

Bell & Bear Private Hire & Catering Policy

The Bell & Bear is pleased to offer the **restaurant area for private events**, celebrations, meetings and gatherings. The space provides a relaxed setting for groups and community events.

Capacity

The restaurant area is suitable for **up to approximately 50 guests** depending on layout.

When making a booking we require:

- Expected guest numbers
- Event type
- Approximate start and finish time

This helps us ensure the space is prepared appropriately and that staffing and catering can be planned.

Minimum Spend

Private hire of the restaurant area may be subject to a **minimum spend**, depending on the day and time of the event.

Day	Minimum Spend
Monday – Thursday	£250
Friday	£400
Saturday	£500
Sunday	£350

The minimum spend is to be met through **drinks purchased during the event**.

If the minimum spend is not reached, the remaining balance may be charged.

Minimum spends may be adjusted depending on the size and nature of the event.

Catering

Food for private events may be supplied in several ways depending on what is already scheduled at the pub.

Food Trucks & Pop-Ups

The Bell & Bear regularly hosts **food trucks and The Village Kitchen**.

If a food provider is already booked on the day of the event (including The Village Kitchen or other food traders), catering for the event may be supplied by **that provider's menu**.

The Village Kitchen

If **no food provider is scheduled**, **The Village Kitchen will have first refusal on catering** for private events.

They may offer options such as:

- Buffets
- Sharing platters
- Set menus
- Hot food service

Menus and pricing are arranged directly with The Village Kitchen.

Outside Food

Outside food is not normally permitted unless discussed and agreed in advance.

However, **celebration cakes and small bar-style snacks such as crisps, nuts or similar nibbles are permitted.**

Items considered **catered food**, such as sausage rolls, buffet platters, sandwiches, or hot food, are **not permitted unless agreed in advance.**

Any other outside catering must be approved beforehand.

Decorations

Guests are welcome to bring **simple decorations**, such as balloons or table decorations.

Please note:

- Decorations must not damage walls or fixtures
- Confetti or glitter is not permitted

Booking Confirmation

To confirm a private event booking we may request:

- Expected guest numbers
- Food arrangements
- A deposit for larger events