



Stanton St Quintin Parish Hall

Charity Reg: 1165682

SSQ Parish Hall Smoking Policy

PURPOSE

The Parish Hall Committee has developed this policy to not only comply with the Health Act 2006 but also to protect all hirers and visitors to the Parish Hall from exposure to second-hand smoke.

In England, smoking in almost all enclosed or substantially enclosed public places and workplaces has been prohibited by law (Health Act 2006) since 1st July 2007.

POLICY

The Parish Hall is a 'No Smoking' building, and for the purposes of this policy the Parish Hall Committee includes the use of e-cigarettes. As such, no smoking is allowed in any part of the building, but, currently, it is allowed in the car park; using provided bin / receptacle for the disposal of cigarette ends.

The Parish Hall is under no obligation to provide a smoking shelter.

IMPLEMENTATION

The Parish Hall Committee will ensure that appropriate signs are visible to visitors to the hall and a copy of this policy will be available in the hall documentation folder – kept in the kitchen. The Hirer, adhering to the agreed Terms and Conditions of Hire, shall ensure that all persons within the premises during their hire comply with the prohibition on smoking.

Any person found to be smoking inside the building will be asked to leave immediately.

NON-COMPLIANCE

If users of or visitors to the Parish Hall do not abide by the non-smoking law they not only are committing a criminal offence but their non-compliance could result in fines being imposed by Local Authority Environmental Health Officers.

When found to be smoking in a smoke-free building, individuals could be liable to a £200 fine, or an enforcement officer could issue a £50 penalty notice.

The Parish Hall Committee will reserve the right to disallow any further hire by those who have been found to contravene this policy.

