

A marriage
made in
NORTHUMBERLAND



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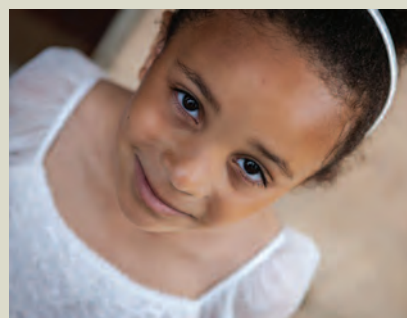


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Welcome to

Northumberland



The county of Northumberland boasts breathtaking countryside, a varied and striking coastline and a rich cultural heritage.

It is home to some great market towns where you will find interesting shops as well as restaurants and pubs serving delicious, locally produced food.

Along the coast you will find The Holy Island of Lindisfarne and the nearby Farne Islands which are teeming with a wide variety of wildlife.

Did you know that there are more castles in Northumberland than any other county in England and some of these are licensed to hold ceremonies? If you have dreamt about tying the knot in a castle, we have several for you to choose from!

The Cheviot Hills are the perfect place for some excellent walking trails and scenic picnic spots. There is also Hadrian's Wall, voted one of Britain's top ten, must see iconic landmarks.

a Premier Location for Your Dream Wedding



Take a trip further north and you will find Kielder, where you can explore England's largest forest and Europe's largest man-made lake; a magical place with something for everyone!

The rural areas of Northumberland National Park have the darkest skies in England. Because Northumberland has been recognised as an area to conserve and enjoy, it is now home to Europe's largest Dark Sky Park with billions of stars.

Northumberland has venues to inspire and indulge all of your wedding dreams. Sit back, put your feet up and enjoy leafing through the pages of this brochure, taking a journey through Northumberland and planning the most important day of your life.

For more information see page 63.

Your Wedding Venue



Northumberland has a wonderful selection of venues licensed for civil ceremonies. Whether it is idyllic castles wrapped in breathtaking coastline, grand buildings hidden between rolling hills, or timeless stately homes complemented by the peace and tranquility of the countryside, Northumberland has it all!

Many of our venues will offer exclusive use of their premises, giving you the convenience of the ceremony, reception and entertainment all in one location. You can be married at a licensed venue on any day of the week, including Sundays and Bank Holidays (except Christmas Day) subject to availability.



The choice of a venue is very personal; each venue has something different to offer. When this is combined with a Northumberland wedding ceremony it can provide a unique and unforgettable experience.



What is a *Civil* Ceremony?

A civil ceremony is a non-religious ceremony performed by a registrar. A civil wedding or civil partnership can take place in any register office or at any licensed venue, of your choice in England and Wales.

These days, you can have almost any kind of ceremony, from a simple “I do” in a register office with a couple of friends as witnesses, to a more grand affair at a licensed venue, with bridesmaids, attendants, readings, music and singing. In fact the only restriction is your own imagination! Almost anything goes but be aware that civil ceremonies must not include any religious content.

You will need to ask two people, friends or relatives, if they will witness your marriage or civil partnership. Your witnesses must speak and understand English and be old enough to understand the ceremony and the role that they will play.



Booking your *Northumberland* Ceremony

In Northumberland we have a dedicated ceremony co-ordination team, who offer a very personal service to help you plan and organise your ceremony. Whether you choose a register office or a licensed venue, we hope that you and your guests will have an unforgettable experience.

Once you have made your decision to marry in Northumberland, please contact the ceremony co-ordination team at Alnwick on 01665 602870. The team is happy to check availability and give advice and guidance about the vast number of licensed venues available across Northumberland.

You can also check out our website by visiting:
www.mynorthumberlandwedding.co.uk.

The ceremony co-ordination team will take a provisional booking, confirming the venue, date and time of your ceremony and take a booking fee. The team will send you an email confirming the details of your booking. This email will include information about the legal preliminaries to marriage and the documents you will need to provide at that time.

Remember, the ceremony co-ordination team are always on hand to answer any questions you may have, prior to and on your special day.





Outdoor Weddings

If you have dreamed of a wedding outside in beautiful gardens and amazing scenery, Northumberland is the place. The majority of venues will allow you to be married outside (weather permitting). Imagine saying your vows in a sumptuous, silk lined marquee, a barn or overlooking the sea; this is 'a marriage made in Northumberland'.



Getting *Married* in England and Wales

Choosing a civil ceremony is not complicated. The following information explains what you need to do before the day, to make sure that on your special day everything goes as smoothly as possible!



Legal Preliminaries to Marriage

If you are marrying in a register office or licensed venue, you must give notice of your intention to marry to the registrar in the district where you live. If you and your partner live in different districts, you must each give a separate notice to the registrar of your own district.

Giving a notice means making a legal declaration that you are both free to marry each other.

You cannot give notice of your intention to marry until you have booked the place where you want your marriage to take place. This information is included on your legal notice.

You will be required to provide certain documents; these are listed in the following pages.



You may give your notice of marriage up to one year before the date of your wedding. A notice of marriage is only valid for twelve months from the date on which the notice is given. If you decide to change the venue for your wedding after you have given notice, you will need to begin the process again and give fresh notices of intention to marry. This will incur additional costs.

You must give your notice of intention to marry in person. A friend or relative cannot give notice on your behalf. The notices of marriage will be displayed publicly in the register office where you live.

If either or both of you live in Scotland or Northern Ireland and wish to marry in England or Wales, the above rules do not apply. Please contact the ceremony co-ordination team for further information and advice.

The law is different if one or both of you is not a British citizen or a national from the European Economic Area (EEA) and subject to immigration control. (See immigration rules).

Immigration *Rules*

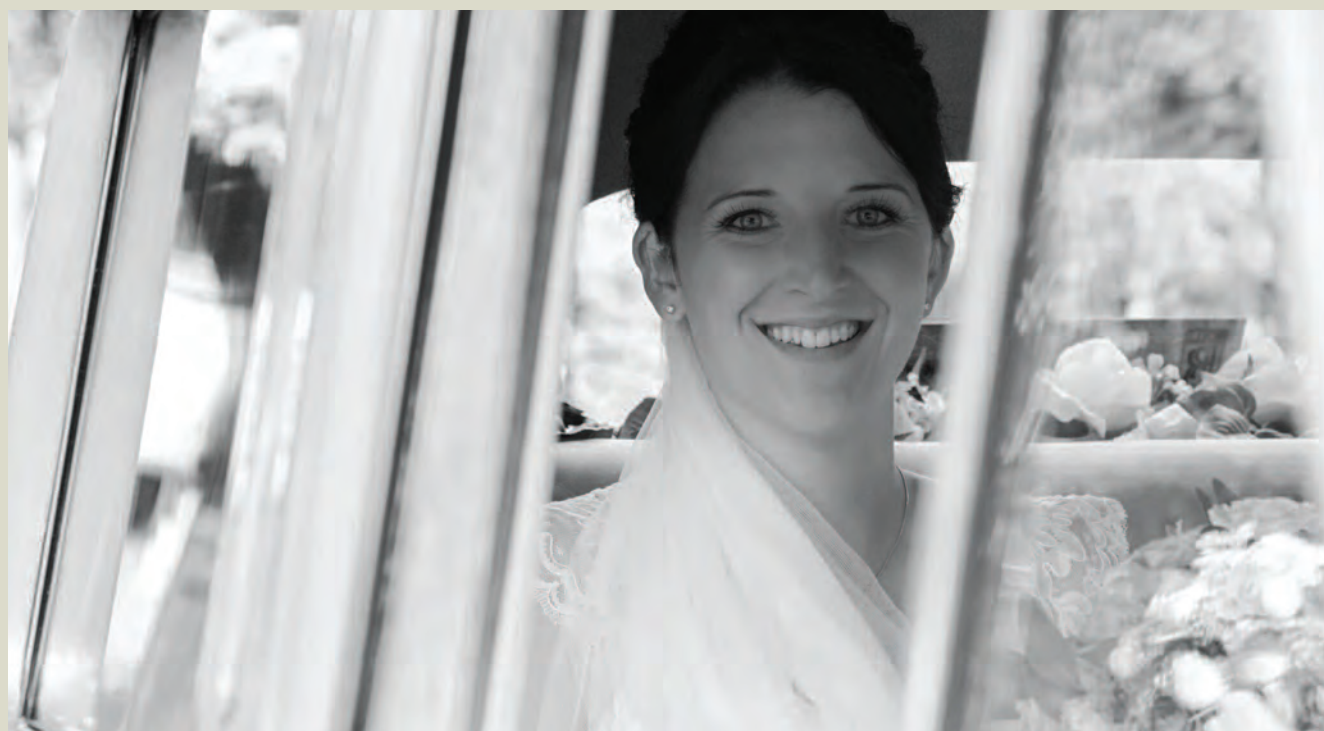
If either or both of you are subject to immigration control, i.e. non-British or not a national from within the EEA, you will need to follow special guidance. You will not be able to give your notice of intention to marry without the correct visa or relevant documentation from the Home Office.

Guidance and further information can be obtained regarding immigration rules from the Home Office Website. The ceremonies co-ordination team will also be able to assist, please contact them on 01665 602870.

There is a statutory fee for giving a notice of intention to marry or enter into a civil partnership; please see our website www.mynorthumberlandwedding.co.uk for latest fees and charges.

“ Thank you very much for the lovely service. We were both a little nervous, but enjoyed the day so much. ”

Kirsty and Nat





Documents you need to provide

When you give your notice of intention to marry or enter into a civil partnership, the registrar will ask questions about you and your partner. They will ask you to give your full names, occupations, ages, addresses, nationalities and whether you have been married or been in a civil partnership before.

The registrar will also ask you to provide written evidence of your full name, age and proof of current address. Acceptable documents are listed below:-

Proof of identity

- **Photo ID (passport, driving licence or other relevant document)**
- **Birth certificate showing parents' details**
- **Any deed poll or name change document**



Proof of current address

(must be dated within the last three months)

- **a council tax bill**
- **a household bill**
- **a bank statement**
- **a letter signed by someone able to confirm your residence**



If you've been in a marriage or civil partnership before

If you have been in a previous marriage or civil partnership, you will need to bring documentary evidence to show that the marriage or civil partnership has ended and that you are now free to marry or enter into a civil partnership.

- **a decree absolute (following divorce)**
- **a dissolution certificate (from a previous civil partnership)**
- **a death certificate (if your husband/wife or former civil partner has died)**

Please note: original documents are needed, photocopies are not acceptable.

All divorce and dissolution documents must have the original stamp of the issuing court. Some overseas documents may have to be referred to the General Register Office for clearance (with a certified translation, if appropriate). This may take some time, the ceremony co-ordination team will be able to advise.

If you are under 18 years of age, you will need to bring proof of your parents' or guardians' consent and they will need to fill in a form, which will be supplied by the registrar.



What happens next?

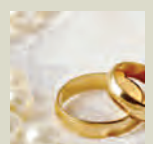


After you have both given your notices of intention to marry, the ceremony co-ordination team will send you a ceremony pack along with a ceremony arrangement sheet.

The ceremony pack will give you lots of ideas about how you can personalise your ceremony with readings, music and personal promises. The involvement of family and friends will also give a personal touch and a warmth to the ceremony. You may have children and want to involve them in the ceremony, or you may want to have a candle ceremony or group singing.

These are purely suggestions and the list is not exhaustive. The only stipulation is that there must be no religious content.

Our ceremony co-ordination team will contact you about six weeks before the big day to discuss your choices; they have lots of good ideas and are more than happy to help create a very personal ceremony for you both.





On the *Day!*

On the day the registrars will arrive at the venue about 30 minutes prior to the start of the ceremony. This allows them time to introduce themselves. They will see both of you, privately and separately, to check that the details to be entered into the marriage register are correct.

The registrars will speak to everyone involved in the ceremony, e.g. guests who have been asked to do readings, musicians, photographer and the person who has 'charge of' the rings. This is the ideal opportunity for you to ask any last minute questions.

The ceremony will begin with a warm welcome from the registrar and you will be asked, in turn, to repeat your legal vows. The ceremony will follow the format you have personally chosen and discussed with the ceremony co-ordination team.

At the end of the ceremony you will be asked to sign the register, after which you will be presented with your marriage certificate.





Religious Marriage



If you want a religious ceremony in a church (other than the Church of England), you need to speak to the minister or priest at the church and book a date.

At least one of you must be resident in the district where the church or building is situated. However, if the church or building is outside your district of residency, you may still be able to marry there, if it is the usual place of worship for one or both of you.



Formal notice of marriage needs to be given in the same way as applies to civil marriage and civil partnership.

If you require the presence of a registrar at the church it is important that you contact the ceremony co-ordination team as soon as possible to arrange this. Your minister or priest will advise.

Remember, not all churches are licensed for civil partnership and same sex marriage.

Church of England

If you wish to marry in the Church of England you must contact the vicar of the church where you wish to marry. The vicar will explain the legal process and give advice.

Renewal of Vows

A renewal of vows is an opportunity for couples to renew their marriage or civil partnership vows in a unique and personal ceremony. Although many couples choose to renew their vows at milestone anniversaries, the ceremony is just as appropriate at any stage of a relationship.

It is also ideal for couples who have married abroad and now wish to celebrate their wedding or civil partnership with family and friends who were unable to attend the original ceremony. We can even make it appear as though it is an actual wedding ceremony if the couple wish.

The ceremony has no legal status but nevertheless is still of great significance. It also acts as a public statement by the couple of their continuing love and commitment to one another.



Naming Ceremony



A naming ceremony is a special, non-religious way of celebrating a birth of a child or welcoming adoptive and/or stepchildren into a family. It is an opportunity for parents and supporting adults to declare, before family and friends, their commitment to the upbringing of the child.

A commemorative certificate of the ceremony will be signed and presented during the event.

Further details for either of these ceremonies can be obtained from our Ceremony Co-ordination Team - see page 63.

Changes to Your *Passport*



There are so many things to organise when you are getting married that you may forget to notify the passport authorities if you are changing your name. Some countries might not accept a passport that has not been amended even if you are taking your marriage certificate with you. Check with your travel agent or the country's consulate if you are in doubt.

You can change your passport details at any time up to three months before the wedding, although you will not be able to use your passport until after you are married.

To do this you will need to apply to the Passport Office for a new standard UK passport. Alternatively, the Passport office will amend your existing passport to show your future married name.

Application forms are available at post offices and you will also need to complete a PD2 form, again available at post offices or online. Once you have given your notice of marriage, the PD2 form can be sent to the Register Office, 27 Fenkle Street, Alnwick, Northumberland, NE66 1HW, where it will be signed and returned to you.

You should then send the signed PD2 form to the Passport Office, together with the application for the passport or amendment to your passport.

If you are going abroad on your honeymoon, remember to book any travel tickets in the name you will have in your passport at the time of travelling.

For further information, contact www.passport.gov.uk



Your Questions

Q Can I have a rehearsal?

A The ceremony co-ordination team will contact you about six weeks before the ceremony. They will take you through each part and answer any questions you may have. There are opportunities to meet the registrars at open evenings and wedding fairs across Northumberland.

Q Should I purchase wedding insurance?

A Yes, we strongly recommend that everyone should purchase wedding insurance, things do go wrong sometimes. It is always wise to be covered!

Q How far in advance can I make a wedding booking?

A If you are booking your wedding at a licensed venue, we can take a booking as far in advance as you wish. If you wish to marry in one of the four register offices we can only take a booking up to twelve months in advance.



Q Who can we have as witness?

A A minimum of two witnesses are required to sign the register. It can be family or friends and they must be able to understand the nature of the marriage ceremony. If you are in any doubt, please consult our ceremony co-ordination team. If an interpreter is used during the ceremony, they must also sign the register as a witness.

Q We have children, how can we involve them in the ceremony?

A There are so many roles that children can play to ensure that they feel part of your special day. They could, for example, be bridesmaids, flower girls, pageboys or a ring bearer. During the ceremony, a child could read a poem or something they have written themselves. Some couples like to give a child a gift following the exchange of rings.

Q Will I see the Registrar before the ceremony?

A On the day the registrars will arrive at the venue about 30 minutes prior to the start of the ceremony. This allows the registrars time to introduce themselves (they will see you separately) and check that the details to be entered into the register are correct. At this time the registrars will also speak to guests who are doing readings. This is the ideal opportunity for couples to ask any last minute questions.

Q Can we welcome our guests with a drink prior to the ceremony?

A If you speak with your venue, they will be able to advise. However, food and drink is not permitted in the ceremony room one hour prior to and during the ceremony.

Q Can I get married on a beach?

A The law in England and Wales does not allow you to be married outside. However, a number of licensed venues in Northumberland do have outside structures that are licensed, allowing a ceremony to take place outdoors, weather permitting!

Q What happens if I am late?

A The registrar may have other weddings on that day and might have to leave to conduct another wedding.

Q Will I meet other brides on the day of my wedding getting married at the same venue?

A If you are getting married at a venue, check with the venue or church. Lots of venues offer exclusive use, so you will not meet another bride on the day. If you are getting married in a register office (see page 24 for locations) you will meet another bride because weddings take place every 45 minutes. It is therefore important that you tell your guests to arrive on time.



Q I am getting married at Morpeth Town Hall, is parking available?

A Parking is not available at the Town Hall and is known to be difficult in Morpeth, so make sure you tell your guests to give plenty of time to find a parking space.



“We cannot begin to thank you enough for marrying us and making our wedding such a wonderful day. Everyone said the ceremony was beautiful, the best they had been to. Once again, thank you for everything - from start to finish.”

Jacque and Malcolm K

Approved

Venues and Register Offices in the County of Northumberland

Register Offices

A	Alnwick	B	Berwick
C	Hexham	D	Morpeth

Alnwick

1	Alnwick Castle	01665 511086
2	The Alnwick Garden	01665 511081
3	Brinkburn Priory Stables	01665 570870
4	Clennell Hall Hotel	01669 650377
5	Coquetvale Hotel	01669 622900
6	Doxford Hall Hotel and Spa	01665 589700
7	Guyzance Hall	01665 589700
8	Hulne Abbey Tower	01665 511086
9	Lemington Hall	01665 568118
10	Newton Hall	01665 576239
11	The Plough	01665 602395
12	Sun Hotel	01665 711259
13	White Swan Hotel	01665 602109

Berwick

14	Bamburgh Castle	01668 214208
15	Beach Court	01665 720225
16	Berwick Town Hall	01289 330900
17	The Blue Bell Hotel	01668 213543
18	Chillingham Castle	01668 215359
19	Conundrum Farm	01289 309883
20	Cuddystone Hall	01668 216148
21	Ellingham Hall	01665 568118
22	Lindisfarne Castle	01289 389244
23	Longridge Towers School	01289 307584
24	Marshall Meadows Country House Hotel	01289 331133
25	Middleton Hall	01668 219677
26	Riverside Leisure Park Complex	01668 281447
27	The Tankerville Arms Hotel	01668 281581
28	Tilmonth Park Country House Hotel	01890 882255
29	New Venue - details to be confirmed	

Hexham

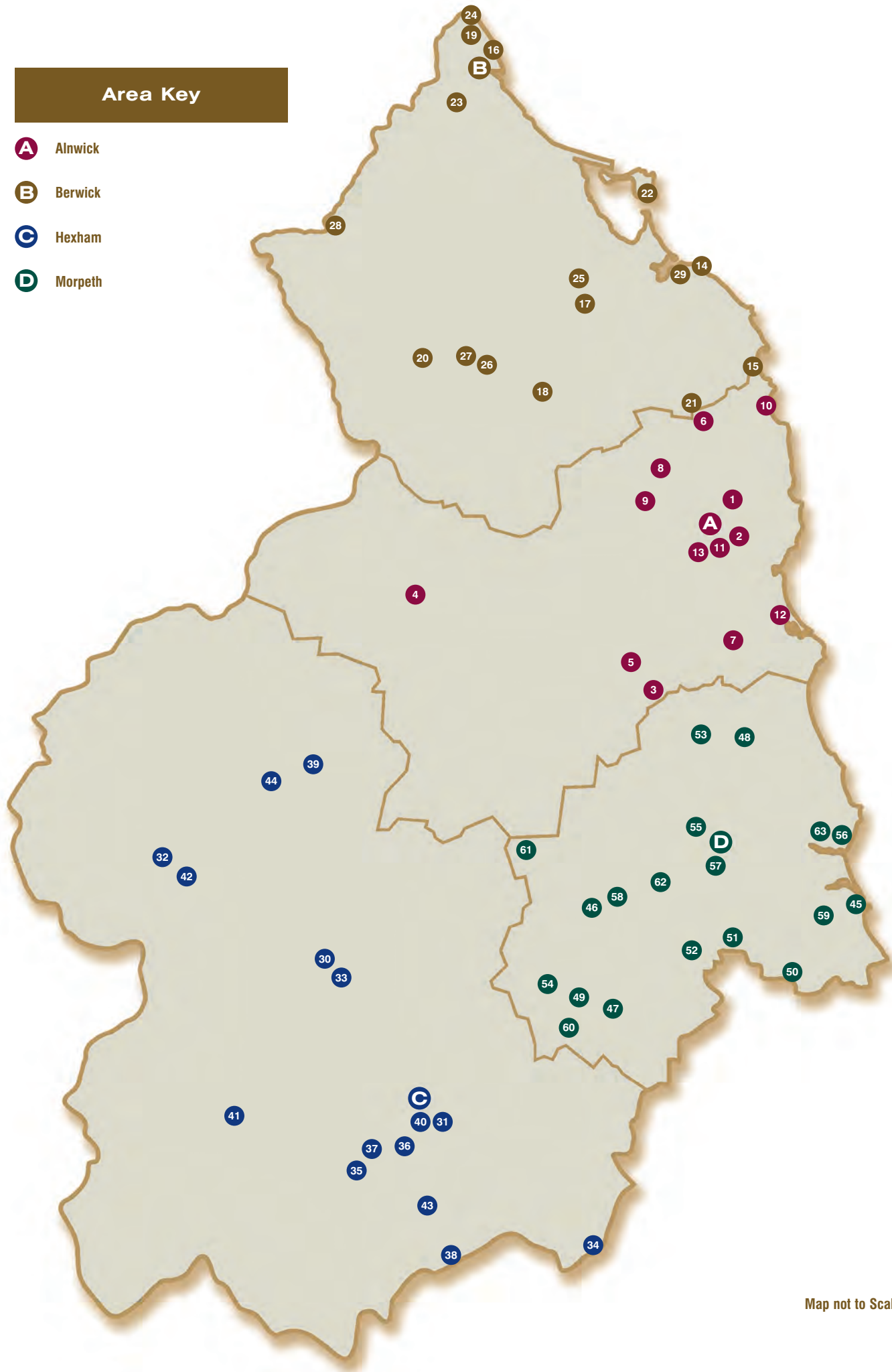
30	Battlesteads Hotel	01434 230209
31	Beaumont Hotel	01434 602331
32	The Boe Rigg	01434 240970
33	Chipchase Castle	07703 540352
34	Derwent Manor Hotel	01207 592000
35	The Garden Station	01434 684391
36	Hexham Racecourse	01434 606881
37	Langley Castle Hotel	01434 688888
38	The Lord Crewe Arms Hotel	01434 675469
39	Otterburn Castle Country House Hotel	01830 520620
40	Queen Elizabeth High School	01434 610341
41	Ridley Hall	01434 344282
42	The Riverdale Hall Hotel	01434 220254
43	Staley Hall	01434 676503
44	Woodhill Hall	01830 520657

Morpeth

45	Blyth Masonic Buildings	01670 352096
46	Capheaton Hall	01830 530159
47	Dissington Hall	01661 886063
48	Eshott Hall	01670 787454
49	High House Farm Brewery	01661 886192
50	Holiday Inn Newcastle - Gosforth Park	01912 019988
51	Horton Grange Country House Hotel	01661 860686
52	Kirkley Hall	01670 841235
53	MacDonald Linden Hall Golf & Country Club	01670 500017
54	Matten Hall	01661 886500
55	Morpeth Rugby Club	01670 512508
56	Newbiggin Sports & Community Centre	01670 623543
57	Riverside Lodge	01670 512771
58	Shortflatt Tower	01661 881804
59	Three Horse Shoes	01670 822410
60	Vallum Farm	01434 672652
61	Wallington	01670 773600
62	Whalton Manor	0333 1212411
63	Woodhorn	01670 528080

Area Key

- A** Alnwick
- B** Berwick
- C** Hexham
- D** Morpeth



Map not to Scale

Register Offices

Alnwick



Alnwick Register Office
27 Fenkle Street, Alnwick,
Northumberland NE66 1HW

Telephone: 01665 602870
Fax: 01665 605707
Email: alswickreg@northumberland.gov.uk

Disabled Access: Yes
Parking: Public Parking Nearby

Berwick



Berwick Register Office
Council Offices, Wallace Green,
Berwick upon Tweed TD15 1ED

**All enquiries should be made to the
Wedding Ceremonies Co-ordination Team at
the Alnwick Register Office**

Disabled Access: Yes
Parking: Public Parking Nearby

Hexham



Hexham Register Office
Hadrian House, Hexham,
Northumberland NE46 3NH

**Weddings take place at Hadrian House and
The Queen's Hall**

**All enquiries should be made to the
Wedding Ceremonies Co-ordination Team at
the Alnwick Register Office**

Disabled Access: Yes
Parking: Public Parking Nearby

Morpeth



Morpeth Register Office
Town Hall, Market Place, Morpeth,
Northumberland NE61 1LZ

**All enquiries should be made to the
Wedding Ceremonies Co-ordination Team at
the Alnwick Register Office**

Disabled Access: Yes
Parking: Public Parking Nearby

Venues

Your Comprehensive Guide to Licensed Civil Wedding Venues in Northumberland



Alnwick Castle



Alnwick Castle is a magnificent venue for civil wedding ceremonies and receptions; it has been home to the Percy family for over 700 years, with a long history of entertaining and hospitality. Alnwick Castle doubled as Hogwarts in the Harry Potter films, so capture your day with stunning photographs taken against the truly cinematic backdrop of the castle. With a choice of the spectacular Guest Hall or the idyllic Hulne Abbey, your wedding can be all you ever dreamed of.

Address: Alnwick Castle, Alnwick, Northumberland NE66 1NQ
Tel: 01665 511086
Email: events@alnwickcastle.com
Web: www.alnwickcastle.com

Maximum number of guests:	250
Accommodation/Bedrooms:	NO
Parking	NO

The Alnwick Garden



The Alnwick Garden is a unique setting, with ceremonies overlooking one of the world's most exciting gardens and photographs in a magical landscape. Have drinks with a view of the Grand Cascade and a dinner in the contemporary Pavilion Room with family and friends. Dance under the stars and above thousands of twinkling lights on The Pavilion's terrace.

Address: The Alnwick Garden, Denwick Lane, Alnwick, Northumberland, NE66 1YU
Tel: 01665 511081
Email: weddings@alnwickgarden.com
Web: www.alnwickgarden.com

Maximum number of guests:	700
Accommodation/Bedrooms:	NO
Parking	YES

Bamburgh Castle



This spectacular castle sits majestically on a rocky outcrop overlooking Lindisfarne and the Farne Islands. The Kings Hall provides a venue fit for royalty, whilst the Keep Hall with vaulted ceilings and stone flagged floors offers a more traditional castle feeling. An experienced team help you prepare for and enjoy the most important day of your lives.

Address: Bamburgh Castle, Bamburgh, Northumberland, NE69 7DF
Tel: 01668 214208
Email: administrator@bamburghcastle.com
Web: www.bamburghcastle.com

Maximum number of guests:	150
Accommodation/Bedrooms:	NO
Parking	YES

Battlesteads Hotel



The ideal country venue for weddings of up to 100 guests.

Civil ceremonies are held in the spacious conservatory which leads on to a patio and walled garden.

All food is freshly prepared by our own chefs – ask about our range of dinner, carvery and buffet menus.

Address: Battlesteads Hotel
Wark, Hexham
Northumberland
NE48 3LS
Tel: 01434 230209
Email: info@battlesteads.com
Web: www.battlesteads.com

Maximum number of guests:	100
Accommodation/Bedrooms:	17
Parking	YES

Beach Court Beadnell



Imagine... yourselves as close as possible to the sight and sound of the sea, for your day and stay.

Imagine... a bespoke occasion combining our experience of hospitality over two decades with the timeless tranquillity which will surround you, both inside and out, against an uplifting background of light, sea and sand.

Address: Beach Court
Harbour Road, Beadnell
Northumberland
NE67 5BJ
Tel: 01665 720225 **Mobile:** 07703 555125
Fax: 01665 721499
Email: info@beachcourt.com
Web: www.beachcourt.com

Maximum number of guests:	15
Accommodation/Bedrooms:	YES
Parking	YES

Beaumont Hotel



Wonderful location in the centre of the market town of Hexham. A choice of 4 rooms for civil ceremonies, two with lovely views of the Abbey and its grounds. Whether you are expecting 4 guests or 100, just lunch or a complete Package, we will make your day.

Address: Beaumont Hotel
Beaumont Street
Hexham
Northumberland
NE46 3LT
Tel: 01434 602331
Fax: 01434 606184
Email: reservations@beaumonthotel.eclipse.co.uk
Web: www.bw-beaumonthotel.co.uk

Maximum number of guests:	80
Accommodation/Bedrooms:	34
Parking	YES

Berwick Town Hall



The Town Hall is a truly spectacular location for your wedding ceremony and reception. The building dates from the 1750's and is centrally situated in the historic town of Berwick upon Tweed with the accommodation available ranging from the grandeur of the Guildhall to the more intimate Ante Room.

Address: Berwick Town Hall
Marygate
Berwick upon Tweed
TD15 1BN
Tel: 01289 330900

Maximum number of guests:	150
Accommodation/Bedrooms:	NO
Parking	NO

The Blue Bell



This 17th Century Coaching Inn with 28 en-suite rooms and disabled access features an elegant Georgian ballroom and large garden big enough to hold marquee. Suitable for small and large parties. Various buffet and meal choices available. Discounts available for wedding guests.

Address: The Blue Bell
Market Place
Belford
Northumberland
NE70 7NE
Tel: 01668 213543
Email: enquiries@bluebellhotel.com
Web: www.bluebellhotel.com

Maximum number of guests:	100
Accommodation/Bedrooms:	28
Parking	YES

Blyth Masonic Buildings



An unusual, distinctive yet affordable wedding venue close to Blyth town centre. Elegant wood panel surroundings offering a choice of rooms for your ceremony, a spacious dining room, comfortable lounge bar and function room to complete your celebrations. Menu options to suit your requirements and budget.

Address: Blyth Masonic Buildings
37 Beaconsfield Street
Blyth
Northumberland
NE24 2DR
Tel: 01670 352096
Email: blythmasonic@live.co.uk

Maximum number of guests:	80
Accommodation/Bedrooms:	NO
Parking	NO

Boe Rigg



Set within the epic landscape of Northumberland National Park, Boe Rigg is a unique place to stay. We are a stylish, retro café, campsite and bunkhouse community offering something a little different. We are a licensed, accessible, and purpose built complex, available to hire for weddings, functions & private parties.

Address: Boe Rigg
Charlton
Bellingham
Northumberland
NE48 1PE
Tel: 01434 240970
Email: hello@boerigg.co.uk
Web: www.boerigg.co.uk

Maximum number of guests:	70
Accommodation/Bedrooms:	YES
Parking	YES

Brinkburn Priory Stables



Located in the heart of the Coquet Valley Brinkburn Priory stands proudly alongside the river, surrounded by trees. The Stables provides a tranquil place, a modern space and simple luxury. The White Room in The Stables creates elegant calm for your ceremony and dining for 50, for more guests we use marquees outside on the lawn. Go on make yourself at home.

Address: The Stables, Brinkburn Priory,
Brinkburn, Morpeth
Northumberland
NE65 8AR
Tel: 01665 570870
Email: emma@hotmail.co.uk
Web: www.facebook.com/brinkburnpriory

Maximum number of guests:	70
Accommodation/Bedrooms:	10
Parking	YES

Capheaton Hall



Capheaton Hall is a privately owned 17C country house wedding venue set in the heart of rural Northumberland. The house faces south overlooking stunning landscaped parkland with a wonderful walled garden offering countless photographic opportunities. This extremely friendly and relaxed family home provides a picturesque backdrop for your special day.

Address: Capheaton Hall
Newcastle on Tyne
NE19 2AB
Tel: 01830 530159
Mobile: 07900 013269
Email: elizab-s@hotmail.co.uk
Web: www.capheatonhall.co.uk

Maximum number of guests:	60
Accommodation/Bedrooms:	8
Parking	YES

Chillingham Castle



Located in the heart of rural Northumberland, with exclusive use of the Castle and grounds for the day, Chillingham Castle offers an extraordinary venue for a wedding. The Elizabethan Great Hall or the more intimate Minstrel's Gallery will transport you back in time with their stone flagged floors and tapestries.

Address: Chillingham Castle
Chillingham, Alnwick
Northumberland
NE66 5NJ
Tel: 01668 215359
Fax: 01668 215463
Email: enquiries@chillingham-castle.com
Web: www.chillingham-castle.com

Maximum number of guests:	150
Accommodation/Bedrooms:	Self Catering
Parking	YES

Chipchase Castle



Chipchase Castle is a spectacular venue facing south across one of the most beautiful stretches of the North Tyne Valley.

Surrounded by 17th Century parkland, Chipchase is licensed for civil weddings and offers the bridal couple a discreet venue for their exclusive use.

*We can accommodate up to 60 in the Castle or up to 250 in the grounds.

Address: Chipchase Castle
Wark-on-Tyne, Hexham
Northumberland
NE48 3NT
Tel: 0770 354 0352
Email: info@chipchasecastle.com
Web: www.chipchasecastle.com

Maximum number of guests:	*250
Accommodation/Bedrooms:	NO
Parking	YES

Clennell Hall



Clennell Hall Hotel on the outskirts of the Northumberland National Park in the Coquet Valley, offering luxurious en-suite accommodation and ample private parking. Our wedding co-ordinator can assist with planning and/or arranging your Civil ceremony, large wedding breakfast or small intimate event within the traditional setting of a Country House Hotel *Maximum number of guests inside: 60; maximum number of guests in marquee: 60+.

Address: Clennell Hall
Alwinton, Rothbury
Northumberland
NE65 7BG
Tel: 01669 650377
Web: www.ClennellHallHotel.com

Maximum number of guests:	60*
Accommodation/Bedrooms:	YES
Parking	YES

Conundrum Farm



Conundrum is right on the border between England and Scotland. We offer exclusive use of our converted barn restaurant so you can have your day your way. The perfect place for civil marriage ceremonies large or small. Marquee receptions outdoors or in our barn. Other functions catered for. Celebrate on the Border!

Address: Conundrum Farm
Loughend Farmhouse
Berwick upon Tweed
Northumberland
TD15 1UT
Tel: 01289 309883
Email: info@conundrumfarm.com
Web: www.conundrumfarm.com

Maximum number of guests:	150
Accommodation/Bedrooms:	NO
Parking	YES

Coquetvale Hotel



Welcoming guests since the 17th century this hotel is the perfect venue to start your married life. Our wood panelled Sapelli room creates an intimate environment for your civil ceremony whilst our stylish award-winning restaurant offers excellent cuisine.

We welcome daytime only ceremonies as well as full weddings.

Address: Coquetvale Hotel
Station Road, Rothbury
Northumberland
NE65 7QH
Tel: 01669 622900
Fax: 01669 620379
Email: lee@coquetvale.co.uk
Web: www.coquetvale.co.uk

Maximum number of guests:	80
Accommodation/Bedrooms:	14
Parking	YES

Cuddystone Hall



A charming and unusual wedding venue, Cuddystone Hall stands alone in a private valley at the foot of Cheviot. Imagine 12,000 acres of stunning scenery to yourself. Exclusive use means you can create your perfect and unique day - on the budget you want. Accommodation nearby. Venue hire from £300. Room for a marquee. Enquiries to Catherine Crees, Manager.

Address: Cuddystone Hall
College Valley
Kirknewton, Wooler
Northumberland NE71 6TR
Tel: 01668 216148
Email: Events@college-valley.co.uk
Web: www.college-valley.co.uk

Maximum number of guests:	150
Accommodation/Bedrooms:	NO
Parking	YES

Best Western Derwent Manor Hotel



Set in 20 acres of grounds, Derwent Manor has 5 licensed function suites able to accommodate weddings, with a dedicated wedding co-ordinator on site.

The en-suite bedrooms include 5 executive suites. The hotel has a leisure club and disabled access is available to most areas.

Address: Best Western Derwent Manor Hotel
Allensford
Northumberland
DH8 9BB
Tel: 01207 592000
Email: sales@bw-derwentmanor.co.uk
Web: www.bw-derwentmanorhotel.co.uk

Maximum number of guests:	300
Accommodation/Bedrooms:	48
Parking	YES

Dissington Hall



Dissington Hall is a private Georgian mansion set in beautiful grounds. The Hall offers exclusive use with friendly service from highly experienced staff. We offer fine cuisine, private bar, dancing and a heated marquee.

Dissington Hall is licensed to hold Civil Ceremonies. Self-catering accommodation is available at the North Lodge.

Address: Dissington Hall, Dalton
Ponteland, Newcastle upon Tyne
NE18 0AD
Tel: 01661 886063
Email: customer.care@dissingtonhall.co.uk
Web: www.dissingtonhall.co.uk

Maximum number of guests:	150
Accommodation/Bedrooms:	Self Catering
Parking	YES

Doxford Hall Hotel & Spa



A country house hotel set in beautiful Northumbrian countryside. Rediscover the grandeur of days gone by in the comfort of our state-of-the-art hotel. Constructed by local craftsmen, the lovingly created suites, stunning gardens and indulgent accommodation make a perfect venue for your perfect day.

Address: Doxford Hall Hotel & Spa
Chathill
Alnwick, Northumberland
NE67 5DN
Tel: 01665 589700
Email: info@doxfordhall.com
Web: www.doxfordhall.com

Maximum number of guests:	200
Accommodation/Bedrooms:	34
Parking	YES

Ellingham Hall



Exclusive use country house set in its own grounds. Ellingham Hall can be entirely yours for your wedding day at any time of the year. Services take place in the beautiful wood-panelled Ceremony Room and Wedding Breakfasts and Evening Receptions are held in the former house Chapel. Further accommodation is available within the Hall's grounds.

Address: Ellingham Hall
Ellingham
Chathill
Northumberland
NE67 5EY
Tel: 01665 568118
Email: info@ellingham-hall.co.uk
Web: www.ellingham-hall.co.uk

Maximum number of guests:	150
Accommodation/Bedrooms:	18
Parking	YES

Eshott Hall



This beautiful Georgian country house is yours for the day giving you full access to the stylish and elegant rooms. Civil ceremonies and receptions can be held in the Drawing Room, Library, Hallway and The Reading Room, giving you options for intimate or large numbers. Bedrooms are individually designed with luxurious furnishings.

Address: Eshott Hall
Eshott, Morpeth
Northumberland
NE65 9EN
Tel: 01670 787454
Email: info@eshotthall.co.uk
Web: www.eshotthall.co.uk

Maximum number of guests:	100
Accommodation/Bedrooms:	11
Parking	YES

The Garden Station



A unique and atmospheric place for your wedding or civil partnership ceremony, The Garden Station is a wooden Victorian station in Langley Woods between Haydon Bridge and Allendale. We offer an informal, memorable and wonderful setting for your great day, including your party afterwards. The Garden Station: small and beautiful!

Address: The Garden Station
(contact: Mike Winstanley)
Langley on Tyne
Hexham, Northumberland
NE47 5LA
Tel: 01434 684391
Email: welcome@thegardenstation.co.uk
Web: www.thegardenstation.co.uk

Maximum number of guests:	60
Accommodation/Bedrooms:	NO
Parking	YES

Guyzance Hall



Beautiful 19th Century private home, exclusively hired for wedding weekends. Ceremonies can take place in the Edwardian Ballroom or one of our beautiful outdoor areas, for a maximum of 100 guests. Guyzance Hall has 15 bedrooms, with further accommodation available in surrounding cottages. The 800 acre grounds make the perfect backdrop for your wedding.

Address: Guyzance Hall
Guyzance, Acklington
Morpeth, Northumberland
NE65 9AG
Tel: 01665 589700
Email: info@guyzancehall.co.uk
Web: www.guyzancehall.co.uk

Maximum number of guests:	100
Accommodation/Bedrooms:	15
Parking	YES

Hexham Racecourse



Nestling in the breathtakingly beautiful Northumbrian fells above the historic town, Hexham Racecourse is licensed to hold Civil Wedding ceremonies. The spectacular setting for your reception includes the panoramic Henderson Suite and Curlew Rooms. Flexible formal and informal arrangements range from wedding breakfasts to evening entertainment.

Address: Hexham Racecourse
High Yarridge
Hexham, Northumberland
NE46 2JP
Tel: 01434 606881
Email: Hexracemktg@aol.com
Web: www.hexham-racecourse.co.uk

Maximum number of guests:	120
Accommodation/Bedrooms:	NO
Parking	YES

High House Farm Brewery



Atmospheric and unique Grade II listed farm buildings, converted into an award winning tourist attraction. Based on a 200 acre farm, the building also houses a successful microbrewery with lounge area, tearoom and restaurant, with full bar, malt loft and picturesque outside haybarn and paddocks for marquees. Available for weddings up to 200 people.

Address: High House Farm Brewery
Matten
Northumberland
NE20 0RG
Tel: 01661 886192
Email: heather@highhousefarmbrewery.co.uk
Web: www.highhousefarmbrewery.co.uk

Maximum number of guests:	200
Accommodation/Bedrooms:	NO
Parking	YES

Holiday Inn Newcastle - Gosforth Park



A modern Hotel set in 16 acres of land, conveniently located at the A1/A19 junction. The ambience and style of the Holiday Inn makes it the perfect location for wedding receptions for either intimate gatherings or extensive celebrations. The Wedding Co-ordinator and the Hotel's experienced team will help to ensure you have a memorable day.

Address: Holiday Inn
Great North Road
Seaton Burn
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE13 6BP
Tel: 0191 2019988
Email: conferences@hinewcastlegosforthpark.co.uk
Web: www.hinewcastlegosforthpark.co.uk

Maximum number of guests:	300
Accommodation/Bedrooms:	154
Parking	YES

Horton Grange Country Hotel



We offer a bespoke & personal wedding service. The Grade II listed house is set in stunning secluded grounds and can be yours exclusively, ensuring a special day you will always savour. Whether it is hosting your ceremony or arranging your reception, our dedicated team are on hand to take care of every need.

Address: Horton Grange
Ponteland
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE13 6BU
Tel: 01661 860686
Fax: 01661 860308
Email: enquiries@horton-grange.co.uk
Web: www.hortongrange.co.uk

Maximum number of guests:	96
Accommodation/Bedrooms:	9
Parking	YES

Hulne Abbey Tower



This enchanting part-ruined monastery is perfect for couples looking for an idyllic country location for their ceremony. Hulne Abbey provides an atmospheric setting for your vows and the grounds are a tranquil hideaway for breathtaking photographs. Available March-September, the abbey is ideal for a summer wedding ceremony followed by a reception in Alnwick Castle's Guest Hall.

Address: Alnwick Castle
Alnwick
Northumberland
NE66 1NQ
Tel: 01665 511086
Email: events@alnwickcastle.com
Web: www.alnwickcastle.com

Maximum number of guests:	500
Accommodation/Bedrooms:	NO
Parking	YES

Kirkley Hall



Kirkley Hall is one of the North East's most romantic wedding venues, situated near Ponteland. Set in beautiful grounds, the 17th Century Grade II listed Hall offers a tranquil location for your wedding day. The four main traditional function rooms overlook the stunning italianate patio and gardens which are perfect for your reception drinks and photographs. With exclusive venue hire, superb menus and welcoming atmosphere we promise you a perfect day to remember. Marquee pitch hire available for larger weddings.

Address: Kirkley Hall, Ponteland,
Northumberland NE20 0AQ
Tel: 01670 841235
Email: enquiries@kirkleyhall.co.uk
Web: www.kirkleyhall.co.uk

Maximum number of guests:	145
Accommodation/Bedrooms:	NO
Parking	YES

Langley Castle Hotel



Genuine 14th Century Castle set in a 12-acre woodland estate and gardens restored to a magnificent and luxurious 4 star Hotel and prime Wedding venue.

Langley is the perfect setting for Civil Weddings and Partnerships, hosting 2~120 guests, and prides itself in offering a truly complete Wedding experience

Address: Langley Castle Hotel
Langley on Tyne
Hexham, Northumberland
NE47 5LU
Tel: 01434 688888
Fax: 01434 684019
Email: manager@langleycastle.com
Web: www.langleycastle.com

Maximum number of guests:	120
Accommodation/Bedrooms:	YES
Parking	YES

Lemington Hall



Large Georgian mansion house in its own grounds. Civil ceremonies and dinner can be held in a choice of rooms, including the beautiful Great Hall – up to 100 guests. The pavilion garden lends itself to marquee receptions – up to 200 guests.

The house will be exclusively yours for the day. Accommodation can be found nearby.

Address: Lemington Hall
Alnwick
Northumberland
NE66 2BH
Tel: 01665 568118
Email: info@lemington-hall.com
Web: www.lemington-hall.com

Maximum number of guests:	100
Accommodation/Bedrooms:	NO
Parking	YES

Macdonald Linden Hall Golf & Country Club



Linden Hall is a magnificent grade II listed Georgian country house set in the heart of a beautiful 450 acre private estate. The Hall has been restored to capture its original elegance and the gardens are perfect for reception drinks and photographs. Free parking.

Address: Macdonald Linden Hall
Golf & Country Club
Longhorsley
Northumberland
NE65 8XF

Tel: 01670 500017

Email: weddings.lindenhall@macdonald-hotels.co.uk

Web: www.macdonaldhotels.co.uk/lindenhall

Maximum number of guests:	260
Accommodation/Bedrooms:	50
Parking	YES

Lindisfarne Castle



Lindisfarne is an atmospheric and romantic fairytale castle dramatically perched high on a rocky island crag. Situated on a unique tidal island, this Elizabethan fort, converted into an exclusive Edwardian home by Sir Edwin Lutyens, is an alluring place to hold your ceremony. Please contact us for availability and timing. Very limited parking available.

Address: Lindisfarne Castle
Holy Island
Berwick upon Tweed
TD15 2SH

Tel: 01289 389244

Web: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/lindisfarne

Maximum number of guests:	30
Accommodation/Bedrooms:	NO
Parking	YES

“ Many thanks for doing such a great job at our wedding. Everyone has said what a wonderful ceremony it was and, happily, the day and evening continued to be of a high standard and was enjoyed by all. Thanks again for all your help and assistance, up to and during such a special day. ”

Stuart and Rosalie

Longridge Towers School



Longridge Towers is an enchanting venue for your special day; a large Victorian mansion set in 80 acres of beautiful grounds exclusively yours for the day. The perfect place for your wedding day from small intimate gatherings to grand affairs we can accommodate you.

Why not make your day as individual as you are and something to remember and cherish always.

Address: Longridge Towers School
Berwick upon Tweed
TD15 2XQ

Tel: 01289 307584

Email: thevenue@lts.org.uk

Web: www.lts.org.uk

Maximum number of guests:	120
Accommodation/Bedrooms:	26
Parking	YES

Lord Crewe Arms



Lord Crewe Arms at Blanchland offers a lovely venue for weddings. Not only the oldest hotel in Northumberland, it is also situated in one of only six listed villages in the country!

It was once a medieval monastery, has a beautiful backdrop for photographs and large gardens to enjoy.

Address: Lord Crewe Arms
Blanchland, Nr Consett
Co Durham
DH8 9SP

Tel: 01434 675469

Email: enquiries@lordcrewearmsblanchland.co.uk

Web: www.lordcrewearmsblanchland.co.uk

Maximum number of guests:	60
Accommodation/Bedrooms:	21
Parking	YES



Marshall Meadows Country House Hotel



With the stunning backdrop of our beautiful gardens and our outstanding reputation for service and care, Marshall Meadows is the perfect wedding venue.

Other details include our exclusive use option. With 19 rooms (including a four poster bedded room) Marshall Meadows has a charm that will make your special day complete.

Address: Marshall Meadows
Country House Hotel
Berwick upon Tweed
TD15 1UT
Tel: 01289 331133
Email: info@marshallmeadowshotel.co.uk
Web: www.marshallmeadowshotel.co.uk

Maximum number of guests:	150
Accommodation/Bedrooms:	19
Parking	YES

Matten Hall



One of Northumberland's foremost wedding venues, a beautiful location with food and service second to none. The Great Hall with sweeping staircase and stained glass window provides an elegant dignified setting for indoor weddings, the magnificent Dutch gardens, wonderful for photographs is available for outdoor ceremonies.

Address: Matten Hall
Matten
Northumberland NE20 0RH
Tel: 01661 886500
Fax: 01661 886055
Email: info@mattenhall.com
Web: www.mattenhall.com

Maximum number of guests:	120
Accommodation/Bedrooms:	53
Parking	YES

Middleton Hall



Set within 30 acres of mature woodland, walled Victorian gardens and two private lakes, Middleton Hall offers the unique setting for your exclusive wedding. The main hall can accommodate a maximum of 90. Maximum evening number of 120 guests. Accommodation for 25 people is included in the hire price. Additional accommodation is available in our 5* cottage and boathouse.

Address: Middleton Hall
Middleton
Belford
NE70 7LF
Tel: 01668 219677
Email: ashley@exploremiddletonhall.co.uk
Web: www.exploremiddletonhall.co.uk

Maximum number of guests:	120
Accommodation/Bedrooms:	10
Parking	YES

Morpeth Rugby Club



Fabulous, unique and affordable, a wedding at Morpeth Rugby Club will be a day to remember and treasure forever. With three great rooms and a warm, family friendly atmosphere we are the perfect location in Morpeth for your ceremony and reception.

Combine our picturesque setting with superb dining, fine wines and professional service to create the perfect venue for your special day.

Address: The Clubhouse
Grange House Field, Mitford Road
Morpeth, Northumberland NE61 1RJ
Tel: 01670 512508
Email: functions@morpethrfc.co.uk
Web: www.morpethrfc.co.uk

Maximum number of guests:	200
Accommodation/Bedrooms:	NO
Parking	YES

Newbiggin Sports and Community Centre



At Newbiggin Sports and Community Centre we look forward to welcoming you and making your special day memorable. We have two bars, a wedding coordinator, and an excellent catering team. Close to the beach for beautiful photos, we are an affordable, professional option for your special day.

Address: Newbiggin Sports and
Community Centre
Woodhorn Road
Newbiggin by the sea
Northumberland
NE64 6HG
Tel: 01670 623543
Web: www.activenorthumberland.org.uk

Maximum number of guests:	60
Accommodation/Bedrooms:	NO
Parking	YES

Newton Hall



Bold, Romantic and Fantastical...

Exceptional and absolutely one-of-a-kind, the UK's newest, coolest, luxury venue specialising in unique and outdoor weddings. A Georgian boutique hotel in spectacular coastal Northumberland that is very quirky very groovy, now one of the UK's most talked-about destinations. Exclusive use of Hall and stunning private grounds.

Address: Newton Hall
Newton by the Sea, Alnwick
Northumberland
NE66 3DZ
Tel: 01665 576239
Email: info@newton-hall.com
Web: www.newton-hall.com

Maximum number of guests:	160
Accommodation/Bedrooms:	15
Parking	YES

Otterburn Castle Country House Hotel



The Historic Otterburn Tower nestles in 32 acres of terraced lawns, woodland and even has its own lake!

The perfect wedding venue with three beautiful rooms licensed for the wedding ceremony. Choose your menu and remember our chefs use local produce whenever possible.

Address: Otterburn Castle Country House Hotel
Otterburn
Northumberland
NE19 1NS
Tel: 01830 520620
Email: info@otterburncastle.com
Web: www.otterburncastle.com

Maximum number of guests:	150
Accommodation/Bedrooms:	17
Parking	YES

The Plough



In the centre of Alnwick, the Plough is ideally suited for an intimate wedding. The lovely restaurant or B-Lounge offers you a choice of rooms for your ceremony and reception. We are here to help you make your day just the way you want it to be.

Address: The Plough
24 Bondgate Without
Alnwick
Northumberland
NE66 1PN
Tel: 01665 602395
Email: info@theploughalnwick.co.uk
Web: www.theploughalnwick.co.uk

Maximum number of guests:	60
Accommodation/Bedrooms:	YES
Parking	YES

Queen Elizabeth High School



The Winter Gardens were constructed in 1907 as an extension of the Tynedale Hydropathic Hotel. Now part of Hexham Queen Elizabeth High School, the Hydro is an imposing Grade II Listed Building set in mature private grounds.

The light and spacious former Edwardian glasshouse provides a spectacular, quirky and unique venue for wedding ceremonies.

Address: Winter Gardens
QEHS
Hexham
Northumberland
NE46 2NB
Tel: 01434 610341
Email: dgraham@qehs.net

Maximum number of guests:	150
Accommodation/Bedrooms:	NO
Parking	YES

Ridley Hall



Ridley Hall is a fine old country house once owned by Francis Bowes-Lyon the late Queen Mother's uncle. The hall is steeped in history dating back to the 17th Century and set in 33 acres of grounds. A perfect setting for civil marriage ceremonies and wedding receptions, we can accommodate 50-55 for seated meals and 120 for a buffet.

Address: Ridley Hall
Bardon Mill
Hexham
Northumberland
NE47 7BP
Tel: 01434 344282
Fax: 01434 344618
Web: www.ridleyhall.com

Maximum number of guests:	120
Accommodation/Bedrooms:	NO
Parking	YES

Riverdale Hall Hotel



Riverdale Hall Hotel is situated in a beautiful, tranquil setting overlooking the north Tyne River, lending itself as a superb venue for wedding receptions.

Our experienced and friendly team pride themselves on providing exceptional personal service, paying attention to even the smallest details to ensure you the wedding of your dreams.

Address: Riverdale Hall Hotel
Bellingham
Hexham, Northumberland
NE48 2JT
Tel: 01434 220254
Email: reservations@riverdalehallhotel.co.uk
Web: www.riverdalehallhotel.co.uk

Maximum number of guests:	120
Accommodation/Bedrooms:	28+4 apartments
Parking	YES

Riverside Leisure Park Complex



Located in the heart of the stunning Northumberland countryside, on the edge of The Wooler Water, Riverside offers a unique wedding venue. Whether you are looking for somewhere special for your reception, or a stunning venue to spend the whole day, we offer a fantastic range of services, tailored to suit your every need and a dedicated wedding planner who will make sure your day is as memorable as it should be.

Address: Riverside Leisure Park
South Road, Wooler,
Northumberland NE71 6NJ
Tel: 01668 281447
Fax: 01668 283818
Email: info-rw@verdantleisure.co.uk
Web: www.riverside-wooler.co.uk

Maximum number of guests:	300
Accommodation/Bedrooms:	YES
Parking	YES



Riverside Lodge



Fabulous and affordable you can have your ceremony and celebrations all in the same beautiful venue making the ultimate day to remember. Our elegant Collingwood suite is magnificently dressed, combined with our great dining and superb service, friendly staff and picturesque waterside setting all make for a fantastic fairytale wedding.

Address: Riverside Lodge
High Stanners
Morpeth, Northumberland
NE61 1QL
Tel: 01670 512771
Email: enquiries@riverside-lodge.co.uk
Web: www.riverside-lodge.co.uk

Maximum number of guests:	200
Accommodation/Bedrooms:	NO
Parking	YES

Shortflatt Tower



Shortflatt Tower is a stunning grade I listed medieval fortalice, surrounded by beautiful parkland and gardens. We provide several different options with no minimum number of guests. Shortflatt's peaceful and welcoming atmosphere is perfect for your special day. All enquiries are welcome. No disabled facilities.

Address: Shortflatt Tower
Belsay
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE20 0HD
Tel: 01661 881804
Email: admin@shortflatttower.co.uk
Web: www.shortflatttower.co.uk

Maximum number of guests:	200
Accommodation/Bedrooms:	22
Parking	YES

Slaley Hall



An elegant Edwardian mansion in 1000 acres of the finest Northumberland moorland and forest, now one of England's most elegant luxury hotels. A unique location, with fabulous interiors and a team of passionate staff to make your Wedding Day special. This is Weddings. This is Slaley Hall.

Address: Slaley Hall
Hexham
Northumberland
NE47 0BX
Tel: 01434 676503
Email: slaley.hall@devere-hotels.com
Web: www.devere-hotels.com/slaleyhall

Maximum number of guests:	300
Accommodation/Bedrooms:	142
Parking	YES

Sun Hotel



Situated directly opposite Warkworth's 12th Century Castle, The Sun Hotel and Warkworth provide the perfect combination for your special day. The Sun Lounge has splendid views and is licensed for 50. The Dining Room can accommodate up to 80 for a wedding breakfast with menus structured to suit all tastes.

Address: Sun Hotel
6 Castle Terrace
Warkworth
Northumberland
NE65 0UP
Tel: 01665 711259
Email: contact@thesunhotelwarkworth.co.uk
Web: www.thesunhotelwarkworth.co.uk

Maximum number of guests:	150
Accommodation/Bedrooms:	12
Parking	YES

The Tankerville Arms Hotel



Privately owned, professionally run 17th Century Coaching Inn. Offering the comfort and modern facilities within the traditional setting of a fine country hotel. Relaxing gardens, fine food and drink plus the benefit of 17 en-suite rooms, makes the Tankerville a perfect place to get married.

Address: The Tankerville Arms Hotel
22 Cottage Road
Wooler
Northumberland
NE71 6AD
Tel: 01668 281581
Email: Weddings@tankervillehotel.co.uk
Web: www.tankervillehotel.co.uk

Maximum number of guests:	200
Accommodation/Bedrooms:	19
Parking	YES

Three Horse Shoes



A privately owned professionally managed traditional Inn set in a scenic 1 acre location. We offer a bespoke & personal wedding service in our fabulous marquees. We can host your ceremony as well as the reception, perfect for a stress free day. You have complete flexibility to personalise your day with your own special vows, music, and readings.

Address: Three Horse Shoes
Horton
Bedlington, Northumberland
NE24 4HF
Tel: 01670 822410
Email: threehorsehoes.horton@gmail.com
Web: www.threehorsehoes-horton.co.uk

Maximum number of guests:	200
Accommodation/Bedrooms:	NO
Parking	YES

Tillmouth Park Country House Hotel



A renowned Country House Hotel where the emphasis is on quality of service, exclusivity and excellence throughout.

The wood panelling, stained glass windows and parkland views provide the perfect setting for your wedding, while the experienced staff will work with you to create your dream day.

AA ROSETTE-AWARDED RESTAURANT

Address: Tillmouth Park Country House Hotel
Cornhill-on-Tweed
Northumberland
TD12 4UU
Tel: 01890 882255
Email: reception@tillmouthpark.f9.co.uk
Web: www.tillmouthpark.co.uk

Maximum number of guests:	80
Accommodation/Bedrooms:	14
Parking	YES

Vallum Farm



Located 15 minutes from Newcastle at Milecastle 18 on Hadrian's Wall, Vallum enjoys endless views across the open countryside. The ethos of Vallum's artisan producers lies at the heart of this farm which is a perfect venue for a unique, relaxed country wedding from 50-200 guests.

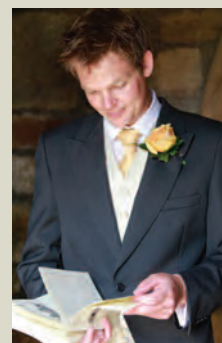
Address: Vallum Farm
Military Road
East Wallhouses
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE18 0LL
Tel: 01434 672652
Email: info@vallumfarm.co.uk
Web: www.vallumfarm.co.uk

Maximum number of guests:	200
Accommodation/Bedrooms:	NO
Parking	YES



“ Your friendly professionalism showed throughout the whole time you spent with us. Thank you very much. ”

Keith and Elaine



Wallington



Dating from 1688, Wallington is an impressive house with a colourful history, set in a beautiful landscape. Civil ceremonies take place within the stunning Central Hall, decorated by pre-Raphaelite artists to look like an Italian courtyard, while marquee receptions can be held on the lawn overlooking the rolling parkland.

Address: Wallington,
Cambo, Nr Morpeth
Northumberland
NE61 4AR
Tel: 01670 773600
Email: wallington@nationaltrust.org.uk
Web: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wallington

Maximum number of guests:	72
Accommodation/Bedrooms:	NO
Parking	YES

Whalton Manor



This lovely private 3 acre garden is situated in the traditional village of Whalton. A unique venue, stunning in every season, it is ideal for those couples wishing to create a truly individual and distinctly different ceremony. Our dedicated wedding planners can work with you to arrange every detail from transport to reception marquee.

Address: Whalton Manor
Whalton, Morpeth
Northumberland
NE61 3UT
Tel: 0333 121 2411
Email: events@signatureone.co.uk
Web: www.whaltonmanor.co.uk

Maximum number of guests:	200
Accommodation/Bedrooms:	YES
Parking	YES

White Swan Hotel



The White Swan is a 300 year old Coaching Inn which retains many original features following a three quarter million pound refurbishment.

It is the ideal blend of elegance and informality. We have a wealth of experience and offer almost any style of Reception from the formal traditional to a very individual occasion.

Address: White Swan Hotel, Bondgate Within
Alnwick, Northumberland
NE66 1TD
Tel: 01665 602109
Fax: 01665 510400
Email: events.whiteswan@ClassicLodges.co.uk
Web: http://thewhiteswan.classiclodges.co.uk

Maximum number of guests:	150
Accommodation/Bedrooms:	56
Parking	YES



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NE19 1JX
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Web: www.woodhillhall.co.uk

Maximum number of guests:	100
Accommodation/Bedrooms:	YES
Parking	YES

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Ashington, Northumberland
NE63 9YF
Tel: 01670 528080
Email: functions&venuehire@woodhorn.org.uk
Web: www.experiencewoodhorn.com

Maximum number of guests:	120
Accommodation/Bedrooms:	NO
Parking	YES

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Browse through their websites to find that something special and exclusive. Look at Venues, Photographers, Wedding Cars, Calligraphers, Wedding Dresses, Elite Wedding Events, Music (Harpists, String Quartets, Ceilidh Band, Northumbrian Small Pipes, Fiddle, Jazz Quintet), Caterers, Wedding Childcare and Creches, Flowers, Chair Covers, Naming Ceremonies, Renewal of Vows, Event Organisers, Wedding Stationery, all offering a wide range of services.



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“ Just a short word of thanks for your most important contribution to my daughter, and new son-in-law’s wedding. Without bias I can say this was one of the best ceremonies I had ever been to. Everyone was very moved by it, which is the way it should be. ”

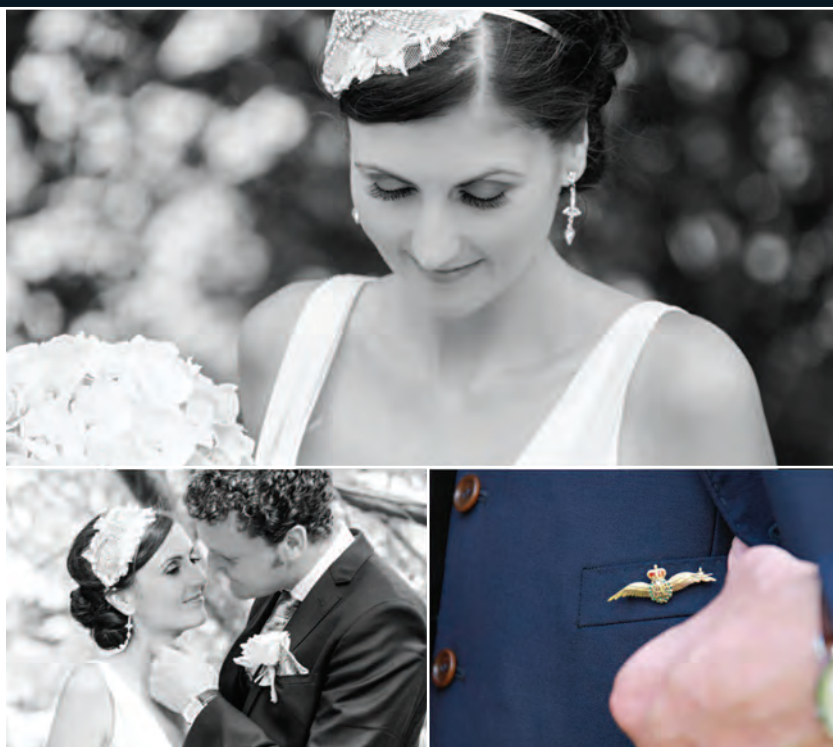
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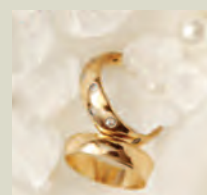
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Relaxed, fun, happy wedding photography,
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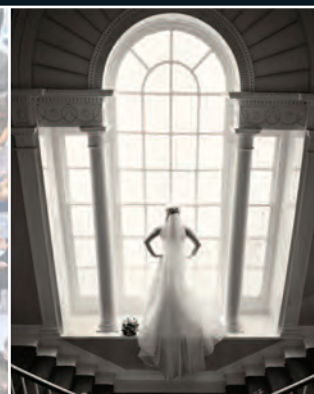
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Muriel K (Mother of the Bride)



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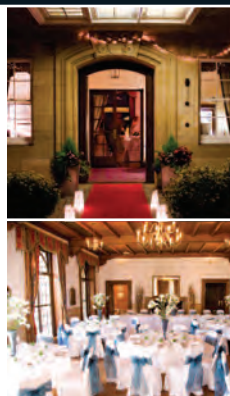
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“ We wish to thank you for the way in which you conducted our wedding ceremony. Your care and sensitivity was greatly appreciated by all and your contribution helped to make our wedding day a day to remember. ”

Hazel and Bill G



Macdonald Linden Hall Golf & Country Club

LONGHORSLEY

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Best Western Derwent Manor Hotel

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Weddings are our speciality!

Whether large or small, formal or intimate, summer or winter.

The perfect venue in the perfect setting with an experienced and professional team to make your wedding day perfect.

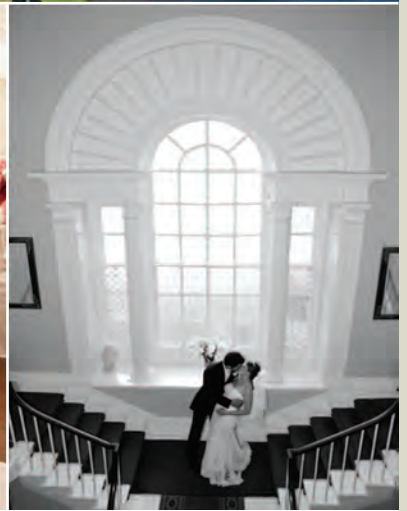
Set in 20 acres of grounds with 5 banqueting rooms suitable for 20 to 300 guests, all are licensed with approval to perform civil ceremony and partnership, so we really do have something for everyone.

Call to arrange a viewing to discuss your very individual wedding plans.

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Dissington Hall

DALTON PONTELAND



Dissington Hall is a private Georgian mansion set in beautiful grounds.

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Ellingham Hall

CHATHILL NORTHUMBERLAND



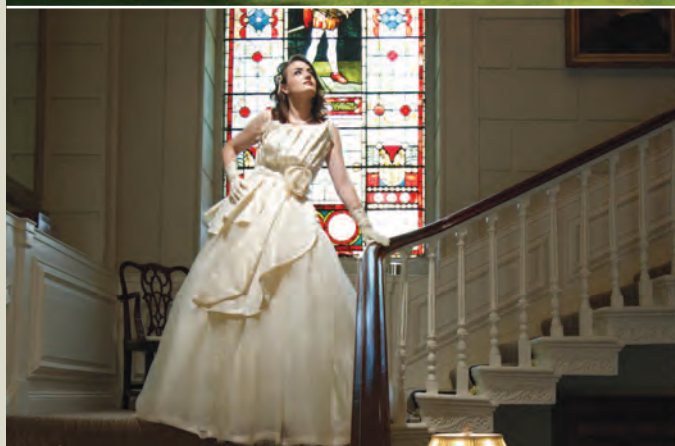
Set in 8 acres, Ellingham Hall is an exclusive use venue which is entirely yours for the duration of your stay. Intimate wedding services can take place in our wood-paneled Ceremony Room, or in the grandeur of the former house Chapel which is also used for dining and dancing the night away. Further accommodation is also available in our holiday cottages situated only a stones throw away.

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Eshott Hall

MORPETH



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Eshott Hall is set in idyllic surroundings with rolling lawns and ancient woodland.

The Hall is offered on an exclusive use basis and is fully licensed for civil ceremonies and

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Eshott Hall Morpeth, Northumberland NE65 9EN

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Guyzance Hall

ACKLINGTON



Why have a day to remember when you can have a whole weekend?

Guyzance Hall is a wedding venue with a difference where you can enjoy a two or three night midweek or weekend break with your family and friends in this stunning country house.

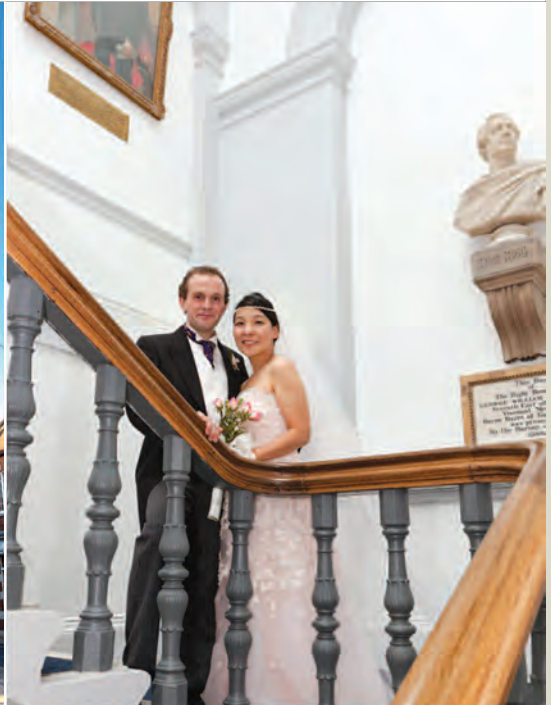
Every couple looks for the perfect setting for their wedding and Guyzance Hall is one of Northumberland's most romantic and picturesque venues with elegant rooms and

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Morpeth Town Hall

NORTHUMBERLAND



The Town Hall, situated in the picturesque town of Morpeth, offers a truly magical location for your perfect day.

The Ante Room is perfect for small, more intimate ceremonies, whilst the Ballroom, with its large windows, wood panelled walls and elaborate fireplace, is a stunning venue for any ceremony, and can accommodate up to 80 guests.

The beautiful staircase also provides a great backdrop for outstanding wedding photographs.

Contact our Ceremony Co-ordination Team for further details.

Morpeth Town Hall Market Place, Morpeth, Northumberland NE61 1LZ
tel: 01665 602870 **Fax:** 01665 605707 **email:** alnwick@northumberland.gov.uk
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Woodhill Hall

OTTERBURN



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Wedding tips



Wedding tips to help you organise your perfect wedding



- **Make a list of what would make your ideal wedding, and then decide on your budget.**
- **Book early and try to be as flexible as possible with your dates and times. Venues and registrars get booked up well in advance.**
- **Consider purchasing wedding insurance, things can and do go wrong!**
- **Organise yourself. Start keeping a wedding folder so all your ideas and choices of various aspects to your wedding are kept in one place.**
- **Personal recommendations are best when choosing reliable suppliers. If you do not know the supplier, ask them for references from previous clients. Ask to see samples of their work. Our suppliers' directory in the rear of this guide gives you a list of local suppliers at your fingertips.**
- **Once you have chosen your suppliers, always confirm arrangements in writing. As you pay for things make sure you get a receipt and put your confirmation and receipts into your wedding folder.**
- **Make sure all your instructions to suppliers, guests and attendants are as clear as possible to avoid confusion.**
- **Post invites out at least six weeks before. If your guests are travelling consider enclosing maps and a list of accommodation. Do not forget to put an RSVP on the invite and enclose your gift list. When compiling your list choose gifts to suit a range of budgets.**
- **Consult your bridesmaids over their dresses; try to choose flattering styles and colours to make them look their best.**
- **Try to delegate some of the tasks, as letting others get involved eases your workload and it can be much more fun doing things together.**
- **Hold your hen and stag parties well in advance giving yourself plenty of time to recover!!**
- **When you have your final dress fitting, take your shoes and accessories with you to make sure it all fits and looks good together.**
- **Wedding arrangements can take over your life, so make time for each other.**
- **Do not let minor hiccups ruin your day – just enjoy every minute of the day!**



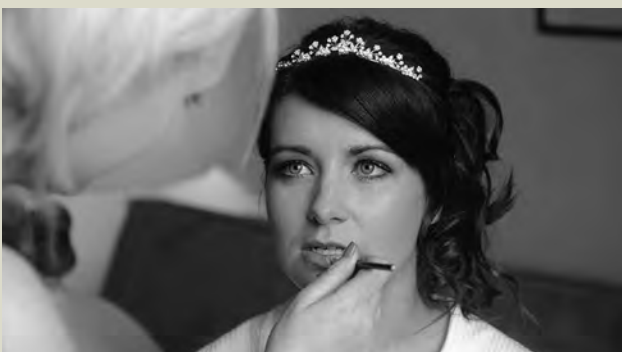
Bridal *Special* Feature

Beautiful Bride

Your wedding day is possibly the biggest day of your life; you have the central role to play on the day. However, this is well deserved after months of hard work and taking responsibility for most of the wedding arrangements.

Spa Day

As a special treat to get away from the stresses of organising your wedding consider a spa day/weekend for your hen party.



Hair & Make-Up

Most brides choose to have their hair and make-up done by a professional and with good reason: all brides want to look their best on their wedding day.

Many hair salons offer wedding packages, which means your hairdresser will come out to your home or venue to do your hair. However, during the peak wedding season, hairdressers can be extremely busy, so book them early to ensure availability. This also allows plenty of time to try different styles to see what suits you and your wedding dress/outfit best. The day before your wedding is not the time to go for a radical new hairstyle!

Supporting Role

A chief bridesmaid is there to support you through the months of planning and organising your wedding arrangements. A good bridesmaid should be able to calm and help the bride to enjoy her day. They can have a variety of tasks, which may involve some of the following:



Before the wedding

- **Help the bride to choose her wedding dress and outfits for the other attendants.**
- **Help organise the hen party.**
- **Check that the bride is keeping an up to date record of the guests who have accepted or declined their wedding invitation.**
- **Check that last minute details (florist, photographer, transport etc) are sufficiently organised.**

On the wedding day

- **Arrive at the bride's home or the venue early and help her to dress.**
- **Ensure any other bridesmaids or flower girls are ready and know what they are doing.**
- **Arrange the bride's dress, train and veil before she makes her entrance.**
- **Take the bridal bouquet when the bride is standing next to the groom and, if required, lift her veil.**

The last minute build up to the day can be when the bride is at her most stressed and when the bridesmaid is most needed.





Groom *Special* Feature

Groomed to Perfection

Often wedding magazines and guides concentrate solely on the bride. Our aim is to also focus on the groom, and other very important roles, so you both feel involved. Together with your bride, you have your Northumberland wedding guide to help plan your special day.

The Groom

- **The tradition is for the groom to arrange the honeymoon. You may even wish to keep the destination secret, but make sure you know your bride's favourite destinations!**
- **Organise and arrange fitting of clothes i.e. hire suits for yourself, best man, father of the bride and usher(s).**
- **Buy gift(s) for the attendant(s).**
- **Arrange transport to the wedding for yourself and other important guests.**
- **If you have ushers, give them a seating plan for your families, close friends and guests involved in the ceremony.**
- **Try not to become stressed about your speech. Relax, speak from the heart, and remember to tell your new wife how lovely she looks!**

Best Man

As it is an important role, many grooms choose two best men to share the many varied responsibilities on the wedding day.

- **Expected to help arrange the stag do.**
- **Make sure the groom arrives to the ceremony on time, at least 30 minutes before the wedding.**
- **Be responsible for the safe keeping of the wedding rings.**
- **Collect any cards, emails etc, to be read during the speeches at the reception, especially important if someone is unable to attend the wedding.**
- **Return any hire suits and check all pockets to make sure that the all important marriage certificate has not been left inside the suit!**

Father of the Bride

- **Traditionally walks the bride down the aisle on his right arm.**
- **His speech is usually first before the groom. The father of the bride is usually expected to welcome the groom into the family, speak about the bride and propose a toast to the bride and groom.**



“Lovely venue, wonderful ceremony, enjoyed by everyone! Thank you.”

Helen and Peter

Ushers

- **Arrange buttonholes for important guests.**
- **Give out orders of ceremony.**
- **Welcome the guests and guide them to their place ensuring family, close friends and readers are in the correct seat.**
- **Escort bride's mother to her seat.**
- **Help the best man during the day, usher guests after the ceremony for photographs and to the reception.**



A wedding *Planner*

the countdown to your wedding



There can be a lot of work involved in organising your wedding, and we know how time consuming this can be. Listed below are some of the things you may need to consider:

As soon as possible

- **Agree a rough budget, style of ceremony and number of guests.**
- **Consider a few dates and book the ceremony/reception venue.**
- **Contact the ceremonies co-ordination team and book the registrar.**
- **Book photographer and/or videographer.**
- **Book musicians and entertainment.**
- **Arrange wedding insurance.**

Twelve months before

- **Contact the ceremonies co-ordination team and give notice of marriage.**
- **Choose your bridesmaids, best man and ushers (if required).**
- **Order bridal dress, bridesmaids' dresses, groom's and his attendants' suits.**
- **Arrange any transport you may need to get you or your guests to and from the wedding.**
- **Plan and book honeymoon.**
- **Book caterer, if required.**

Six months before

- **Book florist - decide flowers for bridal party, buttonholes and corsages, ceremony room and reception.**
- **Order wedding cake.**
- **Order invitations/other stationery.**
- **Speak to hairstylist/make-up artist to plan for your day.**
- **Set up wedding gift list.**

Three months before

- **Send out invitations.**
- **Choose and order rings.**
- **Have a first fitting for the wedding dress.**
- **Plan hen/stag nights.**
- **If you are honeymooning abroad, arrange vaccinations and visas if required.**
- **Arrange to change your surname and notify passport office, DVLA, bank etc.**
- **Book hotel room for your first night.**



Two months before

- If you are marrying at a venue, send your ceremony arrangement form and fee to the ceremonies co-ordination team, who will usually give you a courtesy call at this time.
- Make arrangements with the venue, finalise menus; make wine/drinks selections.
- Arrange final fitting of dress.
- Finalise groom's and attendants' outfits.
- Choose gifts for the bridesmaid(s), best man.

Four weeks before

- Collect rings if you have not already done so.
- Decide on hairstyle and have a practice run.
- Finalise guest list.
- Order currency for honeymoon.
- Check transport arrangements.
- Confirm all bookings; photographer, entertainment, florist etc.

Two weeks before

- Arrange seating plan for the reception meal.
- Advise the venue/caterer of final numbers of guests.
- Confirm final arrangements with hairdresser/beauty salon.
- Collect dresses and get advice about storage of them before the big day.
- Pick up currency and tickets for the honeymoon.
- Prepare speeches.
- Run through a rough timetable of the day with bridesmaids, best man and ushers, to make sure they know what they're doing and at what time of day. Write things down and give them a copy if you feel you need to!
- Try on wedding shoes and wear them in!

The week leading up to the wedding

- Time the journey to ensure that there will be no unexpected delays en route.
- Take the cake to the venue.
- Ensure all hired clothes are collected on time.
- Arrange that presents will be packed up and taken home after the wedding.
- Start packing for your first night/honeymoon. Remember your passports if you are travelling abroad!

On the day

- This is your day so relax and enjoy your wonderful wedding.



Address Book

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Website: www.lavenders-blue.co.uk



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