



K FELLFARERS – High House Policy

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1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to create a common understanding of the use and maintenance of High House between club members.

2. Use by Members and their Guests

2.1. The club aims to reserve High House for the exclusive use of members and their guests as follows -

- January Up to and including the New Year bank holiday - variable
One weekend mid month – 2 nights
- February One weekend and mid-week to coincide with half-term - 7 nights
- March Working Weekend – 2 nights
- March/April Easter bank holiday weekend – 4 nights
- May May Day bank holiday weekend – 3 nights
Spring bank holiday week-end plus mid-week – 9 nights
- June/July One weekend, just before the National Trust or just after, depending on circumstances
- August The whole month ending with the August bank holiday weekend
- September Working Weekend to coincide with the Borrowdale Show – 2 nights
- October First weekend in the month – 2 nights
One weekend and mid-week to coincide with the start or finish of half-term – 7 nights
- November Remembrance Weekend – 2 nights
- December Christmas through New Year – variable, but approx. 9 nights

2.2. Members and their guests may use High House at any other times, but discretion must be exercised when thinking of using High House if an external club has made a booking.

In circumstances where adults wish to take children to High House (or on any other club event) for whom they do not have parental responsibility, they should obtain formal permission from the children's parents using the parental consent form. It is also recommended that all the adults involved read the guideline "Children at High House". Both the form and the guideline are available from the Secretary and via the club website.

2.3. Members have unlimited use of High House, for which no charge is levied.

2.4. Members can obtain a key (one per family) from the Chairman, on payment of a £10 deposit.

2.5. Each member may take up to 2 guests with them, either for an overnight stay or a visit. A charge of £5.00 per guest per night is levied for an overnight stay. Member's children under the age of 18 and other children under the age of 5 may use High House free of charge. Other children of 5 years of age or over are considered to be guests and the full guest fee for each is due. Responsibility for collecting guest night fees and passing them on to the Treasurer lies with the member.

2.6. High House guidelines -

2.6.1. Men and women should use their respective named dormitories, washing and toilet facilities. Mixed - gender sleeping arrangements (including family groups) must be agreed in advance by all people staying in the hut.

2.6.2. Members must keep noise to a minimum after 11.00 if there are other people asleep upstairs.

2.7. Members may book High House on Monday to Thursday nights inclusive, as an external group, at a discounted rate.

2.8. The Committee may decide that children and/or guests cannot be taken to High House for particular busy weekends, e.g. working weekends, fellrace weekend.

3. Use by Non-members

3.1. High House may be let at all other times to external groups or to individual members to generate funds for its upkeep.

3.2. Letting is limited to those groups which intend to use the building as a base for the enjoyment of the outdoors or for other purposes permitted in the National Trust lease.

3.3. High House is reserved each year for the following groups –

- *The National Trust*. From the last weekend in June starting Friday night, through into July – 14 nights. A nominal fee set by the Treasurer is levied to cover basic costs such as fuel etc.
 - *The Lads*. Generally the first weekend in December, but to be confirmed each year. There is no letting fee but non-members must pay the appropriate guest night fees.
- 3.4. The entire building is offered and not individual beds. This excludes the member's room, which is available to members at all times.
- 3.5. Weekend use is restricted to two weekends per year per group.
- 3.6. Use by groups of multiple mid-weeks is sought and encouraged.
- 3.7. Nightly rates apply as agreed by the committee at the AGM.
- 3.8. Discretionary rates may apply for multiple week usage, or a Sunday night taken with a weekend booking.
- 3.9. The Hut Booking Secretary may use his discretion to apply rates different from the above.
- 3.10. Groups may be banned from further occupancy if their use of High House has been unsatisfactory.

4. General Guidelines for All Users

- 4.1. Users behaviour should give due consideration to other users.
- 4.2. Pets are not allowed to sleep in the building and are not allowed in any room but the common room.

5. Environmental Policy

High House is managed in a way that encourages respect for the environment. The Committee will continue to search for further ways in which this policy can be improved. Current rules are:

- 5.1. Hut users are requested to take away waste materials for recycling.
- 5.2. The burning of toxic materials (specifically plastics) is not allowed.
- 5.3. Only environment-friendly cleaning materials should be used.

6. Maintenance and Development

- 6.1. High House, its contents and its grounds are maintained to comply with the requirements of the Lease and of appropriate legislation.
- 6.2. High House, its contents and its grounds will continue to be developed, in a way appropriate to its use as a mountain hut, to meet the changing requirements and expectations of its users.
- 6.3. All matters relating to such maintenance and development are devolved to the Hut Sub-committee. Details of such matters are contained in a Work Plan, published annually by the Hut Sub-committee, which includes proposals for the coming year.

7. Health and Safety Policy

- 7.1. The Committee is responsible for ensuring that High House complies with current H&S legislation and provides a safe and healthy environment for all users.
- 7.2. The Committee shall ensure that the Club Rules inform users of High House of their H&S responsibilities towards other users.

8. Security

- 8.1. K Fellfarers accepts no responsibility for personal possessions left in High House. The club has no insurance to cover loss by theft and visitors must take appropriate precautions to ensure that their belongings are safe.

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