

SELLING ALCOHOL AT AN EVENT (The Licensing Act 2003)

Sale of Alcoholic drinks – Permissions required.

By Law you are required to have a licence before you are permitted to sell alcohol, including the provision of 'free' alcoholic drinks where admission is charged by ticket or other means. It is the hirer's responsibility to ensure that an appropriate licence is held as required by the Licensing Act.

No licence is necessary if:

- A hirer runs a free bar. A number of close friends can decide to share the cost of running a free bar, but at no time during the event must alcohol be sold.
- Guests to an event bring their own alcohol.
- Samples are provided free at say a wine tasting event. Orders for wine can be taken and paid for, but the wine must be delivered after the event.

A Licence is necessary if you sell alcohol at your event, even if the event is only for relatives and close friends, or the price of the ticket includes an alcoholic drink. To obtain the relevant licence you need to obtain a Temporary Event Notice (TEN) from Mendip District Council.

<http://www.mendip.gov.uk/tens>

The licence will cost £21.00 (correct at November 2016) and the request needs to be submitted a minimum of 10 days prior to the event. Further information may be obtained from the booking secretary.