

Providing alcohol

The basis for the following information comes from the GOV.UK website and Carlisle City Council website, but it is the responsibility of the hirer to ensure the information is correct at the time of the hire, and that the correct licences are in place if required.

You don't need a licence to provide alcohol at a private event as long as it is not being sold.

You normally don't need a licence to offer bottles (or other containers) of alcohol as prizes in raffles and tombolas provided the following conditions are met:

- the raffle must be promoted as an incidental event (i.e. it is not the main event) within an 'exempt entertainment' – this is defined as a bazaar, sale of work, fête, dinner, dance, sporting or athletic event, or other entertainment of a similar character
- after expenses are deducted, none of the money raised by the 'entertainment' is used for private gain
- the alcohol is in a sealed container, such as an unopened bottle
- there are no prizes that are just money
- tickets are only sold during the event, not in advance
- the raffle/lottery is not the main inducement to attend

You must not sell tickets that can then be exchanged for an alcoholic drink, or to ask for a donation in return for alcohol.

If alcohol is being served but NOT sold, it is the responsibility of the accompanying adults to ensure that any alcohol consumed by those under 18 years of age, takes place in a responsible manner. If the event is registered under the Victory Hall's premises licence, then such responsibility can be exercised by the nominated Duty Manager/Responsible Person. Responsibility DOES NOT rest with the Victory Hall's management committee

If none of the above apply and you want to:

- have a bar where alcohol is sold
- sell alcohol in another way

You can apply for a personal licence or a Temporary Event Notice (visit www.carlisle.gov.uk)

However, if arranging an 'outside bar' to operate for your event in The Victory Hall, the expectation is that they would already hold a suitable licence for the event, or apply for one themselves for your event.

If alcohol is being sold it is the responsibility of the licensee to ensure that alcohol is not sold to anyone under the age of 18 years of age. It is NOT the responsibility of the Victory Hall's management committee to ensure alcohol is not sold to those under 18, even if the event is also registered under the Hall's premises licence.

Registration under the Victory Hall's premises licence does not replace or remove the need for the correct licence to sell alcohol at a public event.