

## **Resolution by The United Reformed Church (Wessex) Trust Limited ('the Wessex Trust') to delegate power to casually hire and let to local churches**

As charity trustee of the church premises charities listed in the first, second and third columns of the schedule to this resolution, comprising land (with the buildings thereon) used for the purposes of the local churches of the United Reformed Church and held subject to the direction of the Church Meetings of the local churches of the United Reformed Church listed in the first column of the schedule to this resolution, under the operative trust provisions set out in Part 1 of the Second Schedule to the United Reformed Church Act 1972 (as amended), The United Reformed Church (Wessex) Trust Limited hereby authorises the members of the body, if any, named in the fourth column, or, if no body is named in that column, the Elders' Meetings of the local churches listed in the first column, subject to the following conditions, to exercise as their agents the function of granting or permitting, pursuant to paragraph 3 of Part 1 of the Second Schedule to the United Reformed Church Act 1972 (as amended), temporary, occasional or intermittent use of the whole or part of the premises detailed in the first column.

### **Conditions and Scope of the Delegated Function**

1. The power delegated is only 'to authorise or permit any person or persons, organisation or other body, other than the local church, to use the whole or any part of the premises detailed in the first, second and third columns'.
2. Such permission can only be granted when use of the space in question is not expected to be required by the local church.
3. The use must be **temporary, occasional or intermittent**. Use must not extend beyond 13 months, but this does not prevent a fresh period of use being permitted from that date.
4. The use must not be for a pre-school or other OFSTED registered childcare provision; for a period exceeding 15 hours or 4 sessions per week (unless this is for a temporary period of less than 3 months); or for car parking where this is not ancillary to a premises booking. In all these cases and where a period of use extending beyond 13 months is required the Wessex Trust must be approached and they may arrange a licence to occupy.
5. Users cannot be granted exclusive possession under this delegation. Any such prospective user must instead negotiate for a lease with the Wessex Trust.
6. Use as residential accommodation cannot be granted under this delegation. Any such use must be negotiated with the Wessex Trust.
7. Use for storage is seldom occasional or intermittent; it must therefore be temporary. This usage requires a stated end date not extending beyond 13 months, though it does not prevent a fresh period of use being permitted from that date.
8. Exclusive use of a storage area cannot be granted under this delegation. Any such use must instead be provided using a tenancy at will obtained through the Wessex Trust.
9. The use must be '**reputable**'. Ministers and Elders\* must bear in mind the effect on the reputation (and possible liability) of both the denomination and the local church if users were to make any illegal or immoral use of the church premises. They must also bear in mind the statements of the General Assembly of 1974 which, whilst encouraging a sympathetic response to requests for religious or social use of church halls by groups of other faiths, discouraged such use of sanctuaries currently used for Christian worship.
10. At the same time, Ministers and Elders must recall that if a space is regularly let to individuals and groups outside the church (even without charge) this may constitute provision of a service or facilities to the public. Restricting its use on discriminatory grounds (such as nationality) would then in principle be unlawful. But some restrictions imposed for religious reasons and related to the proposed users' religion,

belief or sexual orientation may be lawful. The law in this area is complex and Ministers and Elders who feel they (or their Church Meeting) may wish to impose such restrictions must raise the issue with the Wessex Trust **before** an actual situation arises.

11. The hiring permission given (in law, a 'licence') **may not** create any lease or tenancy. It may not therefore give exclusive possession of any space, including storage space. The users must be made to understand that the Wessex Trust or the Minister and Elders as its agents, reserve the right to enter the space or relocate stored goods, at any time and for any reason. The Minister and Elders must feel free to act on this reservation.
12. Permission can only be granted with the authority of a Church Meeting resolution. It is for each Church Meeting to decide whether it will give a broadly-worded authority for uses which the Wessex Trust (or the Minister and Elders on its behalf) think suitable, or impose specific conditions (so that any proposed use outside of those conditions has to be referred to the Church Meeting).
13. The Minister and Elders may decide on the Wessex Trust's behalf whether use should be on payment or free of charge. The authorising Church Meeting resolution may lay down a policy on this, which must be followed. If a proposed use is not charitable in nature (e.g. it is political or makes a profit for the user) it would be unusual to charge a rate less than other such premises in the locality. The costs of lighting and heating/air-conditioning must also be considered: these can be included in an all-embracing fee or charged for separately at cost. Any sums received must be paid into the general funds of the local church.
14. The Wessex Trust supplies a standard application form and set of conditions for hiring church premises which must be used for all hirings. The application and conditions form a part of the hiring agreement which must be accepted by the user and on behalf of the Minister and Elders: a copy must be kept in the church records (and sent to the Wessex Trust on request).
15. A record of permission granted under this delegation must be kept, detailing: (1) the hirer (2) the room(s)/space used, (3) the purpose of the use, (4) the duration and/or frequency of the use, (5) any payments received, (6) whether any additional church hiring Rules and Regulations were imposed and (7) any incidents, damage, etc., noted in connection with the use. A summary of this record, a copy of the latest Rules and Regulations and brief details of any incident, damage etc is to be sent at the end of each calendar year to the Wessex Trust.
16. Any serious incident or damage arising in connection with the permission granted under this delegation must also be reported immediately to the Wessex Trust.
17. The Wessex Trust remains entitled to revoke the delegation of this function or these conditions in whole or in part and to amend either of them in any manner whatsoever. Notice of any such revocation or amendment will be communicated in writing through the Church Secretary.
18. In particular, the delegation of this function may be revoked where a church (a) does not comply with the Wessex Trust's policy for the protection of the condition and value of church premises, (b) does not maintain a safeguarding policy in accordance with United Reformed Church and Charity Commission guidance, and/or (c) fails to comply with legislation, regulations or trust law.

\*If another church body is listed in the fourth column of the schedule to this resolution, references to Ministers and Elders should be read as referring instead to that other body.

## Schedule

Charity comprising / Church Meeting	Title Nos	Deed Packet Nos	Agents of the trustee (if not the Minister and Elders) i.e. Joint Council, Group Council or United Church Council
Andover: East Street, Andover, SP10 1ES	HP665040	234	
Aston Tirrold: Spring Lane, Aston Tirrold, OX11 9EJ	ON259357	103	
Basingstoke: London Street: London Street, Basingstoke, RG21 7NU	HP664172	106	
Blandford Forum: Salisbury Street, Blandford Forum, DT11 7PY	DT332373	5	
Bournemouth: East Cliff: Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth, BH8 8AW	DT333964	96	
Bournemouth: Iford: Ropley Road, Boscombe East, BH7 6RU	DT332961	59	
Bournemouth: Richmond Hill St. Andrew's, 8 St. Stephen's Road, Bournemouth, BH2 6JJ	DT332958	81	
Bournemouth: Southbourne: Immanuel, 120 Southbourne Road, Southbourne, BH6 3QJ	DT335725	212	
Bournemouth: Trinity: Sutton Road, Charminster, Bournemouth, BH9 1RN	DT332753	34	
Bournemouth: Winton: Luther Road, Winton, BH9 1LH	DT335903	27	
Bracknell: St. Paul's, The Square, Harmans Water, Bracknell, RG12 9LP	BK94610	120	
Bridport: United Church (UM), East Street, Bridport, DT6 3LJ	DT332794	39	Joint Council
Brill: High Street, Brill, HP18 9ST	BM306802	294	
Broadstone: 1 Higher Blandford Road, Broadstone, BH18 9AB	DT332790	36	
Camberley: High Cross (UM), Knoll Road, Camberley, GU15 3SY	SY606650	155	Joint Council
Chandler's Ford: King's Road, Chandler's Ford, SO53 5EY	HP663255	188	
Christchurch: Burton Green: 119 Salisbury Road, Burton Green, BH23 7JN	DT334652	175	
Christchurch: Somerford: High Cross Church (UCE), 58 - 60 Amethyst Road, Somerford, Christchurch, BH23 3EB	DT316575	316	Joint Council
Christchurch: Walkford Community Church, 142 Ringwood Road, Walkford, BH23 5RQ	DT332870	50	
Dorchester: The United Church (UM), 49 Charles Street, Dorchester, DT1 1EE	DT230533	26	Joint Council
Elstead: Milford Road, Elstead, GU8 6HP	SY742933	74	
Elvetham Heath (UMBCE): 1 The Key, Elvetham Heath, Fleet, GU51 1HA	HP661562	307	Joint Council
Emsworth: Waterside, Bath Road, Emsworth, PO10 7EP	SH19980	210	
Fareham: 18 Osborn Road South, Fareham, PO16 7DG	HP486451	237	
Farnham: South Street, Farnham, GU9 7QU	SY743372	148	
Ferndown: United Church (UB), 505 Wimborne Road East, Ferndown, BH22 9NF	DT332643	30	Joint Council
Finchdean: Ashcroft Lane, Finchdean, Waterloo, PO8 0AX	SH19964	193	
Fleet: 27 Kings Road, Fleet, GU51 3AQ	HP664728	183	
Fordingbridge: 41 Salisbury Street, Fordingbridge, SP6 1AB	HP664726	181	
Fovant: High Street, Fovant, SP3 5JL	WT241764	6	
Gosport: St. Columba's: Elson Road, Gosport, PO12 4BW	HP661900	12	
Guildford: Portsmouth Road: 83 Portsmouth Road, Guildford, GU2 4BS	SY304421	84	
Guildford: Westborough: 4b Southway, Westborough, Guildford, GU2 8DA	SY742978	88	

Havant: North Street, Havant, PO9 1PP	HP470915	130	
Hayling Island South: Hollow Lane, Hayling Island, PO11 9EY	SH19949	189	
Henley-on-Thames: Christ Church, 46 Reading Road, Henley-on-Thames, RG9 1AG	ON259260	100	
Hindhead: Beacon Hill: Churt Road, Beacon Hill, Hindhead, GU26 6NL	SY741596	19	
Hungerford: High Street, Hungerford, RG17 0NF	BK401407	290	
Hythe: Cornerstone, New Road, Hythe, Southampton, SO45 6BR	HP665067	239	
Isle of Wight: Freshwater: Guyers Road, Freshwater, PO40 9PZ	IW61003	98	
Isle of Wight: Ryde: Upton Road, Ryde, PO33 3LE	HP25299	258	
Isle of Wight: Shanklin: High Street, Shanklin, PO37 6LA	IW61050	132	
Liss: St. Paul's, Hillbrow Road, Liss, GU33 7PX	SH20157	292	
Longham: Ringwood Road, Longham, Ferndown, BH22 9AW	DT332889	57	
Lymington: High Street, Lymington, SO41 9AG	HP664756	186	
Maidenhead: West Street, Maidenhead, SL6 1RL	BK400730	195	
Marlow: Christ Church, Quoting Square, Oxford Road, Marlow, SL7 2NL	BM305993	200	
Marsh Gibbon: Tompkins Lane, Marsh Gibbon, OX27 0ED	BM306106	224	
Medstead: South Town Road, Medstead, GU34 5JF	SH20086	261	
Mere: Boar Street, Mere, BA12 6DD	WT200855	43	
Normandy: Glaziers Lane, Normandy, Guildford, GU3 2DF	SY538634	21	
Oxford: Collinwood Road: Collinwood Road, Risinghurst, Oxford, OX3 8HH	ON259440	140	
Oxford: Cumnor: Leys Road, Cumnor, Oxford, OX2 9QF	ON259379	115	
Oxford: Marston: 352 Marston Road, New Marston, Oxford, OX3 0JB	ON259358	109	
Oxford: St. Columba's, Alfred Street, Oxford, OX1 4EH	ON260458	270	
Oxford: Summertown (UBCE): 294A Banbury Road, Summertown, Oxford, OX2 7ED	ON259416	127	
Oxford: Temple Cowley: Oxford Road, Cowley, Oxford, OX4 2ES	ON259441	142	
Oxford: Wheatley (UCE): High Street, Wheatley, OX33 1UF	ON259383	116	
Parkstone: Commercial Road, Parkstone, BH14 0JW	DT332762	35	
Petersfield: College Street, Petersfield, GU31 4AG	HP284386	218	
Poole: Longfleet: Longfleet Road, Longfleet, Poole, BH15 2HP	DT11217	68	
Poole: Skinner Street: Skinner Street, Poole, BH15 1RQ	DT333170	67	
Poole: The Beacon ChURCh, Canford Heath: 3 Mitchell Road, Canford Heath, Poole, BH17 8UE	DT19593	80	
Portsmouth: Buckland: 174 Kingston Road, Buckland, Portsmouth, PO2 7LP	PM13891	211	
Portsmouth: Milton: Christ Church, 239 Milton Road, Milton, Portsmouth, PO4 8PH	PM13952	255	
Reading: Grange: Circuit Lane, Southcote, Reading, RG30 3HD	BK400466	124	
Reading: Park: Palmer Park Avenue, Reading, RG6 1DN	BK400437	122	
Reading: St. Andrew's, London Road, Reading, RG1 5BD	BK399627	66	
Reading: Tilehurst: Armour Road, Tilehurst, RG31 6HN	BK293699	300	

Ringwood (UM): 53 Christchurch Road, Ringwood, BH24 1DH	HP664929	206	
Romsey: Braishfield: Braishfield Road, Romsey, SO51 0PN	HP318964	185	
Romsey: The Abbey, Market Place, Romsey, SO51 8EL	HP664546	158	
Rowlands Castle: The Green, Rowlands Castle, PO9 6BW	SH20028	245	
Salisbury: 30 Fisherton Street, Salisbury, SP2 7RG	WT244534	276	
Salisbury: Broadchalke: High Road, Broadchalke, Salisbury, SP5 5EH	WT241780	7	
Sarisbury Green: Bridge Road, Sarisbury Green, Southampton, SO31 7EJ	HP664727	182	
Southampton: Avenue St. Andrew's, The Avenue, Southampton, SO17 1XQ	HP662594	60	
Southampton: Bitterne: 446 Bitterne Road, Bitterne, Southampton, SO18 5EF	HP392635	219	
Southampton: Bitterne Park: Cobden Avenue, Bitterne Park, Southampton, SO18 1FZ	HP664891	203	
Southampton: Freemantle: 257 Shirley Road, Freemantle, Southampton, SO15 3HS	HP664771	192	
Southampton: Hedge End: St. John's Centre, St John's Road, Hedge End, SO30 4DG	HP290717	254	
Southampton: Isaac Watts Memorial, Winchester Road, Southampton, SO16 6TS	HP664725	180	
Southampton: Pear Tree Green: Pear Tree Road, Pear Tree Green, Woolston, Southampton, SO19 7GU	HP664770	191	
Swanage: 112 High Street, Swanage, BH19 2NY	DT332901	46	
Tadley: Malthouse Lane, Tadley, RG26 3NY	HP440332	156	
Thame: Christchurch (UM), Upper High Street, Thame, OX9 2DN	ON259415	126	Joint Council
Thatcham: Church Lane, Thatcham, RG19 3JL	BK400642	166	
Three Legged Cross: Ringwood Road, Three Legged Cross, Wimborne, BH21 6QY	DT333936	92	
Totton: Trinity Church (UM), Hazel Farm Road, Totton, Southampton, SO40 8WU	HP441705	268	Joint Council
Twyford (Bucks): Bicester Road, Twyford, Bucks, MK18 4EJ	BM306627	281	
Twyford (Berks) (UCE): Church Street, Twyford, RG10 9DR	BK400436	118	
Verwood: Manor Road, Verwood, BH31 6DS	DT335902	272	
Walton-on-Thames: St. Andrew's, Hersham Road, Walton on Thames, KT12 1LG	SY742952	76	
Wareham: Church Street, Wareham, BH20 4HH	DT333937	95	
Warsash: 55 Warsash Road, Warsash, Southampton, SO31 9HW	HP664928	205	
West Moors: St. Martin's, 2 Moorlands Road, West Moors, BH22 0JN	DT332956	52	
Weybridge: Queen's Road, Weybridge, KT13 9UX	SY744713	89	
Weymouth: Hope: Trinity Street, Weymouth, DT4 8TN	DT334898	222	
Weymouth: Radipole: Roman Road, Radipole, Weymouth, DT3 5JQ	DT289503	221	
Winchester: The United Church (UM), Jewry Street, Winchester, SO23 8RZ	HP664931	216	Joint Council
Windsor: Christ Church, William Street, Windsor, SL4 1BA	BK51416	65	
Woking: White Rose Lane, Woking, GU22 7HA	SY744663	288	
Wonersh: The Common, Wonersh, GU5 0PH	SY742956	77	
Worplesdon: Rickford, Worplesdon, Guildford, GU3 3PH	SY744832	275	