

Harringworth Village Hall

BROADBAND PROVISION AND USE POLICY

As a major public facility in Harringworth, and given the increased importance of internet access for universally required services (e.g. school, education and banking) the Harringworth Village Hall Trustees consider there to be material benefit to the community to:

- Facilitate access to the internet, for those residents who do not have access already, either at low cost, or with limited free access
- Provide a venue for training facilities for improved digital skills and the greater understanding of the use of the internet
- Provide a venue for training and learning opportunities on a wider canvas of information technology when the opportunities arise or can be sought

The trustees of the Harringworth Village Hall (the “Trustees”) will attempt to fulfil these obligations through:

- Supporting community learning sessions for improved digital skills and the greater understanding of the use of the internet
- Make available free or low-cost training facilities
- Providing special arrangements to facilitate its use by relevant members of the community (e.g. school children)
- Adopting a minimal risk policy in protecting the community from the dangers that can arise from inappropriate use of the Internet from the hall

Policy Statement

1. There will be no unrestricted use to the internet. Firewalls will be established to block access to websites, and categories of websites deemed to be inappropriate at the absolute discretion of the Trustees.
2. To support the children of the village, all use of the internet for homework will be free and available by arrangement.
3. The broadband facilities should be self-financing, and this is expected to be covered by general hall hire rates that recognise this service. The low monthly cost of the service to the Trustees, is considered to make this a practical solution. Furthermore, the internet access enables a wider scope of use (e.g. for temporary workspace) that may increase hall usage.
4. Charging for internet use by itself is not considered practical, given the requirements this would have for prompt access management by authorised administrators. Instead access shall be managed by changes to the Wi-Fi access code
5. All suspicions or allegations of inappropriate usage will be taken seriously and dealt with speedily and appropriately.
6. These policies and procedures will be reviewed annually and updated as appropriate in the interim periods.

1 August 2025

Next planned update: 1 August 2026