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WELCOME

Welcome to Cumberland, we hope you enjoy reading through our brochure.

Cumbria is the third largest county in England by size but are also one of the most sparsely populated. This can be seen by the unspoilt and natural beauty of the county.

There is something here for everyone from history and heritage, with lots of lovely market towns and the city of Carlisle, to a beautiful and rugged coastline including the Marina in Whitehaven. There are magnificent mountains and of course the world renowned Lake District National Park.

To have your special ceremony against such a beautiful backdrop is a dream for any couple and in the midst of this natural beauty you can celebrate your big day in exactly the way you dreamed of.

Many Approved Venues and hotels can host not just the ceremony, but also your reception.


Whether you chose a ceremony at our Registration Office or an Approved Venue, in Cumberland we can offer some of the best venues in the country.

With a wealth of Approved Venues to choose from, including stately homes, historic buildings, first class hotels, rustic barns or our beautiful Register Office, all of which provide charming settings for civil weddings or your celebration ceremonies.

More and more people are choosing to be married or form a civil partnership outdoors. Legal ceremonies are now allowed to take place outdoors or in a temporary or moveable structure, such as marquees, boats and more, providing they are on approved licensed premises.

Our staff will be happy to discuss any ideas that you have to make your ceremony unique to you.





Wherever, and however, you decide to celebrate your special day, from traditional and stylish to themed or more unusual, you will be guaranteed the ultimate venue and spectacular backdrop.

You can stay at large, luxurious hotels and cosy, family-run B&Bs, to well equipped camping and caravan parks and self-catering cottages. Whatever your choice you can be sure of a warm welcome, great service and picturesque surroundings.

Not only is Cumberland the perfect place for your wedding but also your honeymoon. Reflect on your big day surrounded by beautiful lakes and mountains. The perfect location to enjoy your first happy days of married life together, with memories that will last a lifetime.

We will guide you through the processes and help you to make your ceremony special whether you want to be unique, traditional, or simple and sincere.

Our team of ceremony staff are passionate about providing an experience you will treasure.

Cumberland
Ceremonies
Team



YOUR CEREMONY

AT A REGISTRATION OFFICE OR APPROVED VENUE

The first step on your ceremony journey is to decide what type of ceremony you would like and where you would like it to be held.

We can offer Civil Marriages and Civil Partnerships either in our beautiful Register Office or in one of our Approved venues. If you have an idea for an alternative venue please discuss it with us as more than likely we will be able to accommodate you in one of our Bespoke ceremony packages.

Your booking with us ensures that two registrars are secured to attend your ceremony and conduct a civil ceremony which is recognised by law. If this is in our ceremony room at our registration office or in our gardens, the use of the venue is included in your fee.

If you are choosing to hold your ceremony in an approved venue it is the couples responsibility to make arrangements and bookings with the venue for the use of their premises and services.

In a civil marriage there are certain words prescribed by law, which you must say, known as declaratory and contracting words. In a civil partnership, it is optional whether these words are said out loud.

There are various ways of personalising your ceremony, such as additional vows or readings by guests, you also have the option to exchange a ring or rings

You must provide two witnesses, who may be either friends or relatives. It is advisable that they should be over the age of 18, and are able to understand English as well as the significance of the ceremony they are witnessing.

They will be asked to sign the marriage schedule or civil partnership schedule at the end of the ceremony.

All of our couples receive a lovely commemorative certificate at their ceremony as a keepsake of their special day signed by the registrar and your witnesses. Legal Marriage or Civil Partnership certificates are available to order after the ceremony has taken place.

Please note that should you be considering the use of a Celebrant they cannot legally marry you or form a civil partnership nor can they deliver a ceremony in which they declare you as husband and wife.

Any ceremony conducted by a celebrant is a "celebration" and should take place following a marriage or civil partnership which has been legally formed.

MORE INFO



Have you ever wanted to
have a ceremony
by a lake, under the stars
or in a private garden?

For those couples who want
something a little bit different
or more personal, our Bespoke
Ceremony options are the
perfect choice.

SAY I DO YOUR WAY

WITH OUR BESPOKE CEREMONIES

Our friendly team will advise of the options available to allow you to create a personalised ceremony to take place at a venue or location of your choice, whilst ensuring that all the legalities of a Civil Marriage Ceremony or Civil Partnership are met. We are happy to lend our experience and expertise to create your own special day and turn your ceremony dreams into a reality, this can include:

Outdoor Ceremonies
Twilight Ceremonies
Themed Ceremonies
Woodland Ceremonies
Lakeside Terrace Ceremony
Marquee in a private garden

Please note: if the ceremony is to take place anywhere other than an approved venue, the location must have public liability insurance in place and may need to be inspected before a ceremony can be approved.

What is included in a Bespoke Ceremony?

Our Bespoke Ceremony Planner will work exclusively with you from 8 weeks prior to your ceremony, to advise and personalise your ceremony and turn your wedding day ceremony dreams into a reality. Your ceremony package will include:

- Your legal Marriage ceremony or Civil Partnership
- Options available for your Marriage ceremony or Civil Partnership - in our beautiful ceremony room or garden at Lady Gillfords House, or at a venue of your choosing
- A personalised ceremony script including 'your love story', readings, personalised vows, ceremony gestures such as ring warming, hand tying and inclusion of children, parents or friends
- A longer ceremony time of up to 60 minutes
- Regular contact with your bespoke ceremony planner in the month leading up to your ceremony to ensure everything runs smoothly.
- A meeting with your ceremony officer prior to the ceremony
- A copy of your script presented hand tied with a ribbon matching your colour scheme

- A commemorative certificate signed by your witnesses presented to you as a keepsake of your special day.

Not included:

Statutory fees payable for the legal preliminaries for Notice of Marriage, Civil Partnership or Legal Certificates.

What if my chosen venue doesn't have a licence to hold weddings?

Our Bespoke Ceremony options allow for a legal Ceremony to be carried out at a register office either on the same day or on an alternative day by a unique celebration event at another venue such as a private garden, your favourite bar, in a museum, on a boat or even in a beach hut.

How do I book?

Please call us on: **0300 373 3730** to discuss your requirements.

Or email us: **registration.service@cumberland.gov.uk**

You can also visit our website - use the QR code or the web address at the top of this page.

PLAN AHEAD

Our team can take booking up to 24 months in advance.

All booking fees are non-refundable and any change to your ceremony date or venue will incur an administration fee.

It is your responsibility to ensure your notices of intent to marry or form a civil partnership are completed within 12 months of your ceremony date.

We welcome you to personalise your ceremony with music choices, vows or readings but please note these must not be offensive or contain any religious connotations.

Professional photography and videography is permitted and encouraged and we are more than happy to make announcements to guests, asking them politely to put their phones away and enjoy the ceremony and to respect your wishes in terms of social media posts.

Want your furry friend to take part or an owl to deliver your rings? Providing the venue are in agreement we are more than happy to allow animals and birds to be part of your ceremony at approved venues.

If you're late we may not wait! Our registrars often have more than one ceremony to conduct in a day so timing is very important. Please ensure all guests and the groom or partner 1 arrive at the venue 30 minutes prior to the ceremony start time. The bride or partner 2 should be ready to meet with the registrars 15 minutes prior to the ceremony.

Should you require the use of an interpreter or you have any other special requirements please discuss this at the time of booking.



MORE INFO



CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

IN CUMBERLAND

Civil Partnerships were extended to all couples from December 2019. Civil Partnerships are available to both same-sex couples and opposite sex couples. Whereas a marriage is formed by vows, a civil partnership is formed by the signing of a civil partnership document.

Registering a civil partnership will give your relationship legal recognition. This will give you added legal rights and pension benefits, as well as responsibilities.

You can celebrate the formation of your civil partnership in any of our licensed premises or registry office in Cumberland. You can choose a very simple ceremony with no spoken vows and just two witnesses or you can have a more meaningful ceremony with ring exchange and guests - the choice is yours.

How far in advance can I make a booking?

A legal notice of the formation of a civil partnership is valid for twelve months. However, in Cumberland you are able to make a provisional booking for the formation of your partnership, up to two years in advance. Please note that there is a non-refundable deposit payable at the time of booking.

If you are in a same sex Civil Partnership and would like to convert this to a Civil Marriage, please call us to discuss arrangements for a Civil Partnership Conversion.



Legal Preliminaries

Before you can form your civil partnership, there are certain formalities which are required under law. You must both attend the Register Office in the district in which you live to inform them of your intention to form a civil partnership. This is called giving notice and you must attend in person. You will each be required to give an individual notice.

After giving notice you must allow at least 28 clear days before the formation can take place. Your civil partnership formation must then take place within twelve months of the date you gave at the notice.

Fees and charges

Fees are dependent on the day of the week. Please see our website - use the QR code or the web addresss at the bottom of this page.

MORE INFO





GIVING NOTICE



Immigration Control

If one or both of you is subject to immigration control you will need to follow special procedures. You will need to give notice at a specially designated Registration Office. For further information, you can contact us on 0300 373 3730 or email registration.service@cumberland.gov.uk to ensure that the legal formalities are completed in sufficient time to allow the ceremony to proceed.

Each couple must give notice. Giving notice means making a legal declaration that you are both free to marry each other or form a civil partnership.

Although you may have a civil ceremony in any district within England and Wales, you must give notice to the Registrar in the district where you live.

When you wish to give formal notice you will need to make an appointment at the appropriate office and it will take approximately half an hour to an hour to complete.

When you attend your appointment you and your partner will need to provide information including proof of age, nationality and evidence you are free to marry or form a civil partnership. You will also need to provide documents that prove your identity.

When you book an appointment our officers will advise you of what you need to bring with you. For more detailed information please visit our website - use the QR code below, or the web address at the bottom of this page.

Whilst you can book your ceremony more than a year in advance, your notice of intent can only be given within one year of the date. Our Ceremony Team can advise you of the minimum number of days in advance you may give your notice. Once the notice of intent has been given, your details will be publicly displayed at the Register Office for 28 days. However, for administrative purposes we recommend you allow a minimum of eight weeks.

Both of you must give notice and this must be done in person at the appropriate Registration Office. In general, notice must be given in the district where you live. If you both live in the same district a joint appointment should be made with your local office. If you live in separate districts, but still within England or Wales then you should make individual appointments with your local Registration Office, if possible around the same date. You must be resident in the district where you give notice for the preceding eight days prior to the appointment and on the ninth day you will be free to give notice.

If you wish to have a ceremony in a district where you do not live, you will need to contact both the venue and the Registrar of that district to make arrangements, and agree the date and time of your ceremony. Once you have done this you can then give your notice to marry or form a civil partnership to the Registrar in the district where you live.

The Registrar will tell you when your marriage authority or schedule will be issued. If you are getting married or forming a civil partnership in another district, please advise the Registrar where to send your authorities.

Please be aware that some special conditions may apply in the following cases:

- Either party is not a British Citizen
- If the marriage/civil partnership is to take place outside of England or Wales
- Or if either party is resident outside of England or Wales.

If any of the above applies to you or your partner please contact one of our Registration Offices for further advice.



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With terraces, lawns, a bubbling rill and an orchard, idyllic nooks abound to explore. If you need more space for your party of up to 100 guests, you have the Blencowe Hall Byre and the marquee field.

HAUSE HALL



Hause Hall Farm is an intimate wedding venue for groups of up to 20 and is set in a fabulous location on Hallin Fell in the Lake District National Park.

Guests are welcomed for a beautiful country wedding with a stunning glass extension and broad sandstone terraces overlooking the sweeping fells above Ullswater.

Hause Hall Farm has been renovated to five-star standard accommodating up to 18 guests in 9 double ensuite bedrooms.

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Set within 25 acres of sandstone walled gardens and wooded grounds in the foothills of the Pennines, Melmerby Hall offers accommodation for up to 18 guests in Melmerby Hall itself and for up to 32 guests overall including the cottages in its gardens and orchards.

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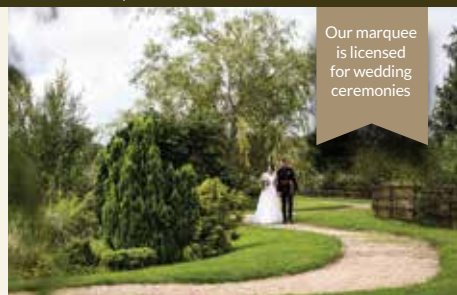


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The Greenhill Hotel is licensed to hold civil ceremonies in a choice of four areas with seating capacities from 10 to 300 guests.

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COCKERMOUTH TOWN HALL

MARKET STREET, COCKERMOUTH CA13 9NP



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For further information please contact Kirstie Goodger or Amy Jeffery.

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Licensed for civil ceremonies, with a versatile function room and spaces to suit parties from 10 – 300



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OUTDOOR

CEREMONIES



More and more people are now choosing to be married or form a civil partnership outdoors. Until recently, civil marriages had to take place inside or under a permanent licensed structure. Due to a change in legislation we are now able to conduct ceremonies at licensed premises in their outdoor areas without the need for a licensed structure. The areas still have to be prior approved before any legal ceremony, so please speak to your venue regarding the outside areas available. If your venue does not hold an approved venue licence, please speak to us about a Bespoke package.

Please remember that, with the great British summer being what it is, it will not always be possible to hold

a ceremony outdoors due to inclement weather, which may include rain, wind or even very hot and sunny conditions with no shade.

It will be the Registrars' decision on the day whether the ceremony can take place outdoors. They will need to consider the safety and wellbeing of the guests as well as the protection of the Schedule, which is the only official record of the ceremony.

Please do not let it spoil your day if the ceremony cannot take place outdoors for whatever reason. Make sure you have a back-up plan and select another room at the venue and remember, it should be big enough to accommodate all your guests.

REMEMBER

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- Payment for any ceremony is required in advance, 12 weeks prior to the day
- If the ceremony will take place within 12 weeks, full payment is required at the time of booking
- It is the responsibility of the couple to book, and confirm, dates and arrangements with Approved Venues, and to pay any fees due to the premises
- It is the couple's responsibility to ensure that the legal formalities and notices are complete and that you have obtained the necessary authorities before your ceremony
- Any rights of copyright for music, readings, etc., permitted at the ceremony are a matter for you and the venue
- A booking cannot be made unless you are legally free to marry or form a civil partnership (i.e. divorced or granted a dissolution) and are in receipt of any papers to prove this
- Whilst every effort will be made to make sure your ceremony starts on time, you should appreciate that circumstances beyond the control of the Registration Service staff may occasionally cause delays
- It is very important that you and your guests arrive in good time, at least 30 minutes before the start of your ceremony. This will allow you to be interviewed before the ceremony and for your guests to be seated. The Registrar will see you privately, either together or separately, to check details and final arrangements
- We make every effort to perform the ceremony at the time stated. As our staff may have other ceremonies after yours, any unnecessary delays may result in them having to leave to attend other ceremonies.



COPY CERTIFICATES

Couples often require more than one copy of their marriage or civil partnership certificate, primarily for legal purposes. Certificates are no longer issued on the day of the ceremony, these can be purchased after the ceremony through the Registration Office in the district where your ceremony took place or direct from the General Register Office.

Don't forget you may need to change your passport. Check with your travel agent or the country's consulate if you are travelling abroad for your honeymoon. You can change your passport details at any time within three months before the ceremony, although you will not be able to use it, until after your ceremony. For further information, please check www.gov.uk

Certificate orders for ceremonies that take place in Cumberland can be made by calling our ceremony team 0300 373 3730.



ON THE DAY

MUSIC

You can choose your own recorded music to be played upon entrance of the bride/partners, at the signing of the register and as an exit from the ceremony. Music and/or readings must be approved prior to your ceremony by the ceremonies team via the ceremony planner. Recorded music must be supplied by the couple and played on your own device, or arrangements for playing made prior to the ceremony with the venue. Music which has any religious connotations or is deemed inappropriate for a civil ceremony will not be permitted. Cumberland Council are not responsible for providing or playing music.

WITNESSES

You need to provide at least two witnesses over 18 years of age at your ceremony. They may be relatives, friends or colleagues who must be able to speak and understand English and also the significance of the ceremony.

INSURANCE

If, for whatever reason, you need to change your plans, it could be extremely expensive. We would recommend you take out the appropriate insurance.

CONFETTI

Confetti is a familiar part of any wedding, but please ask your guests not to throw confetti inside the building!

SOCIAL MEDIA

We will be happy to make an announcement to your guest about social media posts if you would like your guests to respectfully wait before posting or not post on social media channels at all.

Social media content creators – recording is at the discretion of the ceremonies team and must not disrupt the ceremony. We would request that respect is shown to our staff and permission is sought before posting any images of our team online.

NO SMOKING

Cumberland Council has a no smoking policy on all its premises and this includes Registration Offices, ceremony rooms, car parks and grounds.

PHOTOS

All photography, professional or otherwise, is by the permission of the presiding Ceremonies Officers and must be agreed prior to the start of the ceremony. We generally welcome official photographers to take photographs before and after the formal during the ceremony. We ask that photographers respect the space required for our team to conduct the ceremony and keep movements around the room to a minimum once the ceremony has begun. However, it is important that all ceremonies begin on time, and are not interrupted as a result of photographers.

Flashguns may only be used with permission.



VIDEO

Video recording is at the discretion of the Ceremonies Team. Only one video camera to be used and the person recording the event should remain in one position. Any cameras or video equipment must be battery operated only.

MOBILE PHONES

Your guests will be asked to ensure that their mobile phones or electrical devices are silent or turned off during the ceremony.

ANIMALS

Animals and birds are not permitted in the register office ceremony room, permission may be sought for well behaved dogs to attend our garden gazebo ceremonies. The use of any animal or birds at a ceremony in a licensed venue is at the discretion of the owner/manager of the premises.

We must be advised in writing of the use of any animal or bird in a ceremony at least 6 weeks in advance.

WORDS & READINGS

You can choose to say special words to each other and add readings to your traditional or bespoke ceremony.

TRADITIONAL CEREMONY:

Two readings or personalised vows.

BESPOKE CEREMONY:

Personalised ceremony script which can include vows, readings and gestures.

TIMING

We require where possible that the groom/partner is at the venue a minimum of half an hour before the ceremony. The bride/partner 15 minutes before the allocated starting time.

For couples who may be staying/ changing at the venue, we would ask you to ensure that you are fully dressed with hair/makeup completed 30 minutes prior to the ceremony for the interview with the registrar.

PARKING

There is ample parking at our registry office Lady Gillfords House. Most approved venues have ample parking.

If you need to discuss any of these points or have any other questions, please contact the Ceremonies Team on 0300 373 3730

COUNTDOWN

24 MONTHS

You can now make your booking for your wedding/civil partnership.

12 MONTHS

Contact Registrar to arrange to give notice
Research wedding professionals (photographers, DJ's, florists)
Set Budget
Choose theme and style.

9 MONTHS

Prepare play list
Register wedding gifts
Book photographer/video, caterers
Book your honeymoon
Decide on best man, bridesmaids, page boys, ushers and start making the guest list
Take out insurance
Email save the date cards
Say yes to your dress or get suited and bootied.

6 MONTHS

Arrange transport
Begin thinking about your gift list
Choose your florist and place order
Wedding Invitations
Order stationery
Finalise honeymoon arrangements.

4 MONTHS

Buy ring/rings
Organise stag/hen parties
Choose reception menu and order cake.

3 MONTHS

Go over final honeymoon arrangements and check your passport is up to date
Book overnight hotel if necessary
Send out invitations/gift list
Send lists of local accommodation to guests who may need it
Buy attendants' presents
Buy your going away outfit

2 WEEKS

Make up/Hair trial
Gift for your spouse to be.

1 WEEK

Time the journey to make sure there are no unexpected delays
Give your gown, bridesmaids' dresses etc. a final check for fit
Ensure all hired clothes are collected in time
Pack for your honeymoon.

LOVE IS LOVE

**At Cumberland Council we truly believe that love
does not discriminate, or judge.**

We embrace equality and diversity and recognise that everyone
is different and value those differences by treating everyone fairly
and with respect ... Love is Love and Love is for all.

All partnerships should be treated with the same respect, honour and dignity,
regardless of age, race, gender, sexual orientation, religious and spiritual
beliefs or any other individual characteristics or preferences.

We are proud to support our LGBTQ+ community, taking part in local Pride
events and working with the Rainbow Alliance to ensure our ceremonies are
accessible and appropriate for everyone. We are here to provide advice and
support to all our couples, helping you to plan your journey and celebrate the
diversity of your love or special partnership.

Call us to discuss your special celebration ceremony.





A naming ceremony can be arranged by a parent, grandparent or guardian of a child. It is an ideal solution for those who do not follow a religion or for parents who have differing religious beliefs or cultural backgrounds to come together to celebrate in a non-religious ceremony to welcome a child into a family or community.

Ceremonies can also be used to introduce adoptive children and stepchildren into a new relationship and form part of the family bonding with an extended family unit.

A young person or adult may choose a naming ceremony to introduce themselves with a new identity following transition, providing a lovely opportunity to express publicly and freely who they are.

We offer the option to incorporate a naming ceremony alongside a wedding or civil partnership ceremony.

A dedicated Ceremony planner will contact you around 8 weeks before the date, to work with you to create a personalised ceremony for the special naming day.

- Welcome the child(ren) into the loving embrace of their family and the wider community.
- Announce the chosen names, sharing the meaning or inspiration behind them if you wish.
- Make heartfelt promises of love, guidance, and support to help nurture the child throughout their life.
- Invite special adults to take on a meaningful role, committing to a lasting and supportive relationship with the child.

- Celebrate with close family and friends, marking the occasion with music, poetry, readings, and the giving of a special gift to commemorate the day.

Registration Offices and Approved Venues which are licensed for civil marriages or civil partnerships are listed in this brochure.

They provide excellent locations and meet current fire and safety regulations with public liability insurance. These premises are experienced at holding events and are also ideal for naming ceremonies, however, there may be other options.

If you are unsure of the suitability of a particular location please contact the Ceremonies Team



RENEWAL

OF VOWS

Our Renewal of Vow ceremonies can be adapted to a couples circumstances and requirements and are often used to celebrate a couples continued or renewed love and commitment to each other.

Reasons to renew include:

- To celebrate a recent legal marriage ceremony in another country or at another venue where all family friends couldn't attend
- To commemorate a special anniversary such as 10th, 25th, 40th or 50th wedding anniversary
- Whilst one partner is seriously or terminally ill to affirm their love and devotion to each other
- Following a period of difficulty in a relationship or following an illness to renew their promises of love and commitment

- Just because – some couples just want to “get married” to each other again and again. Why not wear that dress and suit again, invite your friends and let us celebrate your journey of love.

As this is a non legal ceremony, options could include a themed renewal or an intimate twilight ceremony with just the two of you.

The possibilities are endless, the only limits are your imagination.

Any couple of any age or gender can arrange a celebratory ceremony.

Couples do not have to live in Cumberland.

Every ceremony is different, you will have the opportunity to work with a ceremony planner who will advise you on how we can personalise your ceremony and create something unique which reflects your personalities and gives you a unique day to remember and treasure.

We offer celebratory ceremonies in the Registration Office and approved premises within the county.

If you would like to use a different venue, for example a village hall, or a marquee in the grounds of a hotel or the garden at your home, this would need to be discussed beforehand. The location selected must have public liability insurance and may need to be inspected before a ceremony can be approved.

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Our registration office in Carlisle is at Lady Gilford's House, a Georgian Grade II* listed building with a beautifully decorated wood panelled ceremony room, ample parking and landscaped gardens providing photo opportunities.

Our distinctive Ceremony Room, set within the former billiard room of the house, provides an elegant and memorable setting for weddings, civil partnerships, celebrations, and memorial events. Overlooking our private gardens, the room is tastefully decorated and fully accessible for disabled guests. Bookings are available Monday to Sunday (excluding bank holidays), with seating for up to 60 guests.

New for Spring/Summer 2026

Cumberland Ceremonies team is delighted to unveil a charming new setting for your special day: the Rose-Covered Garden Gazebo, nestled within the peaceful and picturesque grounds of Lady Gilford's House. Surrounded by blooming roses and tranquil greenery, this enchanting outdoor venue offers a truly romantic backdrop for your ceremony. Available on weekends from late March to early October, weather permitting, the Garden Gazebo provides an intimate space for up to 28 guests to share in your celebration.

Whether you're embarking on a new life together, marking a milestone or welcoming a new member of the family, a ceremony at Lady Gilford's House promises to be a memorable experience in a setting full of classic beauty and heartfelt warmth.



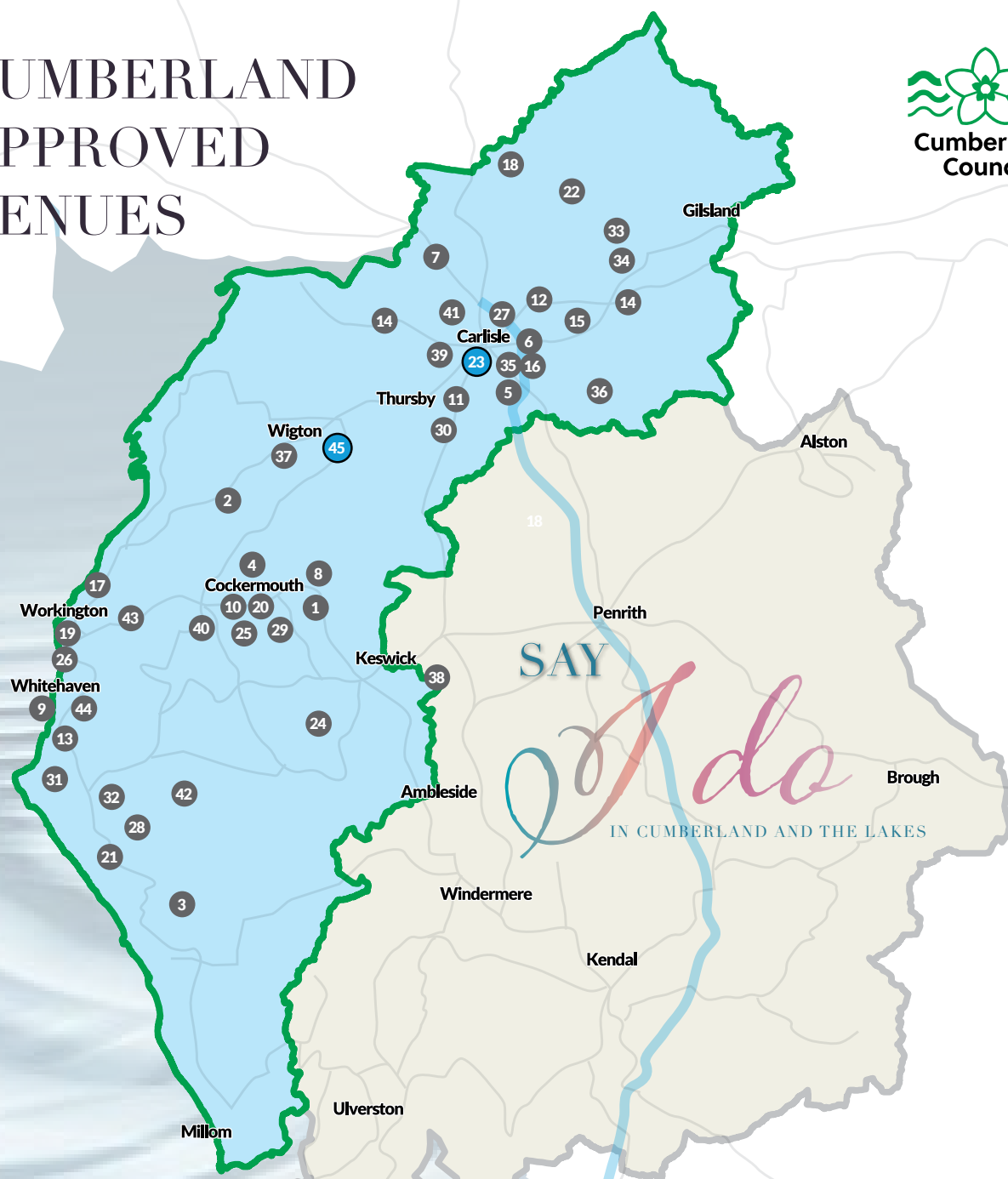
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WE WELCOME YOUR VIEWS

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**c/o Ceremonies Service Lead Cumberland Registration Service,
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CUMBERLAND APPROVED VENUES



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| 1 Armathwaite Hall Hotel | 16 Halston Aparthotel | 32 Sella Park Country House Hotel |
| 2 Blaitwaite Country House Estate | 17 Helena Thompson Museum | 33 Skitby |
| 3 Bower House Inn | 18 Hidden River Cabins | 34 The Country House Cumbria |
| 4 Broughton Craggs Hotel | 19 Hunday Manor Hotel. | 35 The Crown and Mitre Hotel |
| 5 Carlisle Racecourse | 20 Hundith Hill Hotel | 36 The Crown Hotel |
| 6 Carlisle Station Hotel | 21 Irton Hall | 37 The Greehill Hotel |
| 7 Carwinley Mill House | 22 Kirklington Hall and Gardens | 38 The Kings Head Inn |
| 8 Castle Inn Hotel | 23 Lady Gillford's House | 29 The Old Town Hall (Tourist Information Centre, Carlisle) |
| 9 Civic Hall Whitehaven | 24 Lodore Falls Hotel | 30 The Trout Hotel |
| 10 Cockermouth Town Hall | 25 Low Hall The Lakes | 31 Tullie House Museum and Art Gallery |
| 11 Dalston Hall | 26 Moresby Hall | 32 Wasdale Head Inn |
| 12 Eden Golf Club | 27 Morton Manor | 33 Washington Central Hotel |
| 13 Ennerdale Country House Hotel | 28 Muncaster Castle | 34 Whitehaven Registration Office |
| 14 Farlam Hall Hotel | 29 New House Farm | 35 Wigton Registration Office |
| 15 Fleece at Ruleholme | 30 Rose Castle | |
| | 31 Seacote Hotel | |



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