



## Media and Music Guidelines

Woodlands village hall can supply a projector, screen and a PA system as part of a booking at no extra cost. The projector is a Viewsonic PA503X which supports resolutions up to XGA (1024x768 pixels) and is supplied with a power cable, HDMI cable and remote control. It must be collected from the lettings officer and returned after use. The projector screen and PA system are stored in the hall under the stage

### Watching TV

Woodlands Village Hall does not hold a TV license.

The law says you need to be covered by a TV Licence to:

- watch or record programmes as they're being shown on TV, on any channel
- watch or stream programmes live on an online TV service (such as ITV Hub, All 4, YouTube, Amazon Prime Video, Now TV, Sky Go, etc.)
- download or watch any BBC programmes on BBC iPlayer

This applies to any device you use, including a TV, desktop computer, laptop, mobile phone, tablet, games console, digital box or DVD/VHS recorder.

Further information: <https://www.tvlicensing.co.uk/check-if-you-need-one>. You may also need a 'non theatrical' film license.

### Music Playback

- Woodlands Village Hall has purchased a PPL/PRS license ('TheMusicLicense') to allow live or recorded music to be played on the premises.
- The license also allows live music events to be staged (for example, a concert or festival) and the use of sound recordings in a theatrical production (including on-stage and off-stage effects).
- This license is renewed at our expense annually.
- You do not need a license to play royalty-free music.
- Commercial hirers who wish to play music on our premises should check if they need a PPL license.

### Films

- Any screening of a film to a group of people requires licensing, whether they are a paying audience or not. It's a popular misconception that it is perfectly legal to screen films to a non-paying audience. There are clear legal channels for screening any film outside the home. To screen films to the public outside of a traditional cinema context is called non-theatrical exhibition. Examples include film clubs, schools, bars, hotels, oil-rigs, shops, holiday resorts, care homes and hospitals as well as community groups. Films screened non-theatrically are usually screened from Blu-ray or DVD, though options to play them from downloadable files are growing.
- If you want to put on a film screening, there are two areas of licensing to consider:
  - Film copyright licensing – the licence to screen the particular film title(s) you wish to show, required for all screenings outside the home.



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- Premises licensing – the licence for the activity of screening a film to the public, required ONLY if you aim to generate a profit from tickets being sold. Woodlands Village Hall is not licensed for screenings that generate a profit. If you wish to screen a film and generate a profit you will need to apply for Temporary Events Notice from Dorset Council.

The two permissions are completely separate and the possession of one licence does not provide exemption from any requirements of the other.

- Further information:
  - <https://www.independentcinemaoffice.org.uk/advice-support/what-licences-do-i-need/>
  - <https://www.gov.uk/showing-films-in-public>