

46.7 TOWN HALL HIRE

(Disregarding weddings and other ceremonies) The current rates for hiring the Town Hall are:

Chamber (8am-6pm)	£14 per hour
Chamber (6pm-11pm)	£16 per hour
Kitchen	£4.50 per hour
Buttermarket	£4.50 per hour

There are relatively few 'non wedding/ceremony' lets per year. Most of the voluntary/community organisation hires end up being Mayoral free lets (up to 12 pa).

Occasionally, we are approached for private parties. We don't encourage these because of the potential for damage/mess. When we do accept them it is usually because we know the hirer and are confident that they will respect the facility.

Given the potential for mess and abuse, £16 hour for a private party on, for example, a Sat or Sun evening at a prestigious venue appears to represent very good value.

It is therefore recommended that the hourly rates for private individuals and commercial concerns be doubled with immediate effect.