

The Blood Transfusion Service would like to use the Memorial Hall. The parking issues is not within the gift of the Hall but use of the Abbey Green might help overcome this problem.

Background.

The Service moved from the Hall to the Emmanuel Centre precisely because of the parking problems. However, the Service is now reviewing its options within the area and believes that the Hall would be ideal in terms of general location, the space and facilities available, flexibility of booking times and cost. It seems that the Service would hold sessions ~~every day for a whole week including weekends~~ on about 6-8 times a year. The length of time on site each day would be approximately 9 hours probably starting at 11-00am. **Update: each session would just be for a single day. In other words, the parking requirement would be for 6-8 days per year, not 6-8 weeks**

A 7.50 tonne lorry carries all the equipment and they also have a minibus. Ideally these vehicles would be stationed permanently outside the Hall throughout each session. This is clearly not an option but a possible compromise: perhaps allowing parking outside the Hall to load and unload equipment, with the vehicles being moved to the Abbey Green during the remainder of the 9 hour session. Before any negotiation Council's approval to include the use of the Abbey Green is requested.