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*You
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to discover more
about the beautiful area of
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Thank you for requesting a copy of our Marriage Brochure.

We are sure that you will find a stunning choice of venues to fulfil all your dreams and we hope you will have an enjoyable time travelling the leafy lanes and countryside of this part of Cheshire to visit our unique venues that have that extra special feel.

With so much to think about, planning and making arrangements for your ideal day is exciting but can also be stressful. Our team of experienced Ceremony Officers is here to help. They can advise and make suggestions about the ceremony and what to include – they are also happy to offer a wealth of experience at all stages in the planning of your wedding.

Wherever you choose, our venues can provide the dramatic backdrop to a wedding you, your family and friends will never forget.

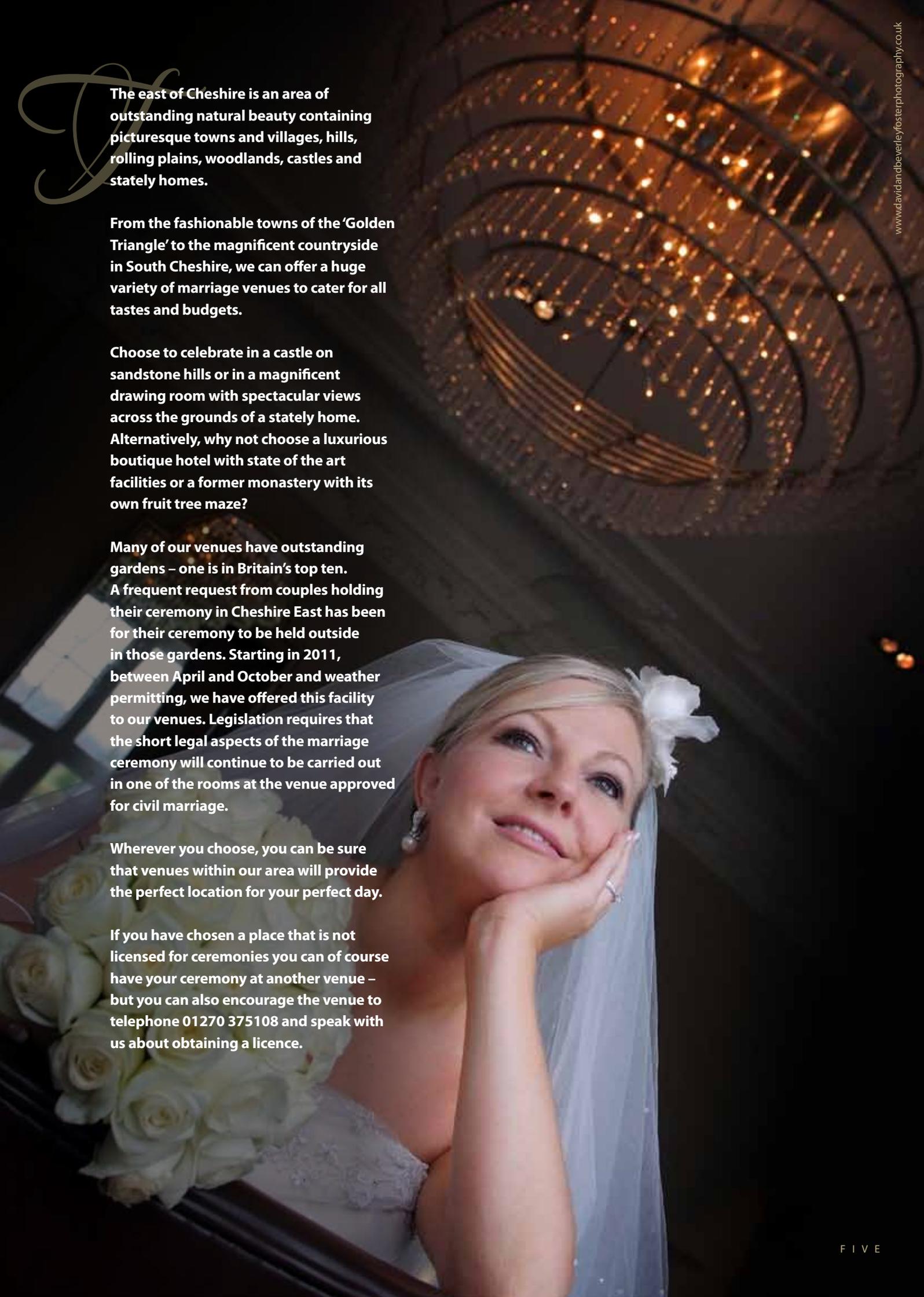
Alan Clarke
Superintendent Registrar



Discover...

the perfect place

to get married



The east of Cheshire is an area of outstanding natural beauty containing picturesque towns and villages, hills, rolling plains, woodlands, castles and stately homes.

From the fashionable towns of the 'Golden Triangle' to the magnificent countryside in South Cheshire, we can offer a huge variety of marriage venues to cater for all tastes and budgets.

Choose to celebrate in a castle on sandstone hills or in a magnificent drawing room with spectacular views across the grounds of a stately home. Alternatively, why not choose a luxurious boutique hotel with state of the art facilities or a former monastery with its own fruit tree maze?

Many of our venues have outstanding gardens – one is in Britain's top ten. A frequent request from couples holding their ceremony in Cheshire East has been for their ceremony to be held outside in those gardens. Starting in 2011, between April and October and weather permitting, we have offered this facility to our venues. Legislation requires that the short legal aspects of the marriage ceremony will continue to be carried out in one of the rooms at the venue approved for civil marriage.

Wherever you choose, you can be sure that venues within our area will provide the perfect location for your perfect day.

If you have chosen a place that is not licensed for ceremonies you can of course have your ceremony at another venue – but you can also encourage the venue to telephone 01270 375108 and speak with us about obtaining a licence.

C H E S H I R E E A S T



Venues in Cheshire East



Tatton Park



t: 01625 374453/56

e: tattonevents@cheshireeast.gov.uk
www.tattonpark.org.uk

Tatton Park is a stunning, historic venue with first class facilities. Set in 1,000 acres of Cheshire parkland with wild deer, beautiful meres and ornamental gardens, it has an enviable reputation for providing one of the most photogenic locations for any celebration.

The Neo Classical Mansion and 50 acres of landscaped gardens date back to the 14th century. All reflect the opulence, wealth and taste that is still in evidence today and helps create the unique setting that Tatton Park offers any function.

For over 20 years Tatton Park has provided the perfect venue for a variety of celebrations. A choice of function suites and dedicated staff ensure each function is uniquely designed for every occasion. From an intimate dinner for a few to a sumptuous reception for 350 guests, Tatton Park is firmly established as one of the North West's leading venues.



Tatton Park, Knutsford WA16 6QN



Venues in Cheshire East



Peckforton Castle



t: 01829 260930

e: info@peckfortoncastle.co.uk
www.peckfortoncastle.co.uk

Just over 150 years old, Peckforton is the only intact medieval style castle in the country. Entering the castle doors, the luxurious interior welcomes visitors into a unique luxury 48 bedroomed hotel, steeped in history and surrounded by beautiful woodland.

Walk through the impressive original oak doors and you'll find high vaulted ceilings and a minstrel's gallery in the Great Hall - a magnificent setting for any wedding, with its log burning fire and candle-lit ambience.

In addition, there are several imposing rooms for banqueting, the most impressive being the drawing room with a capacity for seating up to 165 guests for the wedding breakfast.

Stone House Lane, Peckforton, Tarporley CW6 9TN





Alderley Edge Hotel

ALDERLEY EDGE HOTEL
CHESHIRE



t: 01625 583033

e: weddings@alderleyedgehotel.com
www.alderleyedgehotel.com

The lovely surroundings of Alderley Edge Hotel make it the perfect place for a fairytale wedding or special event. Our Laurent-Perrier suite has its own exclusive entrance so that you can be assured of a strictly private affair and in the summer the gardens are an exquisite location for wedding photography and drinks before the wedding breakfast.



We are fully licensed to hold civil marriages for up to 115 guests and the Laurent-Perrier suite can comfortably look after wedding parties of up to 130 guests for seated dining. The food is of the highest standard, awarded a coveted three AA rosettes. Chris Holland and his team of talented chefs will work closely with you to create the perfect menu that matches your requirements and naturally we have an excellent wine list that will satisfy even the most demanding palates.

Our wedding package is available from £69.95 per person. Why not come in and talk to our experienced wedding co-ordinators.



Macclesfield Road, Alderley Edge SK9 7BJ

ALDERLEY EDGE



Pecks Restaurant



t: 01260 275161

e: info@pecksrest.co.uk
www.pecksrest.co.uk

Pecks is famous for quality and your wedding will be special with us as we guarantee to impress you and your guests.

We have put together a very impressive package for your intimate wedding day. Whether its just a breakfast or an all inclusive package we believe we can provide you with a first class service and the very finest food available.

Pecks is the ultimate private intimate wedding location.

We offer a polished wedding experience, your day and your memories will be unrivalled.

If your Wedding has to be special... then it has to be Pecks.



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Venues in Cheshire East

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Sandhole Oak Barn



t: 01260 540007

sandhole@wedding-venues.co.uk

www.sandholeoakbarn-weddings.co.uk

Cheshire's most stunning rural barn wedding venue.

Sandhole Oak Barn is a stunning barn-wedding venue in an exclusive Cheshire location overlooking a private lake. It is licensed for civil marriages and partnership ceremonies and can cater for wedding receptions.

With indoor dining for up to 150 guests and charming accommodation on site the unique 'Oak Barn' at Sandhole Farm has everything in one place for your wedding day.

Situated on the A34 with close links to Manchester, Macclesfield, Holmes Chapel, Wilmslow, Knutsford and Stoke on Trent, Sandhole Oak Barn is one of the most exciting new barn wedding and reception venues in the north west.

Manchester Road, Hulme Walfield, Congleton CW12 2JH

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Belle Epoque Brasserie



t: 01565 633060

e: colletteg@thebelleepoque.com

www.thebelleepoque.com

We understand... the importance of ensuring your wedding day is a totally individual occasion. For this reason we don't offer packages, instead we work with you to create a day in your life that is bespoke in every way. Rather than starch formality, the emphasis is on style, individuality and intimacy.

When hiring the venue on an exclusive basis, you are able to have exclusive use of all areas, including our 7 hotel rooms, candle lit ceremony rooms, roof garden, dining room, lounge, bar and dance floor. We can accommodate both large and small weddings with a ceremony room capacity of up to 100 guests (with additional evening guests if you require).

Although weekend dates can book quickly, we also offer stylish and personal wedding days Monday to Thursday - perfect for guests looking for something more private to accommodate a smaller wedding party. Why not talk to us about this most intimate and romantic venue. You may find us rather enthusiastic, especially when it comes to our award winning food.

60 King Street, Knutsford WA16 6DT



Cottons Hotel & Spa

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t: 01565 650333

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www.cottonshotel.com

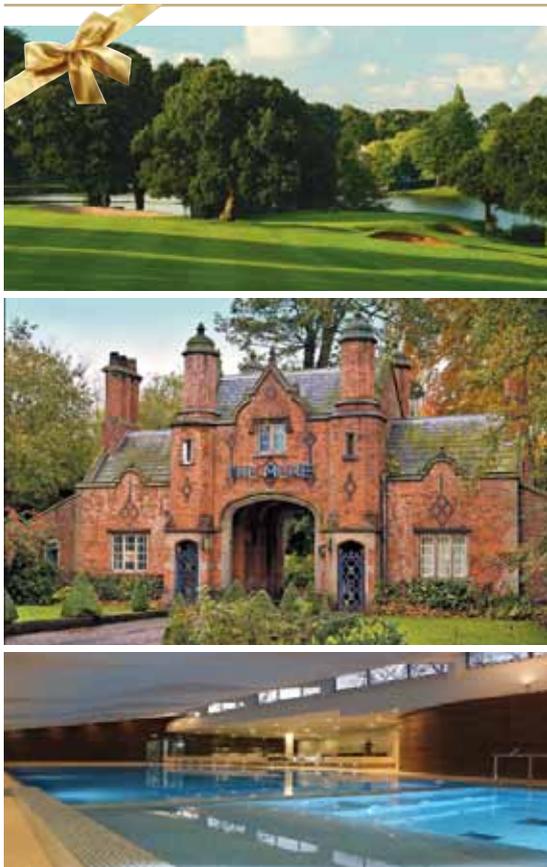
You can't wait for married life to start but choose Cottons Hotel and Spa as your wedding venue and you won't want your wedding day to end.

Whether you're planning an intimate ceremony for close friends and family, or a grand celebration, our legendary attention to detail will ensure that everything goes to plan and your day will be as special as the one you're dreaming of. The Verandah Suite was re-developed in 2010 and is a stunning setting, complete with a private glass balcony. And the giant Champagne Ice feature is guaranteed to impress as your guests arrive.

With over 20 years of experience we know a thing or two about planning celebrations, and Debbie Crawford, our Weddings Manager, will be on hand to help and advise. Plus, every wedding booked at the hotel will receive exclusive offers worth over £1500.00 with local wedding and specialist suppliers.

We hold regular showcases and wedding fayres throughout the year – just check the website for the next event.

Manchester Road, Knutsford WA16 0SU



The Mere Golf Resort & Spa

THE MERE

t: 01565 830155

e: sales@the-mere.co.uk

www.the-mere.co.uk

A Perfect Wedding Day deserves a Perfect Venue...

To make sure that your wedding is a truly perfect occasion choose The Mere Golf Resort & Spa, which has over 25 years experience. Our Personal Wedding Co-ordinators will be delighted to help organise your day.

The Mere is private, elegantly furnished and boasts enviable grounds, superb food and fine wines - the perfect environment to complement your special day!

- A beautiful historic setting - "a jewel in the Cheshire Countryside"
- Approved for both Civil Ceremonies and Civil Partnerships
- Small or large ceremonies
- Wedding Breakfasts
- Floral Arrangements

Chester Road, Mere, Knutsford WA16 6LJ

Venues in Cheshire East

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Adlington Hall & The Hunting Lodge



t: 01625 827595

e: enquiries@adlingtonhall.com
www.adlingtonhall.com

Licensed for Civil Ceremonies, Adlington Hall offers two beautiful and unique settings for civil ceremonies, partnerships and wedding receptions. Each can be hired separately and exclusively for that very special occasion or combined to offer a truly personal and professional service tailored to your precise needs.

Adlington Hall has a beauty and ambience all of its own. The magnificent country house with its Tudor and Elizabethan architecture and impressive gardens offers stunning surroundings for your civil ceremony.

Facing the black and white wing of Adlington Hall is the Hunting Lodge; a banqueting suite forming part of the beautifully converted Georgian Mews. The elegant decor and tranquil setting provides an exclusive and exceptional venue for your special day.

Mill Lane, Adlington, Macclesfield SK10 4LF

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Combermere Abbey



t: 01948 871662

e: weddings@combermereabbey.co.uk
www.combermereabbey.co.uk

The Glasshouse and Walled Garden Pavilion

Set in breathtaking grounds in an historic setting on the Cheshire/Shropshire border, The Glasshouse offers a magical setting for civil weddings, naming ceremonies and celebrations from 4 to 120 persons. The elegant fan shaped building has 180 degree views of the world's only fruit tree maze.

Set in the stunning adjacent garden, our stylish and elegant Walled Garden Pavilion comes fully equipped and offers dining for up to 150 for receptions and celebrations. Exclusive and private, our preferred suppliers will create a personal experience to make your day special.

A romantic lodge for bridal couples and 5 star accommodation for wedding parties is available on site.

Keepers Cottage, Combermere Abbey, Nantwich SY13 4AJ



Reaseheath Hall



t: 01270 613210

e: conference@reaseheath.ac.uk
www.reaseheath.ac.uk

Reaseheath Hall was built in the eighteenth century and is set in 12½ acres of tranquil landscaped parkland, within walking distance of the historic town of Nantwich.

At the heart of our grounds is an ornamental lake which is a magical backdrop for your photographs.



- Civil Marriages
- Civil Partnerships
- Naming Ceremonies
- Renewal of Vows
- Grand staircase for the perfect entrance
- Wedding Breakfast
- Evening Reception
- Wedding Flowers



Conference Office, Reaseheath College, Nantwich CW5 6DF



Wrenbury Hall



t: 01270 781198

e: enquiries@wrenburyhall.co.uk
www.wrenburyhall.co.uk

Turning your dream into reality... Wrenbury Hall is one of the finest wedding venues in Cheshire.

As you drive through the gates of this historic sandstone manor house, you will be captivated by the breathtaking beauty, which is the perfect backdrop for stunning photography - the perfect setting for a romantic, fairytale wedding.

Wrenbury Hall will become your home for the day. Absolute exclusivity is ensured as you, your family and friends celebrate the most memorable day of your lives.

Wrenbury Hall has an excellent reputation for cuisine, with the head chef focusing exclusively on your Wedding Breakfast.

Wedding Receptions 2011 start at £5350 for 60 day and evening guests.

Civil Weddings and Receptions up to 250 guests.



Wrenbury, Nantwich CW5 8EJ

Venues in Cheshire East

ALDERLEY EDGE



Alderley Edge Festival Hall

t: 01625 582150

Situated in the picturesque village of Alderley Edge, this charming Art Deco building is suitable for Weddings & Civil Ceremonies, up to 200 people. The perfect venue to celebrate with family and friends, with catering to suit all your needs.

Talbot Road, Alderley Edge SK9 7HR

ALSAGER



Best Western Manor House Hotel



t: 01270 884000

e: mhevents@compasshotels.co.uk
www.manorhouse-alsager.co.uk

One of the leading Wedding and Reception Venues in East Cheshire, in the rural village of Alsager. Full of character, with modern facilities we can cater for up to 150 guests for the Wedding Breakfast and up to 200 for the Evening Reception. Fully inclusive packages. Discounts available for Spring/Autumn & Winter Weddings subject to availability.

Audley Road, Alsager ST7 2QQ

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Alexandra Court Hotel



t: 01260 297871

e: info@thealexandracourt.com
www.thealexandracourt.com

Originally a vicarage and built over 150 years ago, The Alexandra Court Hotel is a boutique style period venue. One of the best hotels in Cheshire, with 15 ensuite bedrooms. Specialising in small intimate weddings, the hotel has stunning landscaped gardens and a truly peaceful setting. Awarded Small Hotel of the Year 2010 for Cheshire & Chester.

7 Newcastle Road, Congleton CW12 4HN

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The Plough Inn at Eaton



t: 01260 280207

e: theploughinn@hotmail.co.uk
www.theploughinnateaton.co.uk

The Plough Inn is a traditional inn offering luxury accommodation north of Congleton. Its rural setting also makes it an ideal wedding venue and its delightful garden provides a perfect setting for all those important wedding photographs. We can cater for both small and large wedding parties.

Macclesfield Road, Eaton, Congleton CW12 2NH



Crewe Hall



t: 01270 253333

e: crewehallevents@qhotels.co.uk
www.QHotels.co.uk

A truly magnificent 4 star hotel set in parkland and landscaped gardens. Whether your celebration is a small intimate occasion or a large family gathering for up to 280, Crewe Hall delivers professionalism, attention to detail and commitment to excellence, to ensure the most memorable of days.

Weston Road, Crewe CW1 6UZ



Haslington Hall



t: 01270 250880

e: info@tailormadevenues.com
www.tailormadevenues.com

Picture yourself at your own Tailormade Venue - a Beautiful Grade I listed building, set within 25 acres in the heart of Cheshire; each Wedding is Tailormade, a truly personal Wedding in a perfect venue! Two Lakes, Outdoor Pavilion, Exclusive Use & Designated Wedding Co-ordinator.

Holmshaw Lane, Haslington, Near Crewe CW1 5TJ



Best Western Moorside Grange



t: 01663 764151

e: events@moorsidegrangehotel.com
www.moorsidegrangehotel.com

Set on the edge of the Peak District with breathtaking views over the surrounding rolling hills, the Moorside Grange Hotel offers the feel of a unique country retreat and presents the perfect setting for your cherished wedding photos.

Mudhurst Lane, Higher Disley SK12 2AP



Goostrey Village Hall

t: 01477 535825 | 01477 533007
e: parishcouncil@goostrey.fsflife.co.uk

Goostrey Village Hall and lounge, recently licensed for weddings and civil ceremonies.

Situated in the picturesque village of Goostrey in the heart of the Cheshire countryside.

Main Road, Goostrey CW4 8PE

Venues in Cheshire East

HOLMES CHAPEL



The Yellow Broom



t: 01477 534048

e: mail@yellowbroom.co.uk
www.yellowbroom.co.uk

The Yellow Broom, hidden away in the gorgeous Cheshire countryside is a unique venue in which to create an intimate atmosphere for your wedding day. Classically elegant with a hint of modern charm, The Yellow Broom invites you, friends and family to enjoy the perfect magical day.

Twemlow Green, Holmes Chapel CW4 8BL

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Mere Court Hotel

t: 01565 831000

e: sales@merecourt.co.uk
www.merecourt.co.uk

Mere Court is a beautiful 4 Star Country House Hotel set in 7 acres of gardens with an ornamental lake. The Hotel boasts 34 bedrooms. We only hold one Wedding per day. Licensed to hold Civil Ceremonies. We can accommodate 10-200 guests. An ideal setting for your Wedding Reception.

Warrington Road, Mere, Knutsford WA16 0RW

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Tabley House



t: 01565 750151

e: tableyhouse@btconnect.com
www.tableyhouse.co.uk

This Grade I Mansion, set in delightful parkland overlooking a lake, has elegant licensed rooms reached via a grand staircase. The Gallery with its magnificent pictures and furniture provides a perfect setting for a glamorous wedding, perhaps followed by drinks in the Portico Room and a reception in a lakeside marquee.

Knutsford WA16 0HB

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Capesthorpe Hall



t: 01625 861221

e: info@capesthorpe.com
www.capesthorpe.com

The dream begins from the moment a bride enters down Capesthorpe Hall's magnificent staircase. The elegant, historic 18th century Jacobean-style hall is a discerning choice for civil ceremonies, receptions and evening celebrations - because the hall is yours for the day.

Stunning lakeside gardens for photographs.

Macclesfield SK11 9JY



Macclesfield Masonic Club

t: 01625 423286

e: s.mccracken@ntlworld.com

An ideal place for all your function needs, we are licensed for 180 people and 50 people for civil ceremonies.

Please contact Shirley or Richard for more information.

1 Riseley Street, Macclesfield SK10 1BW



The Tytherington Club



t: 01625 506000

e: info@theclubcompany.com
www.theclubcompany.com

We are fully licensed for Civil Ceremonies and can cater for 40 to 200 guests. The Club is set in acres of Cheshire's beautiful countryside and provides a unique wedding venue with ideal settings for photographs. With Aura Health & Beauty offering wedding packages, we can cater for all your needs.

Dorchester Way, Macclesfield SK10 2JP



Crown Hotel



t: 01270 625283

e: info@crownhotelnantwich.com
www.crownhotelnantwich.com

Where else could be more romantic than the historic splendour of the Georgian assembly room at the Crown Hotel... Recently restored, it is the pride of Cheshire, with high ceilings, original fireplace, elegant mirrors and chandeliers. We offer a fine choice of menus and wines and will make your special day personal to you.

High Street, Nantwich CW5 5AS



Residence Restaurant & Bar



t: 01270 629100

e: info@residence.uk.com
www.residence.uk.com

The multi-award winning Residence is synonymous with quality and style and is perfect for your special day. Choose our private dining rooms, our whole venue or a grand marquee on our green. You can have your civil ceremony with us and we can guarantee stunning surroundings, superb food and great service. All weddings are exclusively tailored, so call for details...

9 Mill Street, Nantwich CW5 5ST

Venues in Cheshire East

NANTWICH



Rookery Hall Hotel & Spa

ROOKERY HALL
HOTEL & SPA
NANTWICH, CHESHIRE

t: 01270 610016

e: rookeryhall@handpicked.co.uk
www.handpicked.co.uk/rookery

Rookery Hall Hotel and Spa is located near Nantwich in 38 acres of beautiful gardens and grounds. Our stylish, spacious and airy Worleston Suite accommodates up to 160 guests, has floor to ceiling picture windows, stunning views across the Cheshire Countryside and direct access to terrace and lawn areas.

Main Road, Worleston, Nantwich CW5 6DQ

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Hallmark Hotel Manchester



t: 0161 437 0511

e: manchester.events2@hallmarkhotels.co.uk
www.hallmarkhotels.co.uk/manchester

Hallmark Hotel Manchester is the perfect boutique style hotel catering for civil ceremonies, civil partnerships and external catering weddings for up to 450 guests. Attention to detail and personal service are second to none. With specially selected food and drinks packages, we can create a day that's as individual as you are.

Stanley Road, Handforth, Wilmslow SK9 3LD

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Holiday Inn Manchester Airport



t: 01625 889933

e: events.himanchester@qmh-hotels.com
www.qmh-hotels.com/manchesterweddings

Make your big day a special event...Set in its own grounds bordering a National Trust estate with a fantastic backdrop, this contemporary hotel can offer you a choice of 4 suites to choose from with capacity from 25 to 300 guests.

Altrincham Road, Wilmslow SK9 4LR

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Stanneylands Hotel

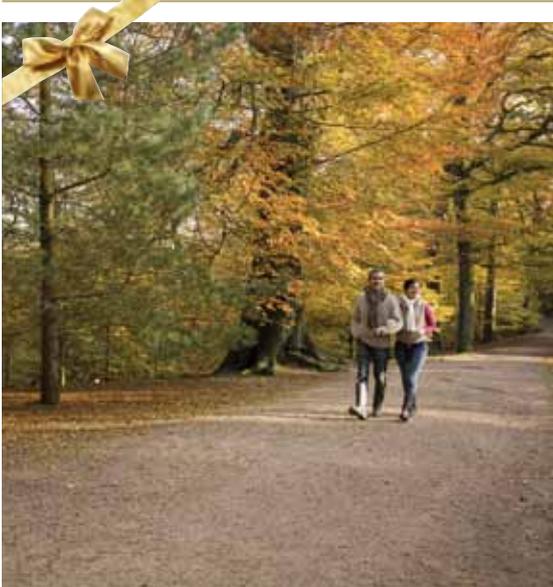


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e: sales@stanneylandshotel.co.uk
www.primahotels.co.uk

- Approved for civil ceremonies
- 2 AA Rosette cuisine and 56 bedrooms
- Two banqueting rooms suitable for up to 140 people
- Reception drinks in our stylish Calico Café Bar
- Four acres of beautifully maintained gardens
- Personal wedding co-ordinator

Stanneylands Road, Wilmslow SK9 4EY



There's plenty to see and do in Cheshire East!



Whether you're indulging in a stylish shopping spree or enjoying panoramic views across the Peak District, plan your perfect day in Cheshire East with the help of our websites:

www.cheshirepeakdistrict.com

Cheshire's Peak District has something to offer everyone.

www.cheshiremarkettowns.co.uk

Cheshire's market towns offer a day out with a difference.

www.discoverthegritstonetrail.co.uk

The Gritstone Trail is a 35 mile route is a mix of wild moorland, rocky outcrops, impressive peaks and breathtaking scenery.

www.tastecheshire.com

Restaurants, market towns or gastropubs - feed your imagination!

www.visitcheshire.com/gardens

From stately homes to exotic oriental planting and woodland glades.

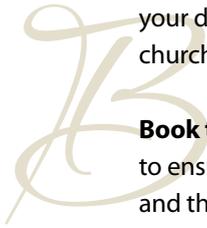
www.visitcheshire.com

Ideas and inspiration - what to do, where to go and where to stay.



The
"To do"
List





Book the Venue – Once you have found your dream location (even if it's abroad or in church) make a provisional booking...

Book the Registrar – it is your responsibility to ensure that you have booked the Venue and the Registrar. Please contact our Ceremonies Team on 01270 375140 - they will be able to give you all the advice you need about what to do next.

'Give Notice' – This confirms your booking, and without you both doing this, the wedding cannot take place. Notice can be given up to one year in advance of the ceremony date.

Authorities for Marriage - If you live outside Cheshire East Registration Authority, we will need your Authorities for Marriage before the date of your ceremony. Please contact the Ceremonies team if you need further advice.

The Ceremony – Start to think about the ceremony, what you want to happen, and what you want to include – remember it's 'Your Ceremony and Your Choice'. Try and arrange to either meet or speak with a member of the Ceremonies Team to discuss your wedding plans – remember we are all part of the same team making sure your day is exactly what you want it to be.

Witnesses – You will need to choose two people (either friends and/or family) to witness your signatures in the marriage register. They will need to be able to understand and be present throughout the ceremony. If you need any further advice, please speak to your Registrar.

Passports - If after your ceremony, you are going to change your name, then one of the documents that you can change in advance of the Big Day itself is your passport. This can be amended up to three months in advance of your ceremony.

You will need to complete a form PD2, you can get this:

- by downloading the form as a PDF file from www.direct.gov.uk/passports
- from Post Office branches that offer the Check & Send service
- from any Regional Passport Office
- by calling the IPS Passport Adviceline 0300 222 0000 to get the form sent out to you.

Part of the form should be completed by you and the whole form sent to the Ceremonies Team for confirmation that the ceremony will take place. The leaflet (PD1) explains this in more detail.

What you must also remember is that any name used for travel bookings or tickets etc. must be the same as that shown in the passport you will be using to travel.

Additional Certificates - On your wedding day you will be presented with your marriage certificate. Should you require additional copies please speak to your Registrar prior to the day of the ceremony. Extra copies will help you if you are going to change your name after the ceremony and need to send your marriage certificate to the various organisations where you wish your new name to be used. The more copies you have means that you do not have to wait for your one certificate to come back before sending it out to tell someone else about your new name!



Venues

in Cheshire East



Our complete list of approved venues

Adlington Hall	01625 827595	Macclesfield Masonic Hall	01625 423286
Alderley Edge Festival Hall	01625 582150	Menzies Pinewood Hotel	01625 529211
Alderley Edge Hotel (The)	01625 583033	Mere Court Hotel & Conference Centre	
Alexandra Court Hotel (The)	01260 297871		01565 831000
Alvaston Hall Hotel	01270 624341	Mere Golf & Country Club	01565 830155
Arley Hall	01565 777353	Moorside Grange Hotel & Spa	01663 764151
Barcelo Shrigley Hall Hotel	01625 575757	Mottram Hall Hotel	01625 828135
Belle Epoque Brasserie	01565 633060	Municipal Buildings	01270 537580
Best Western Manor House Hotel	01270 884000	Nantwich Civic Hall	01270 628633
Bridge Hotel (The)	01625 829326	New Horseshoe (The)	01270 876070
Brookfield Golf Club	01270 812991	Peckforton Castle	01829 260930
Canvas Lounge	01565 653424	Pecks Restaurant	01260 275161
Capesthorpe Hall	01625 861221	Plough Inn (The)	01260 280207
Chimney House Hotel (The)	01270 764141	Quarry Bank Mill	01625 445846
Clonter Opera Theatre	01260 224266	Ramada Encore (Crewe)	01270 506620
Combermere Abbey	01948 871662	Reaseheath Hall	01270 613210
Congleton Town Hall	01260 270350	Residence (Nantwich)	01270 629100
Cotton Hotel (The)	01565 650333	Rookery Hall Hotel	01270 610016
Cranage Hall Conference Centre	01477 536666	Sandbach Town Hall	0300 123 5500
Crewe Alexandra Football Club	01270 213014	Sandhole Farm	01260 224419
Crewe Arms Hotel	01270 213204	Sandhurst Hotel (The)	01606 834125
Crewe Hall	01270 253333	Stanneylands Hotel	01625 525225
Crown Hotel (The)	01270 625283	Styal Lodge	01625 416376
Gawsworth Hall	01260 223456	Swettenham Arms (The)	01477 571284
Goostrey Village Hall	01477 535825	Tabley House	01565 750151
Hallmark Hotel Manchester	0161 437 0511	Tatton Park	01625 374400
Haslington Hall	01270 250880	Tytherington Club (The)	01625 506000
Hilltop Country House	01625 829940	White Lion Hotel (The)	01270 587011
Holiday Inn Manchester Airport	01625 889988	Wizard (The)	01625 584000
Hollin Hall Hotel	01625 573246	Wrenbury Hall	01270 781198
Hunters Lodge Hotel	01270 539100	Wychwood Park Golf Club	01270 829200
Hunting Lodge (The)	01625 827595	Wychwood Park Hotel	01270 829200
Lion and Swan Hotel	01260 273115	Ye Olde Vicarage Hotel	01477 532041
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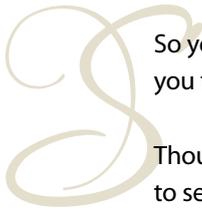
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How

to make the
Big Day easier

Hi Vicki



So you've finally done it! What fantastic news, you two are getting married, congratulations!

Thought I would drop you a quick line just to see if I could be of any help. Hearing your good news reminded me of all the things I had to do when I got married and I thought my memories might be useful to you too.

Book the Registrar! – most important, you can't get married without them.

If the big day is within three years you can provisionally book the Registrar. Do this as soon as you've found the venue and got your day sorted with them. The venue will be able to help you or you can speak to Cheshire East Ceremonies Team about which Register Office to contact on 01270 375140.

When you get to a year or within a year before the wedding (whichever comes first) you'll need to 'complete the legal paperwork'. Your Registrar will be able to tell you where and when you need to do this – this is called '**Giving Notice of Marriage**' (and once this is done, your booking is confirmed, the wedding can go ahead and you can forget all about the legal side of things, and get on with the dress buying and all the good stuff!).

The funny thing is because we got married in another area to where we lived, we had to book the Registrar where the venue was. Then we had to do the legal paperwork at the Register Office in the area where we lived. The Registrar helped us understand this and I'm sure they will explain it all to you too.

Make an appointment to go and see them. When you go to that appointment they will ask for documents to prove who you are, your nationality and that you are single (hopefully!).

The usual paperwork they tend to ask for is a passport for each of you, a bill or bank statement each and if you've been married before either the decree absolute or death certificate to show you are now free to go and do it all again! There's also a fee to be paid at this point too.

Sixteen days later our 'Authorities for Marriage' were sent out to us and it was then our responsibility to get these to the Registrar who was going to marry us (as without them the wedding couldn't go ahead – not a good idea!). If you're getting married in the same district as where you give notice then the Registrar will keep them for you (so you don't need to worry about keeping them safe).

I don't know where you're thinking of having your big day, but just as an aside, I've had friends who have either got married abroad or in a church and they have still had to go and see the Registrar to 'give notice of marriage' – so if that's the route you decide to take, make sure you still speak to the Register Office as soon as you know where you're getting married. You'll also need to speak to them if you or your beloved is subject to any immigration controls.

There seems to be such a lot to take in, but it really is quite easy once you've spoken to the Registrar. I found the Cheshire East Register Office Ceremonies Team really helpful and they guided me through all the different aspects of booking the Registrar, giving notice, and the ceremony itself.

As I said before, once you've decided on your date and venue, make sure the next phone call you make is to the Registrar.

Enjoy planning your day

With love

Julie

x

Hi Vicki

I hope all the plans are going well, it can't be long now till your dreams become reality and all that hard work and preparation pays off with the most wonderful of weddings days.

I'm really pleased you chose to have your wedding in Cheshire East, when I saw all the glorious venues they have I thought that if I was getting married now I would be really spoilt for choice!

It was good to know that my last bit of advice helped you, and so I hope that this next bit does too...



The Story

of a Big Day

I remember in the last couple of months leading up to the wedding, when most of the big decisions had been made and my dress had been bought, my thoughts began to stray towards the ceremony itself. What we could include and what wouldn't be allowed, and how we wanted the ceremony to be. I needn't have worried.

The Registrar contacted us in the weeks before the wedding, asking us to complete a profile to give them an idea as to how we wanted the ceremony to be, they also asked if we would like to meet a member of the team to talk through the ceremony and put our minds at ease (nothing is half as daunting once you know what's going to happen!). It was really reassuring to know that we could still have all the traditional bits (to keep my mum happy!).

An usher escorted my mum to her seat (resplendent in her finery). My dad (beaming from ear to ear) walked me down the aisle (and was even asked for his consent to the marriage). The bridesmaids and ring bearers followed, and I'm told the groom looked particularly nervous as he waited for me along with the bestman holding tightly onto our wedding rings.

I couldn't believe I was finally there, as I heard the music begin for my entrance. Whilst we chose classical music, the Registrar said every wedding was different, with some choosing classical, others preferring popular music that was special to them, or even the traditional Wedding March.

The ceremony itself was beautiful, with our vows and promises to each other included within the Registrar's script (we didn't have to think of our own vows at all – what a relief!).

We had two readings, the Registrar suggested some readings, but we were also free to choose our own. We managed to persuade two of our guests to read at the ceremony – the Registrar said family or friends reading would make a more personal ceremony, but if no one felt able to, then the Registrar would have read for us.

The Best Man played his part to perfection, handing over the rings at just the right time. The Registrar then pronounced us Husband and Wife and everyone applauded. The Registrar then invited us to check and sign the marriage register - and reminded me that I was signing for the last time in my maiden name.

The photographer took lots and lots of photographs and all our guests were encouraged to take photographs of us pretending to sign the register.

Then the Registrar said a few words to finish the ceremony, everyone was asked to stand for the bride (that's me!) and groom, the music began and we walked back down the aisle to a glass of champagne waiting just outside and then the celebrations began.

Our marriage ceremony was perfect - just as I dreamed it would be - a celebration of our love for each other.

The Registrar was incredibly helpful in guiding us through all the different aspects of the ceremony, and advised us on the ways we could make the ceremony more personal to us.

We could be as traditional, grand, low key or simple as we wanted to be – it really was without a doubt, 'our ceremony and our choice'.

I hope you have a fabulous wedding and remember, work with your Registrar to enjoy the ceremony you wish for. Don't forget they've done this lots and lots of times before and are keen to make sure that you get to enjoy the best day of your lives.

With love,
Julie
x

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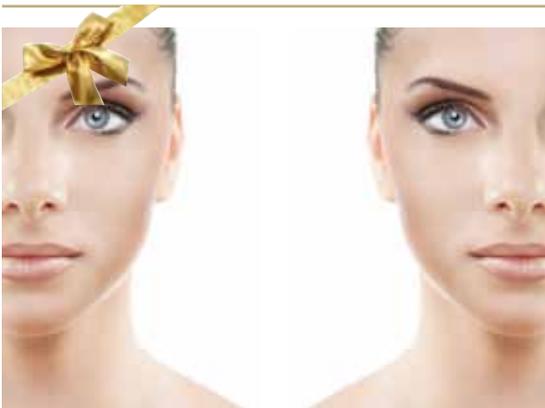
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Your day is as unique, personal and special as you are to each other, and there are so many variables regarding the legalities surrounding every couples' wedding that we couldn't possibly list them all.

Now that we've given you a flavour of how wonderful your ceremony in Cheshire East can be, please talk to us and let us help you start planning the best day of your lives - remember it really is
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