

LARGER VENUES CURRENTLY AVAILABLE (November 2021)

VENUE	CAPACITY	ACCESSIBILITY	AVAILABILITY	COST	COMMENTS
CASTLE SCHOOL HALL	300 Seated -covid capacity. Accessible car parking to front and other parking at rear using bungalow side gates.	Level through front door. Accessible radar toilet close by.	Weekday term time evenings 5.30-9.30 except when school performance use. Daytime weekends and holidays.	£35 an hour	Tables and chairs inc. Full stage. Beach overflow and refreshment area available at no extra charge. Stage lighting not available currently as letting.
MARLWOOD SCHOOL DRAMA HALL	300 sated -covid capacity. Accessible and main car parking to front.	Level through drama suite doors. Accessible unlocked toilet down corridor.	Weekday term time evenings 5.30-9.30 limited as drama group uses it. Daytime weekends and holidays.	£35 an hour	Tables and chairs inc. Movable staging provided works at 2 levels.
LEISURE CENTRE SEVERNSIDE SUITE	90 chairs but 80 is practical max. Large car park with level access to building from conference hall entrance.	1st floor but lift access. Accessible toilet on ground floor.	All week but not usually hired if main hall used for meeting or performance. (noise reasons)	£294 per day of 8 hours Could be a charity negotiation on case by case basis.	Carpeted. Tables and chairs available.
LEISURE CENTRE CCONFERRNCE 1	850 theatre 550 cabaret. Large car park. Level access to building from conference hall entrance.	Accessible toilet.	All week	<i>£1008 per 8 hours. £1543 7am-9.30pm</i>	Balcony 140 seats entry from Severnside Suite. Café area could be used during an event. 300 chairs and 12 tables on site otherwise u3a hire in extras. Limited staging. Was bowls hall 1.
TURNBERRIES(TBS) :A VON HALL	150 seated or 200 max. Parking in Rock Street	Flat from entrance	All week	£15day£19eve/hour	Tables and chairs provided.
TBS:STUDIO	50 Café kitchen equipment there but mothballed.	Flat from entrance	All week	£10day£11eve/hour	Tables and chairs provided.
TBS:GAMES ROOM	40	Flat from entrance	All week	£10 day£14eve/hour	Has kitchenette but bring own utensils etc. Door to main hall.
TBS:ACTIVITY STUDIOS	30 for physical activities but could seat more.	Flat from entrance	All week	£13.50day£15eve/hour	No furniture. Larger space when both studios used together. Price is for the normal joint hire.
TBS:LIFE SKILLS	30	Flat for entrance	All week	£11day£12eve/hour	Tables and chairs available

N.B. The facilities at Turnberries are modern and in good condition. Accessibility to the rooms, accessible toilets and accustics are excellent. Car parking limited except when permission sought from S.Glos Council to use the on-site overflow. Otherwise use Rock Street. Prices are for charities as commercial hires get add on charge.

LARGER VENUES IN THORNBURY

The table of larger venues was composed in November 2021 following site visits.

Until the issues around the provision of a large community hall in Thornbury are resolved, we will have to seek other venues for meetings such as the AGM, Group Fair and other larger Group events. The maximum capacity of the Armstrong Hall is about 300 people so from a size point of view, was ideal for some of our events. We do not really need a full stage but some sort of elevated platform for the speaker may be helpful.

Additional information was included about Turnberries so that all Group Leaders could be aware of what was on offer and could compare with venues historically used. The Rock Street car park is closer to the building than to Armstrong Hall so this provides adequate parking. The Games room has doors that open out onto the Avon Hall so if both were hired together then this might create a workable space for fairs or other events where it might not be necessary for a speaker to address the room. Accessibility for people with various disabilities is excellent. Most rooms have been acoustically treated so provide a good aural environment.

Both Castle and Marlwood Schools have halls that can seat 300 and have car parking on site.

Therefore, they offer a good venue for larger meetings when they are available. The Leisure Centre Conference area is far too big for our needs and very expensive, nor as it is currently configured, is it particularly conducive for meetings. Therefore, we should not give it further consideration. The Severnside Suite is a good environment for meetings but is not big enough for the larger meetings. For a room this size the accommodation at Turnberries is far more cost effective.