

Use of The Square for Political Canvassing on Saturdays

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Eynsham Parish Council wishes to encourage open, political debate, particularly in the run up to local or national elections. To this end, The Square will be available for such activities on all Saturdays from the day when the list of nominated election candidates is published by West Oxfordshire District Council to the day of the election. No other bookings for The Square will be taken on those days.

There will be no charge and no need to pre-book spaces; only to let the Clerk know the dates you will be using The Square out of courtesy. Candidates are asked not to occupy more than a 3m by 3m space in the interests of fairness and maintaining the peace.

All election materials and posters are to be removed at the end of each Saturday.

Those who have been lawfully nominated as election candidates are able to rent any public room, including the Pavilion and the Bartholomew Room, at any time during the election period for public meetings with the purpose of influencing the electors. Applications should be made to the Parish Clerk. Please note that this right applies only to candidates and does not extend to using rooms for any private meetings or for the external display of election materials.

Candidates using The Square will be personally responsible and must:-

1. Respect the space booked or used by any other candidate or Square user.
2. Not place any signs/banners/materials on the Bartholomew Room building, street furniture or railings in The Square.
3. Comply with all legislation regarding elections, equality and discrimination against nationality, race, religion and gender.
4. Not create a nuisance, breach of the peace or obstruction to any traffic, local businesses or residents.
5. Be responsible for and make good any damage caused.

This invitation does not preclude any rights any candidate may otherwise have under law.