Harpham & Lowthorpe Village Hall

Cookie Policy

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AMENDMENTS

Date	Area(s) Affected	Reason for Change	Changed By
28/1/19	-	First Issue	S Harrison
29/04/22	List of Cookies	Document updated to reflect the discontinued use of Analytical Cookies	S Harrison

Cookie Policy

Scope

This document details what cookies are stored on your computer or mobile device when you visit our website.

It is our response to our obligations under the Privacy and Electronic Communications Regulations (PECR) 2003, as subsequently amended by EU Directive 2009/136/EC, which includes a requirement for a website to obtain consent for the use of cookies.   This EU Directive became law in the UK on 26th May 2011 and its enforcement by UK Information Commissioner's Office began a year later.

About Us

The Harpham & Lowthorpe Village Hall is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation run by Trustee Volunteers who reside in the Harpham Parish located in the East Riding of Yorkshire. Our registered Charity Number is 11733734 and our postal address:

Station Road
Harpham
Driffield
East Riding of Yorkshire
YO25 4QZ

Our website address is: https://www.harphamandlowthorpevillagehall.com

If you have any queries concerning this Cookie Policy, then please contact us by post at the above address or by email to secretary@harphamandlowthorpevillagehall.com.

What are Cookies?

Cookies are pieces of data, normally stored in a text file, that are sent to your browser by a website and then stored in the cookies directory of your device. They are intended to store a range of information usually specific to you and the type of device and browser that you are using to access the site.

They were originally created to overcome a limitation in web technology, namely that web pages are 'stateless' - which means that they have no memory, and cannot easily pass information between each other. So, cookies effectively provide memory for web pages.   For example, cookies will allow you to login on one web page, then move around to other web pages and stay logged in; also, they will allow you to set preferences for the display of a page, and for these to be remembered the next time you return to it.

Almost all websites use cookies in one way or another, and every page you visit on those sites writes cookies to your computer or mobile device and receives them back from it.

Cookies are useful and allow websites to work efficiently and provide surfers with the ability to personalise their web experience. However, they can also be used to manipulate your web usage to the benefit of another party. Regrettably, it is impossible to tell by inspecting the content of a cookie whether it is present on your computer for your benefit or someone else's, so you have to rely on the website that you are visiting to be open about the cookies they are using and why.

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Types of Cookie

There are various types of cookie some of which are briefly described below.

a) First Party Cookie

One of the key attributes of a cookie is its 'Host' - this is the domain name of the site that ultimately sets (stores) the cookie on your device. Only the host domain can retrieve and read the contents of the cookie once it has been set.

If the host name is the same as the domain in the browser address bar when it is set or retrieved, then it is a First Party Cookie.

First party cookies are only set or retrieved by the website while you are visiting it, so they cannot normally be used to track activity or pass data from one site to another, but the website can still collect data through such cookies and use it to change how the website appears to the user, or the information it displays.

Most desktop browsers allow you to see a list of the cookies that have been set by pressing key F12 – and they will normally be listed by the host domain name. Alternatively, if using the Microsoft Edge Browser, then you see what cookies are active by clicking on the "lock" icon next to the website URL as shown below.
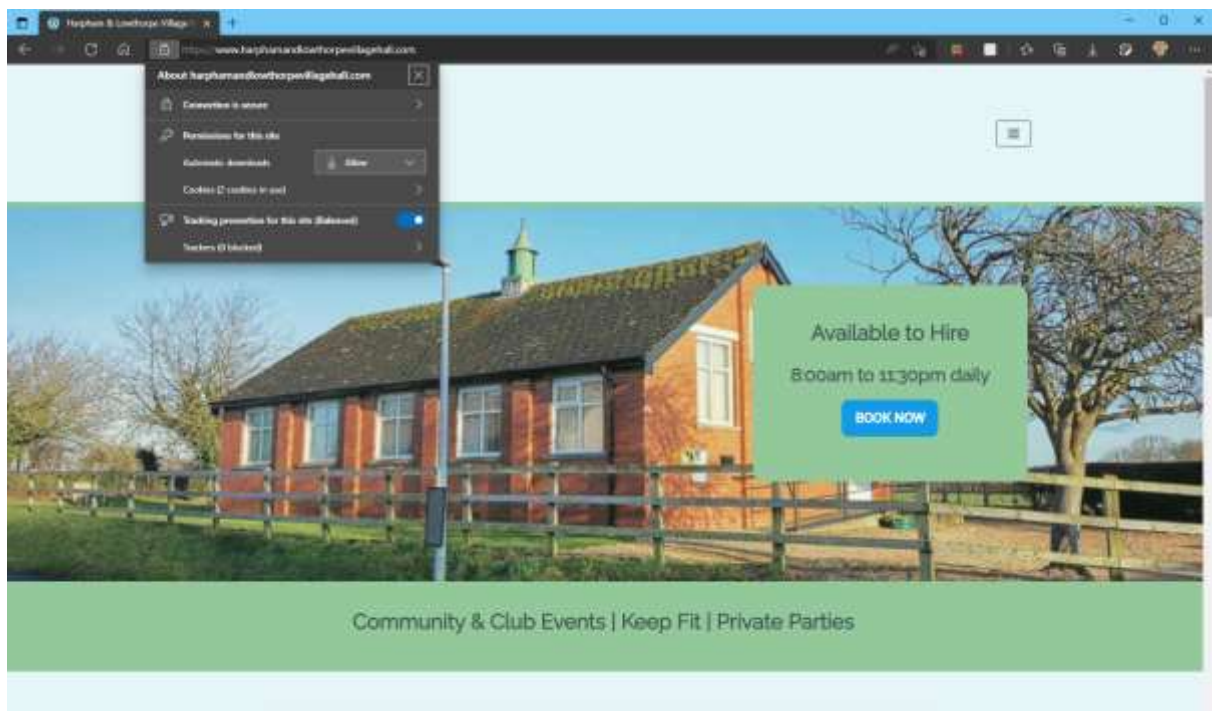
b) Third Party Cookies

If the host domain for a cookie is different to the one in the browser bar when it was downloaded, then it is a third-party cookie.

They are usually placed on a website via scripts or tags added into the web page. Online advertising is the most common use of third-party cookies. By adding their tags to a page an

advertiser can track a user (or their device) across many of the websites they visit, which allows them to build up a 'behavioural profile' of the user that can then be used to target them with online ads based around their forecast interests. The use of cookies for this purpose can be viewed as an invasion of privacy and was one of the drivers behind the development of the aforementioned EU Directive.

c) Session Cookies

A session cookie only stores information about what you do during a single visit and comprises simply a randomly generated/unique value that is assigned when you visit a website. Session cookies are only stored temporarily in your browser's memory, and are automatically erased when it is closed down.

Many websites use session cookies for essential site functions, and to make sure pages are sent to the browser as quickly and efficiently as possible.

d) Persistent Cookies

Persistent cookies remain saved on your computer after you stop browsing and switch-off your computer and will therefore continue their function when you next power-up and begin browsing again. For example, if you login into a website, then shut down your computer, start it up again, and go back to the website and find you are still logged in - then it is using a persistent cookie to remember you.

Persistent cookies when created have an in-built expiry date determined by the host website and will only be erased by your computer when the expiry date is reached, or by you manually deleting it from your device.

Persistent cookies are also used to track visitor behaviour as you move around a site, and this data is used to try and understand what people do and don't like about a site so it can be improved. This practice is known as Web Analytics, and as Google provides its own analytics technology free of charge to website operators, almost all websites now use some form of it.

Managing cookies using your browser

You can control the storage on your computer of all or some cookies by our website by altering the optional settings of your browser. To find out how to allow, block, delete and manage the cookies on all standard web browsers, go to the website of the Information Commissioner's Office (ico.org.uk), or for more in-depth information visit www.aboutcookies.org, or www.allaboutcookies.org, or cookiesandyou.com.

If you use a mobile device, then please refer to your handset manual for guidance.

What Cookies do we use?

We do not set any type of cookies for surfers who merely wish to peruse our website. However, we do set them should you attempt to log-in. Note that only Trustees of the Village Hall are registered to access our website via the log-in page.

Our website uses WordPress software, together with associated plug-ins, as its content management system and to deliver its web pages.   This software will set the session cookies below during and after

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logging in. As a registered user you will not be able to log-in, if your browser has been set to disable all cookies.

Domain: ***www.harphamlowthorpevillagehall.co.uk***

Identifier	How Used	Type	Persistence	User
Wordpress_test_cookie	This is set on entry to the log-in page and is used to check whether your browser is able to accept cookies.	Session	-	All
wp-settings-{user_id}	This is set to store a user's WordPress administration configuration	Persistent	1 year	Registered
wp-settings-{time}-[UID]	This is used to customize your view of admin interface, and possibly also the main site interface. The number on the end is your invidual user ID from the uers database table.	Persistent	1 year	Registered
Wordpress_sec_*	To provide protection against hackers	Session	-	Registered
wordpress-logged-in_[hash]*	This is set to check whether the current site visitor is a logged-in WordPress user	Persistent or Session	14 days, if "Remember-Me" is selected when logging in otherwise, session	Registered

Cookies set by linked websites

Note that this Cookie Policy only applies to our website and not the external ones which may be reached by exercising the URL links or by viewing the embedded videos on our site.   So, please check that the cookie policy of these external websites is acceptable before proceeding to browse thereon.

Changes to this Policy

We reserve the right to change this policy from time to time. This present version became effective on 29th April 2022.