

HERMITAGE AND HOOD PARK LEISURE CENTRES

The ultimate event location.

Venue Hire Guide

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Welcome

Hermitage and Hood Park Leisure Centres are excellent, quality assured, multi-purpose event and function venues, catering for your every need. With over twenty years' experience in delivering local, regional, national and international events, they are the first choice when it comes to choosing a venue in North West Leicestershire.

We can cater for any requirement, including; celebrations, corporate and televised events. In addition to this, we cater for bar functions ranging from intimate low key family events such as christening parties, to larger committee and club fundraising evenings.

Due to their central location, the centres enjoy superb road access links to all parts of the UK. Other facilities include:

- Excellent catering and technical facilities
- FREE extensive car parking
- FREE wireless internet access
- A dedicated event planning team.

Make Hermitage and Hood Park Leisure Centres your number one choice when it comes to choosing the venue for your event, party or function.

To discuss your event and function requirement, please contact:
Commercial Manager

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It's More Than Just A Venue

Events

Our event portfolio continues to grow year on year. The range of events that we host, and continue to cater for, is wide and varied. These include the award winning ITV show ,Dickinsons Real Deal, International Darts, International Boat Shows, Robot Wars, Boxing and televised Mixed Martial Arts. On a smaller

scale, we host Dog and Cat Shows, National and Regional Sequence/Inventive Dance events, Auctions, Martial Arts Tournaments and many more. We pride ourselves on the quality service we provide because, whatever the event, we not only meet the needs of our clients, but surpass them.



Boxing - Customer Testimonial

"We initially heard about these venues through some highly positive word of mouth from within the boxing world , and decided to put a show on at the Hermitage. We work all over the UK as well as in Europe and I can honestly say that the staff team are unrivalled when it comes to not only meeting, but exceeding our requirements. Two years on, and we have just booked our fifth show with them.....I have no doubt that it will not be the last."

Clifton Mitchell (Former European Heavyweight Title Contender and MD Mitchell Promotions)

International Darts - Customer Testimonial

"MDA Promotions have worked extensively throughout the UK in delivering top class Darts events featuring all of the very best players in the world such as Phil Taylor and Raymond Van Barneveld, however I cannot imagine our yearly show piece event being held anywhere else. What can I say about the centre and it's team.....the players love it, the fans love it, I love it!"

Matt Ward (MDA Promotions and Manager to Pro Darts Players Dean Winstanley and Simon Kellett)



National Dance Competitions - Customer Testimonial

"We have held our annual national dance event at both Hermitage and Hood Park Leisure Centres for a number of years. Our contestants and spectators come from all over the UK and the feedback that we receive from them in relation to the venues is always positive. Nothing is ever too much trouble , their rates are very competitive and I arrive each year knowing that all will be exactly as we want it."

Dawn Bartlett (National Assoc of Teachers of Dance)



Bar Functions

As with all of the events we host, our bar functions go from strength to strength and range greatly in terms of style and format. We can cater for private functions, whether they are parties, christenings, celebrations or club social events. In addition, we run a number of highly popular quiz and function evenings, many of which we do on behalf

of local clubs and organisations in order for them to raise much needed funds. Coalville Town FC, Marlborough Rovers, Loros, Leicester Citys Foxes Foundation and Whitwick FC are just a few that have benefited financially, as well as enjoying excellent social evenings with minimal organisational input being required from



"Based on word of mouth recommendations from of a number of people we know who has held to or attended functions at the Hermitage's Heroes Bar, we decided to hold our daughters birthday party function there. The team were simply brilliant and took away all of the stress and worry by literally organising everything. I cannot speak highly enough of them, and have already recommended the centre to others."
(Helen Marriot - Party Hirer)

"We heard from another local sports club (who had enjoyed a hugely successful evening) that the centres had assisted a number of local clubs and organisations by hosting fundraising evenings for them in their Heroes and Legends bars. We contacted the leisure centre venues team and subsequently held a club evening at Legends Bar. Our event was attended by just under a hundred club members and family. It helped us raise £400 towards club funds by basically doing nothing other than turning up. Unsurprisingly, we have already booked another one in!"

Julie Waldram (Club Secretary - Marlborough Rovers Football Club)



Local Accommodation



If you are looking for local accommodation, then there are a number of good quality and value for money venues within close proximity to both centres, details of which can be found by contacting our local award winning Tourist Information Centre on 01530 411767 or visiting www.somewherenicetogo.co.uk

In addition to that the centre has a partnership agreement with Hermitage Park Hotel, Coalville whereby a 10% discount is offered to all attendees who advise when booking that they are attending events at either of the centres. For more information visit www.hermitagepark.co.uk/ or email hotel@hermitageparkhotel.co.uk



Playing A Part In Your Success

We've lost count of the number of hirers and partners that say that other venues are great at the time of booking, but do little to assist thereafter. That's not the North West Leicestershire way, as our view is that it's in our best interests to ensure that your booking or hire enjoys maximum success, and we will do all that we can to assist you in achieving that outcome.

We can support the overall operational professionalism of your event by way of:

- A Full Time communications and media team based at the Council Offices
- Marketing of your event through our popular Facebook, Twitter and web pages
- Dedicated events notice boards within the centre
- Information displayed in our Tourist Information Centre and local libraries
- Use of our lighting rig and staging
- Free Wireless internet access
- Security and car park management

All have which have proved invaluable to numerous hirers to date.

Catering

Hirers can be assured that our centres can meet just about any catering requirement, regardless of diversity or size. Whether it's formal, sit down catering for up to 600 attendees or a small buffet for a handful of judges, VIP's or attendees, our 5 star food hygiene rated catering operation can meet your need in terms of affordability and quality.



We take the view that hirers should have as much control and input as possible when it comes to the catering that their guests and attendees will enjoy, and as such we will work with you as opposed to many venues who simply tell you what you're going to get.

Nearby Attractions and Centre Attractions

As an established events venue, we realise that many attendees will be accompanied by friends and family who may not share that same interest, and as such we know how important it is that they are kept equally entertained. Both of our centres have indoor swimming pools, and at Hood Park summer visitors can enjoy one of the

few remaining heated outdoor pools in the country, whilst visitors to the Hermitage can enjoy our 9 hole golf course, fishing lake and modern health suite. Given the close proximity of the two centres all facilities are easily accessible to all visitors regardless of where the event or function is being held.

Away from the centres nearby local attractions include the National Space Centre and the Conkers Heart Of The National Forest Experience.



Credit National Space Centre, Leicester.



Our Facility Options

Event & Large Function Facilities

Hermitage Main Hall

At the heart of the Hermitage is the versatile main hall with an adjoining bar.

The main hall offers:

- Seating for up to 800 people
- Public address system
- Staging
- Moveable lighting truss
- Fully retractable tiered seating which is fully retractable releasing
- Large, easy access doors for event set ups
- An exhibition area 38m x 27m with 1026m² of clear floor space



The perfect venue for slightly smaller versions of the events held at the Hermitage, it has also held events such as record and toy fayres.

Hood Park Main Hall

The main hall offers:

- Seating for up to 400 people
- Raised viewing area of main hall from the adjacent first floor stylish 'Legends Bar', and balcony area
- Large, easy access doors for event set ups
- An exhibition area 32mx17m with 544m² of clear floor space.



Heroes Bar @ Hermitage and Legends Bar @ Hood Park

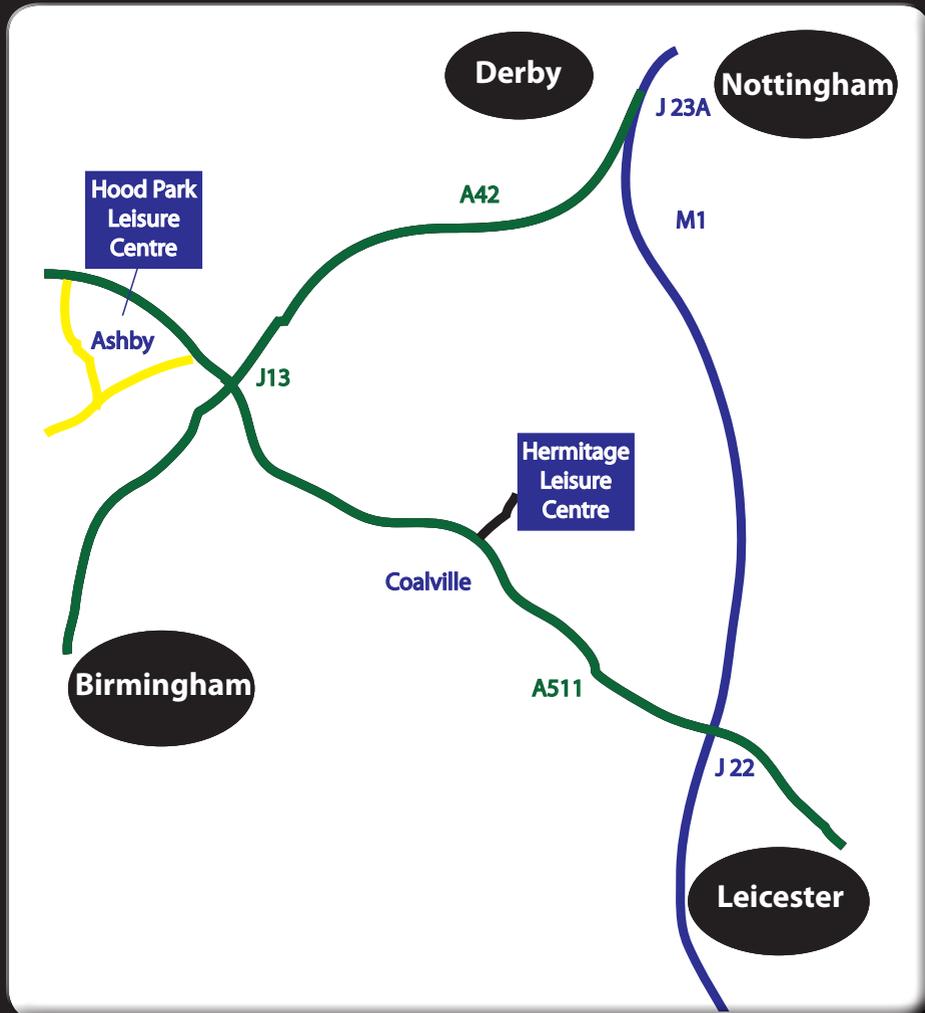
Our Heroes and Legends Bars provide the ideal intimate venues for both private and club or group functions. Boasting capacities of up to 105 people these modern, intimate softly lit facilities have hosted numerous parties, christenings, club nights and in house events over the years, and there popularity just keeps growing.

Entertainment of all varieties be it DJ's, singers or bands can be supplied to make your private function that extra bit special, whilst race, casino or quiz nights can also be provided to club or group hirers to assist with the raising of invaluable club or group funds . As our motto says ' You set the date, let us do the rest '

How To Find Us

Hermitage Leisure Centre
Silver Street, Whitwick, Coalville,
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