

## **Policy for the provision of Food at GAF**

### **Definition of types of food**

#### Finger Food

Crisps, nuts, canapés, cocktail sausages, etc.

#### Light Bites

Biscuits cakes Scones Donuts, etc.

#### Small Meal

Fish and Chips , Pizza, Sandwiches, etc

### **Preamble**

GAF is an Arts and Heritage charity, and the provision of food is not one of our charitable aims nor is it a fundamental part of GAF's offering.

Under our planning consent GAF is not permitted to cook any food on the premises.

“No cooking, including frying or reheating, of food shall take place on site without the prior written approval of the local planning authority.”

All food preparation for consumption by members of the public is covered by a raft of food hygiene regulations.

The provision of any food is potentially a risk to the charity. This risk is substantially reduced if the food items are provided by an organisation regulated by the local authority for the purpose of providing food or by the purchase of such food in a ready to eat manner from a shop or premises allowed to sell such items.

### **The need for GAF to provide Food at GAF Centre Events**

It is recognised that the provision of finger food at certain events enhances their attractiveness to attendees and enhances the enjoyment of the event.

It is recognised that at certain events, such as the coffee mornings, Light Bites are a major part of the event, also Light Bites enhance activities by adding breaks to the content.

It is recognised that the provision of a small meal adds to the saleability of certain events.

### **Food Hygiene**

GAF must be aware of the food hygiene regulations and any food prepared by volunteers must be done by people who are aware of food hygiene regulations and food allergy risks. This can be achieved by one or more of the following, training, fact sheets, check lists etc.

At any event where food is being offered the public any warnings provided by suppliers must be passed on to consumers. If the food is prepared by Volunteers, then the public must be made aware that it is home made and may contain contents which could cause an allergic reaction.

Food provided at GAF purchased from or prepared by a third party must be done from a regulated establishment and the transportation of the food from the establishment to the GAF centre should not breach any food hygiene regulations.

## **GAF Food Policy**

The provision of shop purchased, or volunteer produced, Finger Food at any GAF event is permissible subject to the above.

The provision of Light Bites is permissible at Selected GAF events such as Coffee Mornings, workshops, Group events, rehearsals and similar activities. Subject to the above.

If there are compelling reasons to enhance events with a Small Meal then this is permissible providing the meal is purchased from a third party, regulated, establishment.

An event where the central activity is the meal will not be permitted.

No cooking, including frying or reheating, of food shall take place at the GAF Centre.

Events outside of the GAF Centre where food is being provided by GAF volunteers or third parties should be considered on an individual basis by the board.