

Stock & Bradley Village Hall Alcohol Licensing & Age Verification Policies

Introduction

The trustees require all hirers and users of the Village Hall to abide by the various legislation covering the sale & consumption of alcohol and, in particular, the protection of minors in this regard and the avoidance of civil disturbance as a result of misuse of alcohol.

Stock & Bradley Village Hall does not hold a license for the supply of alcohol but can assist in the acquisition of a TEN for such purposes.

The sale of alcoholic products is to cease at 11.00pm unless special licensing permissions allow – eg potentially at New Years Eve

1. Alcohol licensing conditions

Pursuant to the Licensing Act 2003 section 182 and order 2010, the following conditions apply:

- a ban on irresponsible promotions
- a ban on dispensing alcohol directly into customers' mouths
- mandatory provision of free tap water.
- age verification policy.
- smaller measure availability.

2. Age verification policy

All hirers must be aware of the age verification policy attached at pages 4 & 5.

This policy requires people who appear to be under the age of 18 to be asked by the responsible person, before being served alcohol, to produce identification showing their:

- photograph
- date of birth
- a holographic mark.

Examples of acceptable ID include:

- photo card driving licences
- passports or proof of age cards bearing the PASS hologram
- other forms of ID which meet the criteria laid out above are also acceptable.

Staff and volunteers working in the premises must be made aware of the existence and content of the age verification policy.

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3. Smaller measures policy:

Where alcohol is sold or supplied on the premises, drinks must be available in the following measures:

- beer, lager or cider – half pint
- gin, rum, vodka or whisky – 25ml or 35ml
- still wine in a glass - 125ml

Customers must be made aware of the availability of these measures.

4. Offences

The following offences can be committed by a TEN user. It is therefore important that all those involved in alcohol sale are aware of their responsibility not to commit these offences. A person commits an offence if he/she:

- carries on a licensable activity on/from the premises without the authorisation of a Premises Licence covering that activity, or a TEN, or if he/she knowingly allows a licensable activity to be carried on without such authorisation. This includes the sale of alcohol, the sale of alcohol after licence hours and the keeping of a supply of alcohol for sale without authorisation
- knowingly allows disorderly conduct on licensed premises – this applies to anyone working (paid or unpaid) at the premises in a capacity which authorises them to prevent the conduct.
- sells alcohol to a person who is drunk – this also applies to those selling or allowing alcohol to be sold to such a person
- refuses to leave premises if drunk and disorderly when asked to do so by an authorised person
- attempts to obtain alcohol for someone who is drunk
- sells alcohol to those aged under 18 – this also applies to those selling or allowing alcohol to be sold to such a person.

5. The protection of children from harm

One of the objectives of the Licensing Act is the protection of children from harm. Access by children to licensing premises will not be prohibited “unless it is necessary for the prevention of physical, moral or psychological harm to them” charity trustees and licensees need to be aware that the following offences can attract heavy penalties. Those selling alcohol are expected to check for proof of age by asking for photo identity such as a PASS card or Passport or to politely refuse alcohol if in doubt.

Where films are shown licensees will be expected to include their operating schedules arrangements for restricting children from viewing 12A, 15 or 18 films, for example displaying warning notices that people under the relevant age cannot be admitted and screening the film certificate before the film.

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The Act makes it an offence to:

- sell alcohol to anyone aged under 18 or supply alcohol to someone aged under 18 if a registered club
- purchase alcohol for consumption by someone aged under 18
- knowingly allow sale of alcohol to someone aged under 18
- permit children under the age of 16 who are not accompanied by an adult to be present on premises being used exclusively or primarily for the sale/supply of alcohol, whether under a Premises Licence, Club Premises Certificate or Temporary Event Notice. When the sale/supply of alcohol is not the prime activity this does not apply, but it could apply, for example, to a Social Club room
- permit the presence of children under 16 who are not accompanied by an adult between midnight and 1 am at any premises selling/supplying alcohol for consumption on the premises under either a Premises Licence, Club Premises Certificate or Temporary Event Notice. This applies in respect of New Year's Eve only when it may be decided to open the Village Hall under special circumstances. Outside of these hours unaccompanied children can be present at community events at which alcohol is served, but they must be excluded from any part of the premises used exclusively or primarily for the sale of supply of alcohol e.g. a beer tent
- knowingly allow consumption of alcohol on the premises by an individual aged under 18 . Wine, beer or cider may be consumed by someone aged 15 or over with a table meal taken with an adult
- knowingly allow unsupervised sales of alcohol by an individual aged under 18 (except at table meals).

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Premises age verification policy –
Stock & Bradley Village Hall

This policy applies in relation to the sale or supply of alcohol on the following premises:

Name of premises:

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Church Rd, Bradley Green, B96 6RW

Name of premises license holder:

The Trustees for the Time Being

Name of designated premises supervisor:

See P1 of Health & Safety Policy Document

1. The premises license holder must ensure that an age verification policy applies to the premises in relation to the sale or supply of alcohol. This must as a minimum require individuals who appear to the responsible person to be under the age of 18, to produce on request, before being served alcohol, identification bearing their photograph, date of birth and a holographic mark.

This can include for example:

A photo card driving

license; A passport; or

A proof of age card bearing the PASS hologram.

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2. Responsible Persons

For the purposes of this policy, the following are considered to be responsible persons:

The holder of the premises license

A person aged 18 or over; or

A member or officer of a club present on the premises in a capacity which enables him or her to prevent the supply question.

By selling alcohol to a person who is under 18, it is YOU that commits the offence as well as the customer.

Persistently selling alcohol to children is defined as selling alcohol on the same premises to a person who is under 18 on two or more occasions within a single three-month period. Currently there are three avenues by which action can be taken against those found to be persistently selling alcohol to children:

1. The license holder, if prosecuted, can plead not guilty and go to court and if found guilty, can be given an unlimited fine, with up to three months' suspension of the alcohol license.
2. As an alternative to prosecution, the police or trading standards officers can give the license holder the option to voluntarily accept a two-week closure notice rather than face criminal liability.
3. The police can make a representation to the relevant licensing authority to ask them to review the license. This can also happen in addition to 1 and 2.

The premises license holder must ensure that staff (in particular staff who are involved in the supply of alcohol) are made aware of the existence and content of the age verification policy applied to the premises.

Signed:
PREMISES LICENCE HOLDER

Date: