

## Re-Opening of Village Halls and Community Buildings

### Update Summary 21/07/20

#### Version 4 of the Re-opening Information Sheet for Village Halls has been issued

Reflecting the Government information at 20<sup>th</sup> July  
and anticipated changes on 25<sup>th</sup> July and 1<sup>st</sup> August.

**Note:** All appendices have also been updated as of 20/07/20

The changes mainly reflect the Government guidance around the **opening of performance and sport venues**, which are reflected in revision of **Appendix D (Management of Social Distancing – a risk based Approach)** and **new appendices J and K**, which summarise key points as they are most likely to affect village halls and similar facilities, such as allowing yoga, keep fit, rehearsals and live performances.

**Social distancing** has been a common cause of confusion and updated Government guidance for individuals was released on 18<sup>th</sup> July, including specific guidance that **seated wedding receptions for up to 30 are permitted from 1<sup>st</sup> August**.

Further guidance about **social distancing** is given at the end of **Appendix D**, rather than in Section 2.2, and we hope this clarifies where responsibility lies.

There are consequential tweaks to the **Special Conditions of Hire** (i.e. to the reference on social distancing, to remove the ban on performances, add an optional condition on compliance with any governing sport guidance).

Other changes to **Appendix D** answer common queries e.g. about hiring for children's parties, children's entertainers, toddler groups, games.

ACRE's aim is that as further easing of lockdown takes place further changes to the Information Sheet are likely to primarily be in Appendix D, which should be easier for everyone to keep up with.

**Regular updates** will continue to be made via the Action in Rural Sussex Community Buildings **Basecamp forum**.

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