

Date policy adopted by the trustees:	December 2024	Latest date for renewal of the policy:	December 2026
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Groups considered for use of space in Wessex House

Groups approaching us for use of space must have a good fit with our charitable objects and mission as a church. Our charitable objects are:

1. to advance Christianity,
2. to relieve persons who are in need by reason of sickness or poor health, disability, age, oppression, financial hardship or such other economic or social disadvantage in such ways as the Trustees think fit including but not limited to, the provision of advice and the promotion of good practices and provision of resources to combat such needs/conditions,
3. to promote such other charitable objects as the Trustees may from time to time determine.

Our mission statement is: We believe as a church we are called to serve our community by bringing God's kingdom of hope and light. Our specific emphasis is on reaching out to and helping the poor, oppressed, disadvantaged and marginalised of all ages.

Rules and Procedures

1. If a group or event furthers the charitable objects and/or mission and is sympathetic to our Christian principles, we will try to facilitate their use of the building.
2. Groups must not undertake or promote activities antagonistic to our principles/beliefs.
3. We will generally limit room hire to areas of the building that remain self-contained and secure but other spaces may also be appropriate for some groups.
4. We will generally offer use of the rooms free of charge (see also #5 below). However, we will calculate the hourly running costs of the room(s) to inform users, and simply ask for a donation towards costs if they can afford it.
5. Preference is given to groups that do not charge people to attend. If legitimate charges are made to attenders, GCC will reserve the right to charge for use of the space.
6. We will not rent out space to other groups (outside of our objects and mission) simply for financial return to the church.
7. GCC aims to gift the use of Wessex House to the community and, in general, it will not be used for fundraising events except at the occasional discretion of the leaders of GCC.
8. Whenever possible, GCC will make the building available to other churches at no cost. However, the same responsibilities for using the building will apply as for other users.
9. The building may not be used privately except by GCC Partners (with permission) for events with respect to themselves or their immediate family.
10. Users will need to provide a copy of their Third-Party Liability Insurance and/or indemnify GCC against all liability.
11. Where appropriate, users should have a suitable Safeguarding Policy in place.
12. A separate document is available with full Terms and Conditions of use of the rooms in Wessex House.