

# Northall Village Hall

South End Lane, Northall, Nr. Dunstable, Beds. LU6 2EX

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## Why you should consider hiring Northall Village Hall (FAQs)

<b>Location</b>	<p>Northall Village Hall (NVH) and Play Area are owned and operated by the Northall Village Trust NVT). The Hall is situated on the edge of Northall Village, which is on the B440 (previously A4146) between Leighton Buzzard and Edlesborough. It is surrounded by open fields, with stunning views of the Dunstable Downs, White Lion at Whipsnade, Ivinghoe Beacon and Edlesborough Church.</p>	
<b>Size</b>	<p>NVH is modern, clean, bright, well decorated and ideally suited for Family Parties and Recreational Groups for 15 to 45 people, although up to 60 people can be accommodated for sit-down functions.</p> <p>The actual size of the main Hall is 8.7m long x 7.3m wide x 3.0m high (28'6" x 24' x 10').</p> <p>Please note that the relatively low ceiling height precludes the use of <u>Bouncy Castles inside the Hall</u>. However, they can be placed on the lawned area immediately outside the kitchen. An external power point is located on the outside rear wall of the Hall.</p>	
<b>Gated Car Park</b>	<p>Extended in Nov '19 with major funding from Edlesborough Parish Council. Tarmac surface, lined, extra-wide <u>2.5m wide</u> bays for 30 large cars (including 2 reserved for Disabled).</p> <p>Gates can be closed for safety when children are playing in the Hall grounds.</p>	
<b>Hall Grounds</b>	<p>NVH is set in its own lawned grounds – ideal for children's parties when the weather is OK.</p> <p>Hirers of NVH have exclusive use of the Car Park and Hall Grounds for the duration of their hire.</p> <p>Hirers also have a gated direct access in daylight hours to the lovely Play Area.</p> <p><b>N.B.</b> The adjacent Play Area is also open to the Public during daylight hours.</p>	

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Hall</b></p>	<p>The Hall Management Committee works hard, and takes special pride, in providing one of the cleanest, most well-equipped and best-decorated halls available anywhere.</p> <p>The main Hall has lovely wood laminate flooring, and special non-slip floor coverings are in the Kitchen, Toilets and Storeroom.</p> <p>The Hall is ideal for keep-fit classes, yoga, dancing, Pilates and family &amp; children’s parties etc.</p> <p>The new NVH Audio Visual System also helps make the Hall ideal for business meetings.</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tables &amp; Chairs</b></p> <p>Long: 72” x 30” Medium: 48” x 30” Short: 36” x 30”</p>	<p>The tables and chairs, which are located in the Storeroom, will accommodate up to the Hall’s maximum of 60 adults. There are <b>9</b> long, <b>5</b> medium and <b>2</b> short tables to allow flexibility in setting out the Hall for parties, meetings, quiz nights etc.</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Children’s Tables &amp; Chairs</b></p>	<p>We have 4 colourful tables and 20 colourful chairs suitable for children up to 5 years of age.</p>		
	<p>We also have 2 playtime tables and 8 chairs suitable for children aged 6 – 8 years.</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Broadband</b></p>	<p>In October 2021 we invested in high-speed broadband which is free for Hirers and their guests to use. Network and password details are on the NVHMC Notice Board in the Hall - located on the Hall wall next to the entrance lobby.</p>		

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Typical layout of Hall for a Family Party of 50 people with a Buffet meal



Disco Lights



'Mood'/Party Lighting



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<p><b>Children's Soft Play Equipment</b></p>				
<p><b>Party Games Box</b> (props for about 25 games)</p>	<p>Children's entertainers can be expensive, so why not be different and organise a traditional children's party with lots of party games? It can be loads of fun!</p> <p>Look at our website for our free "Have a Games Party" Guide to find out how to hold a games party. It has ideas for over 70 different party games, including ideas for younger and older children, and games suitable for indoors and for playing outside in the Hall Grounds</p> <p>Not all games need lots of preparation. Some only need some music or some old newspapers. However, we have a Party Games Box of "props" for some 25 games available for hire to help you make your party go with a swing!</p>			
<p><b>Kitchen</b></p> <p>The new, extended and totally refurbished Kitchen was funded through:</p> <p>WREN's FCC Community Action Fund</p> <p>Aylesbury Vale Community Chest</p> <p>AVDC S106 Fund and NVT Funds.</p>	<p>On 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018, the extended and totally refurbished Kitchen was opened - making it probably the best village hall kitchen in Bucks, Beds &amp; Herts!</p>		 <p><b>View through servery from the hall - double Neff Ovens &amp; Neff Induction Hob</b></p>	 <p><b>View through the rear window of the Kitchen</b></p>

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<p><i>WREN is a not-for-profit business that awards grants for community, biodiversity and heritage projects from funds donated by FCC Environment through the Landfill Communities Fund</i></p>		
<p><i>Aylesbury Vale Community Chest is a community grants scheme run jointly by Aylesbury Vale District Council &amp; the Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust</i></p>		
<p><b>Crockery &amp; Cutlery</b></p>	<p>Modern, all matching, quality, white crockery and modern, all matching stainless steel cutlery. 2 options are available:</p>	
<p><b>Toilets</b></p>	<p><b>Either:</b> 60 sets of dinner &amp; side plates, bowls, cups, saucers; glass tumblers; knives, forks, dessert spoons, dessert forks &amp; teaspoons, together with some sugar bowls &amp; milk jugs and 4 large serving spoons.</p> <p><b>Or:</b> For serving coffee/tea/cakes for 20 (mugs, side plates &amp; teaspoons; together with a few serving plates, sugar bowls &amp; milk jugs).</p> <p>The toilets have been completely remodelled and refurbished and in doing so we managed to create sufficient space for a wheel-chair accessible toilet and baby changing facilities.</p> <p>The toilets are kept in pristine condition.</p> <p>NVT believes that the toilets are now among the best available in any village hall.</p>	

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Wheelchair Accessible Toilet



Baby Changing Facilities



The Ladies' Toilets are especially bright and well equipped

**Heating (& Cooling) the Hall**  
(New air sourced heat pump)

In September 2020 we invested in an air-sourced heat pump. It uses about 50% of the electricity used by our old convector heaters and is therefore much more environmentally friendly. It is also quieter.

The Hall temperatures are more controllable and, one further benefit is that the heat pump is also capable of going into a reverse cycle to cool the Hall – very much appreciated by Hirers during the long, hot Summer of 2022!

We have endeavoured to make the operation of the heat pump as simple as possible.



**Other energy-saving measures taken**

Electricity is still our single biggest cost in running NVH.

We have taken all possible action to try and minimise the use of electricity – a large solar panel installation in August 2015; new replacement energy-efficient windows; additional loft insulation; LED and other low-energy lighting.

And asking all Hall Users not to waste electricity!

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**NVH AV System & TV**



In September 2022 we invested in a professional Audio Visual System which is free for Hirers and their guests to use.

Hirers will be able to connect their phones, tablets and laptops by blue tooth, AUX 3.5mm cable or HDMI cable to play music, show photos & videos or make presentations.

Hirers will also be able to just use the TV.

The system also includes a radio microphone for impromptu DJs, meetings etc.

**Garden Party Furniture**

On a warm, Summer's day there's nothing quite like having a family party outside in the garden!

At Northall Village Hall we have just the garden with plenty of space and with stunning views over the Dunstable Downs and Ivinghoe Beacon.

And now we have all the Garden Party Furniture available for Hirers of the Hall.

We've built a new shed in the garden to accommodate all the Garden Party Furniture so that it's readily at hand for setting up your party layout.



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### Garden Party Furniture (contd.)

The NVH Garden Party Furniture comprises the following:

- 9 Trestle tables 1.8m long (would seat 2-3 people on each side)
- 18 Trestle Benches 1.8m long
- 12 high-back Garden Chairs
- 5 Parasols & 5 Bases



### Northall Village Hall Play Area

After several years of planning and fundraising, NVT finally achieved one of its key goals in the Summer of 2008 – to provide Northall Village with its first play area (Phase 1 – for children 2 – 8 years of age).

The Play Area is immediately adjacent to Northall Village Hall but is set in its own, separate grounds, to which the public has direct access during daylight hours.

Hirers of NVH may also use the Play Area and can access it directly from a special gate in the Hall Grounds. When the weather is good, the Play Area has proved very popular with children's and family parties.

In October 2011 we opened Phase 2 – mainly for children 8 – 14 years of age:



Flymobile Roundabout



Pendulum Swing



G Force Roundabout



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**Multiplay**



**Theta Adventure & Exercise Trail**



**Double Swing-Flat  
& Cradle Safety seats**

**Our well-kept and exciting Play Area makes Northall Village Hall very attractive for children's and family parties!**

### Cost & Value:

Northall Village Hall probably offers the best village hall (and Play Area!), anywhere in Bucks, Beds & Herts. – and at only **£15.00 per hour**, certainly the best in terms of value for money!

Given the overall total cost of organising a party, this is a relatively small amount to help make your party successful!

### Local Residents' Rate

NVT is most grateful for a generous annual donation from Edlesborough Parish Council to help us with the running costs of the Hall and the Play Area. Accordingly, this enables us to offer a special, reduced hourly rate of **£8.50 per hour for our local residents**. This applies to residents of **Northall, Edlesborough, Dagnall & Eaton Bray**.

### How does NVT keep the hire rates so low?

1. NVT works hard to keep the Hire Charges as low as possible by doing a great deal of the work itself (all on a voluntary basis), by using a minimum amount of paid caretaking help, by very strict control of all costs and by encouraging all Hirers to be as energy efficient as possible with the electricity.

2. Although the Hall & Grounds are checked after each hire, no cleaning is carried out by NVT. Accordingly, all Hirers sign the following Undertaking as a condition for hiring the Hall:

*"I further agree to remove all rubbish and to leave the Hall, car park and grounds in a clean and fit condition to the satisfaction of the next user & the Hall Management Committee, and that any NVT labour used for any required cleaning of the Hall, car park and grounds, or the removal of rubbish on my behalf, will be charged to me at £16.00 per cleaner hour".*

3. The NVT Bookings Secretary is very careful to only accept bookings from Hirers who will take great care of the Hall, be economical with the electricity and will also take pride in leaving the Hall in a pristine condition.

4. Most of our lettings are to Regular Users, people who have previously hired NVH, people who have attended a function there, or people who know someone who has. Consequently, NVH is very popular, enjoys a very high level of lettings and a good recovery of our fixed overhead costs.

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