ask hirers to clear all areas of the building and site of decorations/belongings and ensure that any suppliers have done the same. We supply a basic cleaning kit so that you can sweep up easily and mop up any spills.

Our cleaners will go in after your booking to ensure that the Hall is ready for our next booking, but the Hall needs to be clear for them. We will provide a checklist which sets out what you are responsible for and what the cleaners will do. Our wedding pricing allows for 6 hours of cleaning and, if our cleaners require longer or if there is a delay getting started, it will be charged at £35 per hour and a deduction will be made from the security deposit. Our cleaning company charges an additional fee of £50 for any excess/specialist cleaning (e.g., vomit). Before your booking, we will email you a set of final instructions which includes a list of things to check before you leave. This is to ensure that there are no surprise deductions from your security deposit. There is also a copy of this checklist in the

kitchen, bathrooms, Coulby Room. Wherever possible, a member of our team will

meet you at the start and end of your hire period to complete a start of hire and end of hire check.

We ask hirers to remove all rubbish at the end of their booking – this is standard practice for village hall venues. Please don't use the purple bins in the bin store – these belong to the Side House and are locked.

Why do I have to take away my rubbish?

To be honest, it's standard practice for village halls. Waste contractors insist that we sign up to a fixed, weekly/fortnightly collection contract but our usage can vary dramatically – a quiet week means one bin bag, whereas as large wedding with lots of drinks can easily generate 3 commercial wheelie bins worth of rubbish. Paying year-round for the maximum week would mean a significant hike in hire rates for everyone so we aim to keep the rates low and ask hirers to deal with their own rubbish disposal. It also encourages people to think about how much they are generating and to manage recycling.

BIN HIRE OPTION: A few of our 2024 hirers, chose to contact our district council and they allowed them to spot-hire some wheelie bins for a reasonable price - we wish they would allow us to do the same! You can tell them how many guests you have invited, and they will estimate how many bins you need, drop them off a few days beforehand, then empty them and take them away the week after. You can contact South Kesteven District Council on 01476 406080. Currently, the contact person is Amanda Key – amanda.key@southkesteven.gov.uk. We recommend that you do this in plenty of time to allow them to plan the drop-offs.

Payments

How do I pay and secure the booking?

Once you've decided on your date and you're happy with the costs, you can make a booking on our website, www.claypolevillagehall.org/onlinebooking. We'll confirm it at our end and send you an invoice for the initial payment. Please try and pay within 7 days of receipt.

Our bank details are as follows -Account name: Claypole Village Hall

Account number: 97199370

Sort code: 54-10-23

Please use your invoice number as the reference.

Can I pay with a credit card?

Unfortunately, we aren't able to take card payments – it's not financially viable for us as a charity with our level of income to take the hit on the fees charged.

When do I pay the balance?

You will receive a reminder shortly before each payment is due 6 months and 3 months before your wedding/event. Again, please pay within 7 days. Soon after the 3-month payment, we will ask you for details of your suppliers and licensing arrangements.

What is the security deposit?

A £350 security deposit is required 1 month prior to your booking. This is completely refundable, as long as no damage or loss of property has taken place during your booking. The deposit will be returned to you within 7 days of your hire date.

We'd like to be clear that you are responsible for your suppliers as well – if they cause any loss or damage during your hire, your security deposit could be affected so please ensure that they are reputable and that know what you (and we) expect whilst they are on site and when they leave.

Do your prices include VAT?

No. We are not VAT registered.

Food & Drink

Can I pick my own caterer and/or bar?

Certainly. We want you to have the day you envisage so we don't prescribe who you can/can't use; that's the beauty of a 'dry site' - we provide the amazing space, and you plan the rest.

We do have a list of suppliers who have been to the Hall before and who we know offer a great service. Just let us know if you'd like a copy of our 'recommended' list.





Do you have a bar and an alcohol licence?

The Village Hall has a premises licence; however, we don't operate an in-house bar service.

This means that, whilst you can sell alcohol on our licence within the terms and conditions set out in our licence (evenings only), you would have to staff the bar (and the sink for washing up!), forecast & source the drinks, and provide enough glassware for everyone. Using our licence also means that we would need to perform spot checks - which may not be what/who you want at your wedding or party!

You can view the Hall's licence here: https://tinyurl.com/trw3xnc
For that reason, the best option is a mobile bar service - this means that the bar provider will supply glassware and staff, as well as all your drinks options. And they should do the washing up - bonus! We can make recommendations for this too.

A mobile bar service also means that you can serve/sell drinks outside of the hours of the Hall's licence by using a TEN (Temporary Event Notice) licence. These are quick and easy to apply for, low cost (currently £21) and all reputable mobile bars will be used to doing them. The TEN licence can also cover any entertainment that you want to have, which falls outside of our licence, e.g., gambling tables. We will ask for a copy of your TEN licence and the personal licence of the mobile bar provider approx. I month before your booking, which serves as a good last-minute reminder if it hasn't been done yet.

Music/Entertainment

Do you allow bands and DJs?

Definitely. Most bands/DJs want to bring their own equipment, which is fine with us. However, if you/they are thinking of using our AV equipment, we'd advise you to bring them along on a planning visit so that they can check how it works and that it will provide what they need. Our audio-visual equipment is great for background music from your playlist (and a PowerPoint stitch up by your best man/woman!) but may not be suitable for your favourite rock band!



Our music licence covers the main hall until 11pm. Out of respect for our neighbours, we request that there is no music outside throughout your booking and that, from 10:30pm, you close the doors to the Hall and reduce the noise levels.

What time does the party end?

We ask that you and your guests are inside the Hall by 10:30pm and that the music stops at 11pm and that the Hall is vacated and locked up by 1am at the latest.

Ceremonies

Can we have a wedding ceremony at the Village Hall?

The Hall isn't licensed for civil ceremonies, however, you could create your own (humanist) ceremony, if you wish - more info below. Bear in mind that, if you're holding a ceremony and a reception in the same location, it will require some turnaround of the layout/furniture. Most people who do this either hire a wedding co-ordinator for the day so that they can manage the changeover for them, or they create a ceremony space outside and leave the inside for eating and dancing - this second option requires a wet weather back up plan though!!

You can be married in St. Peter's, our village church, which is a 5-minute walk away – there are some qualifying criteria which need to be met so please call to discuss it and make sure you plan well ahead.

The nearest Register Office is at the Gilstrap Centre, which is in the grounds of Newark Castle, providing a beautiful backdrop for photos.

St Peter's Church

Davina Tylor, Parish Administrator for Saxonwell & Loveden churches https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/14727/get-in-touch/

Email: administrator-lovedenwest@gmail.com

Newark Register Office

https://weddings.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/venues/the-gilstrap-newark-registration-office/

telephone: 0300 500 8080 email: weddings@nottscc.gov.uk

Newark Castle

Newark Castle is licensed for civil ceremonies in two locations:

- under the bandstand in the Castle gardens with the castle walls in the background
- in the Undercroft, which is accessed by waterway from the River Trent, to reach the stone arches of the castle's undercroft.

For more information on dates and pricing, contact weddings@nsdc.info

What is a Humanist Ceremony?

It's a non-religious wedding ceremony which gives you the opportunity to marry where you want and how you want. You don't have to be a humanist to have a humanist ceremony. It is focused on the couple's relationship and allows them to have a completely unique service designed solely by them. We know a fabulous independent celebrant (Nichola) and you'll find her on our recommended suppliers list

In England, Wales and Northern Ireland, humanist weddings are not recognised in law, so couples have to go to a register office to take care of that in the days before or after their wedding.

https://humanists.uk/ceremonies/non-religious-weddings/

Planning & The Little Details

How do I arrange a planning visit?

We operate an online booking system via our website. You can set up an account for your main booking and use it to schedule your planning visits as well. Go to the 'online booking' page, find the date you want and request a booking by clicking on the + symbol. We will confirm the booking and waive the fee as 2 x 2-hour visits are included in your overall hire package.

What are the dimensions of the Hall?

The main hall measures 14.5m long by 8.5m wide and the stage space measures 5m x 5m at its widest points. When you're ready to plan the details, we can provide you with a planning document which sets out all the measurements between the beams, heights of hooks, table/chair sizes, details of cutlery/crockery, etc.

How many tables and chairs do you have? And what sizes?

In the Hall, there are tables of various sizes (4 of 2.4m x 0.75m, 9 of 1.8m x 0.75m and 11 of 1.2m x 0.75m) and 98 upholstered chairs. We also have 40 additional folding metal chairs available on request. When re-stacking the chairs, please do not exceed 6 high. Tables should be safely stowed on the trolleys and trolleys are stored under the balcony.



Can I hire different furniture?

Yes, and we can make a recommendation for furniture hire. You'll need to plan for where you're storing our furniture while you're using alternatives – we can make suggestions depending on the layout you are planning, and which areas of the Hall you want to use. We can also provide fabric to drape in front of the table trolleys in their usual location. Please make sure that you don't block fire exits with surplus furniture or table trolleys.

Where can I plug in a?

Once you've booked, we can provide you with a layout plan which details where the sockets are. There is also a copy on the big fridge in the kitchen for reference. You

will need to ensure that any equipment you and your suppliers bring on site has been PAT tested. Please also bear in mind that the Hall is an old building and, whilst we have made improvements to its electrics, if you were to plug in appliances to every socket, you will run the risk of overloading the system and tripping the switches. It is more likely to happen if you bring numerous industrial-/commercial-grade appliances.

Can I take down your noticeboards?

Yes. They are easily taken down and are reversible so you can move them out of the way or you're welcome to use them for your decorations/family photos.

What decorations can I put up?

We find that nothing sticks to the brickwork, however hard you try!
We ask hirers not to stick anything to the paintwork or brickwork
using sellotape and/or blu-tack, even if you have invested in command hooks and
other specialist sticky products – we promise you, we've tried them all and they do
pull off the paintwork, even if you are being gentle! You also place your security
deposit at risk if the paintwork is damaged or there is blu-tack stuck to the bricks.

We have put sturdy hooks at the base of each beam, strong enough for lighting strings and/or bunting and hooks around the balcony, kitchen panelling, and main fireplace. You will need a set of tall ladders – or a standard set of ladders and your tallest friend!

Other features you can make use of for decorations are:

- the front of the stage looks great with flower arrangements, draped fabric, battery candles, or battery tealights
- the dado/picture rail all around the hall again, battery tealights and strings of battery-operated fairy lights look great, as well as flowers, photo frames etc.
- the fireplaces these can be dressed with flowers, pots/vases, lanterns, logs, bunting, lights
- under the balcony using the hooks/pole, you can drape fabric (we have some available in cream/green to hide the table trolleys which you are welcome to use), hang banners/bunting/lights/flowers
- noticeboards our noticeboards in the Hall are reversible and removable.
 You are welcome to use them for a display, or you can remove them altogether and store them out of the way.

Can I use the balcony?

The balcony is accessed via The Side House Coffee Shop so, unfortunately, it isn't available to hirers, other than as a visual feature of the main hall. You are welcome to decorate around it using the hooks we've put up.

When will the grass be cut on the paddock?

The paddock is cut fortnightly by the Parish Council's gardening contractors, so we don't have a lot of say over when they come but, during the growing months, they come every 2 weeks. We give them the dates of all wedding bookings so that they can do their best to plan around them, but their schedule is always weather-dependent.