



National Centre for Folk Arts

Partnership Events at Halsway Manor

About Halsway Manor

Halsway Manor is an independent charity providing a year round programme of events and learning activities in traditional folk music, dance, song, storytelling, folklore and related arts and crafts. Our aims are simple – to provide a wide range of high quality courses and events, for all ages and abilities, that encourage people to develop their interests in the folk arts. Located on the edge of the Quantock Hills - an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty - Halsway Manor is a wonderful example of a Somerset manor house with a fascinating history that goes back to the Domesday Book. Set in 6 acres of beautiful grounds with footpath access to the Quantock hills, our facilities include a ballroom/dining room, great hall, panelled library, 28 bedrooms, a licensed bar and plenty of free parking.

The Manor has a warm and friendly country house atmosphere enabling visitors of all ages to relax and feel at home.

How we work with you

We meet our charitable objectives in two ways: by programming our own courses and events, and by working in partnership with other organisations, clubs, groups, societies and individuals who act on behalf of Halsway Manor Society as its agent to stage an event or course.

If you wish to lead a partnership event at Halsway Manor that fits with our charitable aims and objectives, we require you to:

- Develop a suitable event/course and content/programme
- Choose the course leaders, artists and performers
- Be the primary point of contact for the event
- Advertise and promote the event
- Administrate your course bookings including taking payment
- Liaise with the staff of Halsway Manor to set your arrangements

Charges

You decide the course fees and we charge you a set rate per person – see rates enclosed.

Our rates are highest on weekends throughout the year and are cheaper on weekdays.

What we offer

For events that use all or the majority of bedrooms you will have exclusive use of the historic manor house, mews building and 6 acres of formal gardens and woodland for the duration of your event.

For events that use less than 50% of the bedrooms / facilities we reserve the right to programme another event alongside yours. This will only be done in consultation with you to ensure that the two events can co-exist happily side by side – for example, a violin making course and a music course for folk violinists.

All our food is cooked fresh on the premises by our two chefs. Our staff are dedicated to looking after you and your guests throughout your stay.

We have a full licensed bar and plenty of free parking.

Assistance dogs are the only dogs permitted at the manor.

Capacity

We have 28 bedrooms (69 beds total capacity), the majority with ensuite bathrooms; additionally, we have dorm style bedrooms that can cater for groups and families. There are 2 bedrooms situated on the ground floor with ensuite bathrooms which are accessible for those with mobility difficulties. A full bedroom plan can be found on our website. We have some limited space for camping and campervans and caravans including four power hook ups and a waste disposal point.

The Long Room can hold a maximum of 96 people for a seated event, such as a concert and 40-60 people for dancing, depending on the type of dance.

There is space on the lawn for marquees; which would need to be arranged by the organiser. We have two village halls close by which can also be hired to increase capacity.

Please phone to discuss any queries you have about running your event at Halsway Manor or to arrange a site visit.

Booking your event

The first step is to contact us (Sam Selley, Bookings Manager office@halswaymanor.org.uk) to discuss dates availability.

Secondly, fill out application form and return this along with your deposit. Payment schedule is as follows:

- Deposit of £500 needs to be paid at time of booking
- £1000 will be due six months before your event
- The remaining balance is due six weeks before your event

Once we have approved your application we will send you a contract to complete and return to us with your deposit of £500. Please note that if you need to cancel for whatever reason, payments are non-refundable.

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