

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Do you allow fireworks?

Unfortunately due to our location within a national park we are unable to allow fireworks, however we do allow sparklers (outside only) in permitted areas. We don't allow Chinese lanterns.

## Why do you offer canapes?

Canapes are a popular choice to keep to keep guests satisfied for the drinks reception, a great way to get guests to socialise whilst the photographer works their magic

## Do you do corkage?

We allow wedding couples to provide their own alcohol with a corkage charge applied, however this is restricted to bottles of wine and fizz for welcome drink, toast drinks & wine with the wedding breakfast.

## Do you have any alcohol restrictions?

We have a strict policy preventing guests from bringing their own alcohol to any event, often this can be in gift bags. We have a responsibility to ensure safe drinking, anyone found to be consuming their own alcohol will have it removed and be asked to leave. Unfortunately we don't permit bringing alcohol as favours, however we can provide prices for this.

## Is there parking?

We have ample parking and its free too!

## Can we have a menu tasting?

Absolutely, we would be more than happy to arrange for you to have a menu tasting prior to the event.

## What are the tables like?

The table layout will depend on the size of the wedding, however we have 5ft rounds, and rectangular tables too. Speak to our team to discuss your table plan.

## Do you have an easel?

Yes! we have a standard easel that can hold a sign or frame up to 1.5m height. We also have two table standing antique easels.

## Do you have a cake stand?

Yes! We have a silver square cake stand that you are welcome to use, however we advise speaking to your stylist and cake supplier to find out what will work best for you.

## Can we bring our dog?

We love our four legged friends, well behaved dogs are of course welcome. We ask that dogs arent left unattended, and suggest you think about how your dog will cope with the evening reception

## Can we decorate the venue?

We have purposefully decorated the main hall with elegant neutral colours to allow you to customise the space with your own style and colours. We provide plain white table linen and chair sashes. We can help you choose the best way to style the venue for your special day.

## Is there disabled access?

We don't have ground floor bedrooms. There are ground floor disabled facilities in the The Stables for the whole site, however the main hall's toilets are up a couple of stairs.

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## How do I pay?

We ask for a £500 deposit, with a further 25% 12 months prior to your wedding date, a further 25% at 6 months prior, and the remaining balance one month before the big day. Payments can be made by BACS, cash or card.

## What happens to our gifts & belongings?

For weddings of exclusive use of the main house, because an overnight stay is included, you can leave your belongings and we will store them ready to take home for the following day.

## Do you have a music policy?

Yes, due to licensing restrictions, we don't allow music outdoors. Indoor entertainment must end at 11:30pm.

## Can we get married outside?

Yes! You can get married in our garden, a joint decision would need to be made the day before the wedding, and you would need to notify the registry office you were wanting an outdoor wedding.

## Do you have a microphone?

We have a microphone available for those who may want them for speeches, we can also provide a projector if required.

## What time is finishing time?

We ask that you let your guests know in advance that the bar closes at 1130pm and due to our location, guests will need to arrange taxi's in advance to avoid waiting outside, to take them to wherever they are staying once we close at 12midnight. All guests will be required to leave at midnight, and we ask that they leave quietly to respect neighbours in the local area.

## Can we use confetti?

Of course we want you to celebrate with confetti, however please inform your guests we only allow biodegradable confetti, and we ask that it is only used in non carpeted rooms and outdoor spaces.

## What if I want a different meals to your menu?

Every wedding day is uniquely special. We would be happy to work with you to create a menu that suits you as well as being workable for the venue

## Will the venue be exclusive to us?

This will depend on your wedding plans but the majority of our weddings will enjoy exclusive use of the main house and the gardens.

## If we don't stay the night before what time can we arrive?

You can arrive from 8am to get ready in the luxury bedroom suite.

## Do you have a mastercermonies?

Our duty manager or wedding co-ordinator will make any announcements needed during the course of your day.

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## Are you child friendly?

We are happy to cater for children. Be sure to let us know the details when we are creating your quote. Guests with children should be told in advance that there are ponds and a moat within the grounds and children should not be left unsupervised.

## When do you need our menu choices and numbers?

We can discuss your food and drink choices for your special day from the start, with more details in the run up to your wedding and finalised at your 1 month meeting. We do need the number of guests to build your package, but this can be altered up to 1 month before the date of your wedding.

## Do you use celebrants

If you want to opt for something different to a civil ceremony there are a number of different local celebrants who can perform your ceremony.

## How do civil ceremonies work?

You can get married from 11am, registrars can perform the ceremony no later than 3pm in the week and 6pm the weekend, celebrants are more flexible. You are welcome to provide your own music or acoustic performer, normally a couple of songs. You will need to let us know of any seats to be reserved for bridesmaids, close family, groomsmen etc. As well as letting us know your music choices.

## Can just the two of us get married?

Absolutely, we know everyone wants something different for their wedding. If its just the two of you, we can even provide the witnesses.

## What if my guests have dietary requirements?

Please do let us know in advance of any dietary requirements and we will work with you to ensure our chefs cater for all the needs of your guests. Please be sure to ask your guests of any allergies.

## Do you have recommended suppliers?

Yes, we do have a list of suppliers we have worked with in the past who we can share details of!

## Can we use outside caterers?

Whilst we will provide most of the catering we may work with some catering partners for some of our offerings. We do allow external food trucks/stalls for evening food.

## Does the price change depending on the day?

Like most venues the price will vary depending on whether you are looking at a weekday or weekend, summer or winter, this year or next.

## Can we have an alternative wedding breakfast?

All our weddings are bespoke and designed to suit what you want for your special day. If you want something less formal than 3 course wedding breakfast, of course we can look at other options such as a hot buffet or antipasto plates.