

JHMC Policy Statement

Broadband Facility and related public access

As the only suitable facility in Winsham for its provision, the Jubilee Hall Management Committee feel that they have an obligation to the community to take a lead in facilitating access to:-

1. The Internet, for those residents who do not have access already, either at low cost, or with limited free access
2. Provide training facilities for the greater understanding of the use of the Internet for the purpose of sending and receiving e-mail and 'browsing'.
3. Provide training and learning opportunities on a wider canvas of Information Technology when the opportunities arise or can be sought.

The Hall Management Committee will attempt to fulfil these obligations through:-

- a) Promoting and developing the sponsored Winsham PC Users Self-Help Group
- b) Supporting the development of an Internet Café
- c) Make available free or low-cost training facilities either by using outside resources or via the PC users self help group
- d) Making special arrangements to facilitate its use by young members of the community

Financial Considerations

The Broadband facilities must in the longer term be truly self- financing, thereby providing an economic return on all the Hall resources that are used. This includes rental of the New Meeting Room, and the use of the Committee Room and kitchen by the Internet Café.

In the short term the cost of energy used, cost of consumables and additional hardware must be met by users by direct payment, or by Fund Raising, or Grants.

Small stocks of consumables will be kept by the Internet Cafe, or otherwise available, small stocks of Photo printing Paper, Printer Paper, Rewriteable DVDs, Flash memory sticks, etc to be sold at rates to be agreed and regularly reviewed.

Existing hardware is for the most part is covered by Manufacturer's Guarantee until the end of 2009. Thereafter arrangements must be made for repairs/replacement. Provision will need to be made for the separate funding of this, as it will not be allowed as a charge against the Jubilee Hall

During chargeable times £1.00 per hour (or pro-rata depending on length of time of use-minimum 50p) will be the normal rate, whether booked through the Booking Secretary or accessed through the Internet Café.

The following surcharges will apply to Hall Users using the following: -

1. Use of digital projector, including setting –up by Hall representative - £5.00
2. Use of 'wireless hotspot' facility during use of hall by Laptop - £5.00

Computer use for Under 18's

The Jubilee Hall Management Committee will operate a free internet access for under 18's, an adult with appropriate clearance will supervise the computer usage and ensure only appropriate sites are accessed. This is in addition to the comprehensive safeguards that are already installed on the computer or its network.

This service is not a childcare service; parents are responsible for their children at all times including arrivals and departures.

During the hours that the Internet Café is operational as a chargeable service and provided by a third party, the JHMC holds no responsibility for under 18's using the internet and this is solely the responsibility of the Parent/Guardian.

Public Protection Considerations

Until the end of March 2008, the Internet service has been arranged through the Broadplaces Project at no cost. Included in this is a 'Firewall' with the task of preventing access to sites that might be considered to be pornographic, gambling or undermine current generally accepted standards of morality. A similar Firewall facility will be maintained in respect of the PCs then owned by the Jubilee Hall. It cannot, for technical reasons, apply to Internet connections made via the Wireless 'Hotspot' facility accessed through users own Laptop computers.

Faults and Problems

Any problems with equipment or software must be reported to the Internet Café. If the Internet Café is not open they must be reported immediately to the Booking Secretary.

Closing Down of Computer Lab and other facilities at end of session

The Booking Secretary or the Internet Café will normally be responsible for ensuring all PCs are shutdown and/or the Digital Projector is locked away in its cupboard.