

FILLONGLEY VILLAGE HALL TRUST

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FILLONGLEY VILLAGE HALL RISK ASSESSMENT

Setting the scene

The management committee decided to do a risk assessment of their village hall to identify and manage the risks to people who used the hall and were involved in its maintenance and upkeep.

There is no legal requirement to record the findings of a risk assessment as there are less than five employees at the hall (HSE INDG163 (rev3), revised 06/11 Five steps to risk assessment). Much of the repair and maintenance work at the hall has been done by self-employed workers, who have responsibility for their own risk assessments and health and safety, as well as for other issues like the hours they work and their financial and tax arrangements.

However, the management committee decided that there were sound legal and business reasons to record the findings of the risk assessment, and to take steps to make sure that they were brought to the attention of those using the hall.

Members of the management committee completed the risk assessment.

How the risk assessment was done

They followed the guidance in *Five steps to risk assessment* (www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/indg163.pdf).

1 To identify the hazards, they:

- looked at HSE's web pages for free health and safety advice and guidance.
- walked around the hall, car park and other areas with other members of the management committee, and a regular user of the hall, noting things that might pose a risk; and
- took note of comments made by other users of the hall, and to people who had done jobs at the hall, to learn from their experience and to get their views on health and safety.

2 The committee then wrote down who could be harmed by the hazards and how.

- 3 They wrote down what controls were in place to manage these risks and then compared these to the guidance on HSE's website.
- 4 They put the findings of the risk assessment into practice, writing down who was responsible for doing what, and by when. They decided to tick off each action when it was completed and to record the date when it was done.
- 5 The findings were discussed by the management committee. The committee decided to put in place all the additional risk controls that had been suggested. They also decided that the risk assessment would be available to all users of the hall. A copy was put in the Operational Manual. The management committee decided to review the risk assessment every year, or immediately if any changes occurred to the hall or how the hall was used.

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing?	What further action is necessary?	Action by whom?	Action by when?	Done
Vehicle movement	Pedestrians could suffer serious injury if struck by cars entering/leaving car park or moving in it.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entrance/exit to car park clearly marked. Car park well lit. Skip/recycling collection takes place at times when hall not in use. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For large events, parking controlled by marshals to be arranged by event organiser. 	Management committee/event organiser	As needed	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise users of hall, through hire agreement, to consider whether they need to control car parking. 	Secretary	As needed	
Hazardous substances Eg cleaning products	The cleaner, and others cleaning, risk skin problems, eg dermatitis and eye damage, from direct contact with cleaning chemicals. Vapour may cause breathing problems.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cleaning products stored securely in a cupboard. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hirers of the Hall are aware of their responsibilities through the hire agreement and to report any problems to the secretary or chairman of the management committee. The management committee regularly check the accident book 	Secretary	As needed	
Electricity	Users risk electric shocks or burns from faulty equipment or installation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fixed installation correctly installed by qualified electrician, and inspected regularly. All repairs by qualified electrician. Portable equipment checked for visual signs of damage before use. Hall users know they are responsible for any equipment used on site. A floor plan of the hall is available to hirers showing the position of the fuse boxes. A copy is also kept in the Operational Manual 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make sure hall users know where the fuse box is and how to switch supply off in an emergency. 	Secretary	As needed	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remind users that portable equipment considered unsafe should be marked and taken out of use. 	Secretary	As needed	

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Stored equipment	Users could be injured by collapsing stacks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Users know that they must stack tables/ chairs carefully so that they do not collapse. Notice in area demonstrating safe stacking. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No further action needed. 	Management Committee		
Manual handling	Users may suffer back pain and/or other injuries if they try to lift objects that are too heavy or awkward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of accident book Users know that they must stack tables and chairs carefully so that they do not collapse Users know that they must stack tables and chairs carefully so that they do not injure themselves Chair trolley has been provided 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No further action needed at this time. 	Management Committee		
Asbestos	Staff, and others, carrying out normal activities at very low risk. Asbestos only poses a risk if fibres are released into air and inhaled. Maintenance workers are most at risk.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Because of the age of the building it must be assumed that asbestos cement sheets were used in the construction of the roof. This asbestos is not exposed and poses no health problem if undisturbed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If hall is ever demolished/refurbished, asbestos should first be removed by specialist contractors. No further action needed at this time 	Management Committee	Sept 2016 As needed	Sept 2016
Fire/ need for emergency exit from the building	People with mobility problems have limited egress from the fire exits as some of these exits have steps outside. If trapped, people could suffer fatal injuries from smoke inhalation/burns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fire risk assessment done, see www.communities.gov.uk/fire and necessary action taken. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review possibility of building ramps outside fire exits from main hall and Edwin Thompson room if funding becomes available Ensure the actions identified as necessary by the fire risk assessment are done. 	Management Committee	From now on	

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Woodworm In the Village Hall floor and the stage floor	Users of the Hall could be at risk of injury when walking on potentially unsafe areas of the floor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repairs are being made to any damaged areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the floors regularly and repair any damage Apply for grants to raise funds to replace the Hall and stage floors 	Management Committee	<p>From now on</p> <p>Urgently seek funds to replace the floors</p>	