



HEMEL HEMPSTEAD  
QUAKER MEETING HOUSE  
1 The Alleys, St Mary's Road, HP2 5BZ

### Policy in respect of Hiring the Meeting House

1. The primary function of the Meeting House is to be a place of religious worship and in particular worship after the manner of the Religious Society of Friends. This use will take place mainly each Sunday morning but there will on occasion be other meetings or functions ancillary to the corporate life of the Meeting.
2. The Meeting sees itself as a part of the community of Hemel Hempstead and wishes to engage fully with the local community and to this end sees the Meeting House as a local community resource.
3. It is the wish of the Meeting that its Meeting House facilities, when not needed for the purposes of the Meeting should be available for hire to community groups or to local people. In certain circumstances it may at its absolute discretion hire its premises to commercial organisations whose business activities do not conflict with the testimonies of the Religious Society of Friends.
4. The Meeting will not hire its facilities to organisations that espouse war or endorse armed struggle as a means of achieving its aims. Neither will it hire its facilities to organisations that promote anti-semitism or racism.
5. In keeping with Quaker Advices and Queries the Meeting will not permit gambling or the use of tobacco, illegal substances or alcohol within its Meeting House.
6. It will not be the practices of the Meeting to waive its charges for the hire of its premises but may, at its discretion make a donation to organisations or an individual activity which furthers, directly or indirectly the testimonies of the Religious Society of Friends i.e; Simplicity, Peace, Truth and Integrity, Social Justice and Concern for the Environment.
7. The Meeting will permit established and trusted hirers to hold a key to the Meeting House and to make their own arrangement for access and closing