



# Hiring Moot Hall



Moot Hall is a beautiful medieval building, set on the tranquil village green of Elstow, Bedfordshire, near to the Abbey Church.

The upstairs courtroom provides a wonderful setting for functions such as anniversary celebrations, small receptions etc.

The building is available to hire most times of the year.

The green may also be hired to stage events, erect marquees etc.

Upstairs, the accommodation consists of the former courtroom and a small exhibition area.



Hirers may also make use of the downstairs 'Exhibition Room'.

The Bunyan Room is *not* available for use, except during paranormal investigations.

**Types of events permitted.** Moot Hall is a listed ancient monument, its contents include valuable antiques and it is set in the heart of a conservation area. So we reserve the right to decide what sort of functions we will permit it to be hired for. e.g. Events involving loud music or noise are not permitted.

**Numbers.** Maximum number of people is 60 so Moot Hall is probably not suitable for wedding parties.

**Foorwear.** High heels or studded soles are *not permitted*.

**Use and care of the furniture.** The large refectory table, in the main hall, may be used for laying out cold buffets, provided that suitable protective coverings are used.

The antique benches surrounding the large refectory table, in the main hall, may be used as seating. (We have addition seating - plastic chairs – available.) *None* of the other antique furniture may be used, for any purpose. Visitors must *not* put drinking glasses or ceramic plates onto any item of antique furniture.

**Cleaning up.** Moot Hall is mainly run by volunteers so, before leaving, hirers are expected to clean up all rooms / areas they have used and to take away all their refuse.

**Hire Charges.** Charges depend upon the type of use, times of use and the number of events booked. Please discuss your requirements with the curator, who will then give you a price.

Contact; [moot.hall@bedford.gov.uk](mailto:moot.hall@bedford.gov.uk)

**Payment.** Payment, if not made in advance, must be made immediately upon arrival. We can only accept payments in cash or by cheque.

The cost of any loss or repairing any damage caused to Moot Hall, or its contents, by hirers or their guests, will charged to the hirer.

**Ticketed Events.** For all events open to the public, organisers must supply tickets to be sold through Bedford Borough's Box Office. [cornexchange@bedford.gov.uk](mailto:cornexchange@bedford.gov.uk)

**Catering.** There are no on-site cooking facilities but hirers are welcome to bring in their own food and drink or to use caterers. Only small amounts of alcohol may be consumed.

#### **Recommended Caterers:**

**Bedford Corn Exchange;** 01234 718044

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**Elstow Tea Room,** Joyce Willis, 209 Church End, Elstow. 01234 926677

Email; [forestpickles1@gmail.com](mailto:forestpickles1@gmail.com)     <http://elstowteagarden.weebly.com/>

**Roosters;** 01234 405140     <http://www.roostersbedford.co.uk/>

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# How to find Moot Hall



**Our address** is; Moot Hall, Elstow Green, Church End, Elstow, Bedford MK42 9XU  
Elstow is located just on the southern edge of Bedford, ½ mile from the A421/A6 Junction – follow the brown heritage signs.



**Moot Hall** is owned by Bedford Borough Council,  
operated by the Events Team and staffed mainly by volunteers.

