

# *Civil* *partnerships* in NORTHUMBERLAND



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# Civil partnership ceremony

Northumberland is a unique and special county and can offer the perfect backdrop for the perfect civil ceremony.

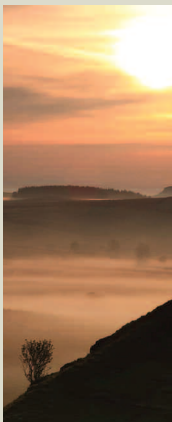
Its breathtaking countryside, striking coastline and rich cultural heritage is intertwined with beautiful market towns and quaint villages.

The choice of a ceremony venue is very personal however the county has a fantastic selection of stately homes, manor houses, castles, hotels and halls all approved for civil ceremonies and each with something different to offer.

From intimate gatherings to all out glamour; whatever your tastes, and wherever you live, Northumberland can offer a magical location for your perfect day.



# What is a civil partnership ceremony?



## ceremony?

A civil partnership ceremony is a non-religious ceremony performed by a Senior Registrar. It can take place in any register office or at any licensed venue.

Two registrars will attend your ceremony, one to conduct the ceremony, and one to register it. You will need to ask two people, friends or relatives, if they will witness the service.



## The personal touch

Gone are the days when a civil partnership ceremony meant a quick, impersonal service performed in the local Register Office in front of a desk. In Northumberland we have a dedicated Wedding and Ceremonies Co-ordination Team who can offer a personal and relaxed approach to your arrangements.

They are always on hand to answer any questions you may have prior to and on, your big day.

A Northumberland civil partnership ceremony, in an approved venue, enables you to choose your own ceremony. We can help by giving examples of contemporary and traditional readings and poetry. We can also give suggestions on how to personalise your ceremony with optional vows and special words. Many couples choose live music such as string quartets, harpists, pipers or pianists which can add a magical quality to the ceremony while the involvement of family and guests will also give a personal touch. We have also had couples choose a themed ceremony for their special day.

These are purely suggestions and we are happy to tailor your ceremony to your wishes.



## For further information

To find out more about the amazing opportunities on offer,

to receive a copy of our brochure outlining all the approved venues in Northumberland or for an informal chat about how we can help you with your Big Day preparations contact our Wedding and Ceremonies Co-ordination Team on

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