

Lyme Regis Town Council
Terms and conditions of beach hut hire



1. Period of occupancy

Weekly hire – keys can be collected from a key safe from any time on the first **Saturday** morning of hire and must be returned by the end of the day on the last **Friday** of hire.

Daily hire – keys can be collected from a key safe from any time on the morning of hire and must be returned by the end of the day. If you have booked more than one day, you may keep the key until the end of the hire period.

Please note the hut must not be occupied between midnight and 6am.

2. Key collection

The key safes are in the kitchen at the east end of the beach huts (next to beach hut number 1). There is a combination lock to access the kitchen and a further combination lock to access the individual key safes, which are individually numbered to correspond with the number of the hut. Key codes will be issued at the time of booking the hut and will be changed at the end of each hire period.

If you do not return your key at the end of your hire period there will be a charge of £50 plus any expenses incurred – **see paragraph 7.**

3. There are two chairs provided and you should find your hut in a clean condition. If this is not the case, please notify the seafront attendant or another council employee, who can usually be found on the seafront or in the Jubilee Pavilion, Marine Parade.
4. The kitchen is available for use for beach hut users. This kitchen is for water and domestic washing up only and must not be used for gutting fish or washing any other beach items or clothing. Please leave the kitchen in the condition you would wish to find it.
5. The hut shall be used solely by the person named on the booking and by your family and friends and shall not be sub-let.
6. Dogs sitting outside beach huts must be kept on leads at all times. Please be aware there are dog control orders in force on Lyme Regis beaches; further information can be found on signage along the seafront.
7. You will be required to reimburse the town council for the cost of repair if any damage is caused to the beach hut or chairs. Under no circumstances must padlocks be changed without prior consent from the town council. Failure to adhere to this will result in your padlock being removed and a charge made for a replacement padlock. An additional key can be obtained from the town council offices during normal office hours for a refundable deposit of £20.

8. At the end of the hire period, you are responsible for ensuring all rubbish is removed and the hut is left clean. If this is not adhered to, the town council reserves the right to charge for any cleaning necessary and may refuse you hire in the future.
9. Any possessions left in a hut after the end of the hire period will be removed by the council and put into storage for a maximum period of one month. Lyme Regis Town Council reserves the right to charge for any storage or subsequent disposal costs.
10. You must not trade or operate a business from your hut. You must not collect money for charity from your hut.
11. You must not cause or permit any public or private nuisance in or around the premises or anything which shall cause annoyance, inconvenience or disturbance to occupiers of neighbouring huts or to the public. Tables and chairs should be placed directly outside the hut and preferably on the beach so as not to obstruct the Cart Road, which is a public promenade. The chairs provided in the hut must not be removed from the Cart Road or beach.
12. Lyme Regis Town Council reserves the right to temporarily remove huts from the site in extreme weather conditions or unforeseen circumstances. Hirers holding annual lets will be advised in advance of any maintenance periods when huts must be vacated.
13. Cancellation policy

Refunds will only be given if the hut can be re-let. Refunds may also be considered in extreme circumstances.
14. If storing wet equipment in the beach hut, please ensure it is stored over a tray to catch the water run-off.
15. Do not use a barbeque on the Cart Road and do not light a barbeque in a beach hut. Please ensure barbecues on the beach are not left unattended. If it is too hot to move after use, pour sea water over the barbecue to cool it down. The barbecue can then be taken home or disposed of in the barbecue bins provided along the seafront.
16. All beach huts are provided with a door lock, but the huts are not suitable for overnight storage of valuable items. All items stored in huts are left entirely at your own risk.