



WESTMORLAND & FURNESS REGISTRATION AND CEREMONIES TEAM



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Self-catering or we can recommend great local caterers. Mid-week offers available.

Licensed for civil ceremonies with space for a marquee in the grounds for reception parties of up to 100 guests.

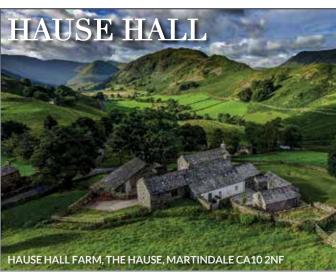






Grade I listed castellated manor house located four miles from the Lake District National Park. Provides accommodation for up to 24 guests within Blencowe Hall itself and up to 54 guests overall including its cottages. All set within its 30 acres of elegant gardens and grounds.

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 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.







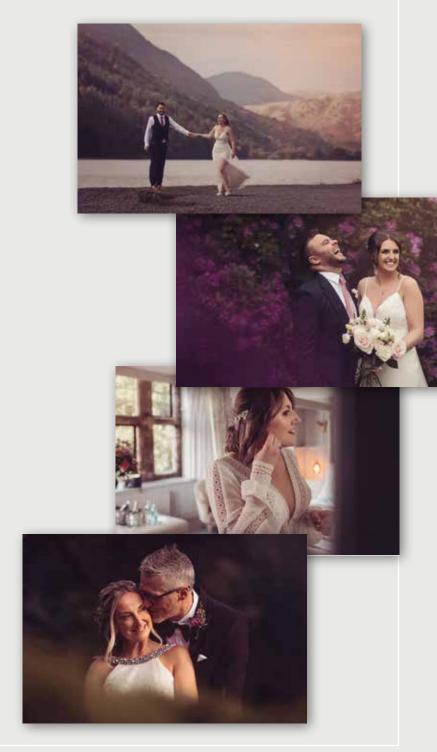
Set within 25 acres of sandstone walled gardens and wooded grounds in the foothills of the Pennines, Melmerby Hall offers accommodation for up to 18 guests in Melmerby Hall itself and for up to 32 guests overall including the cottages in its gardens and orchards.

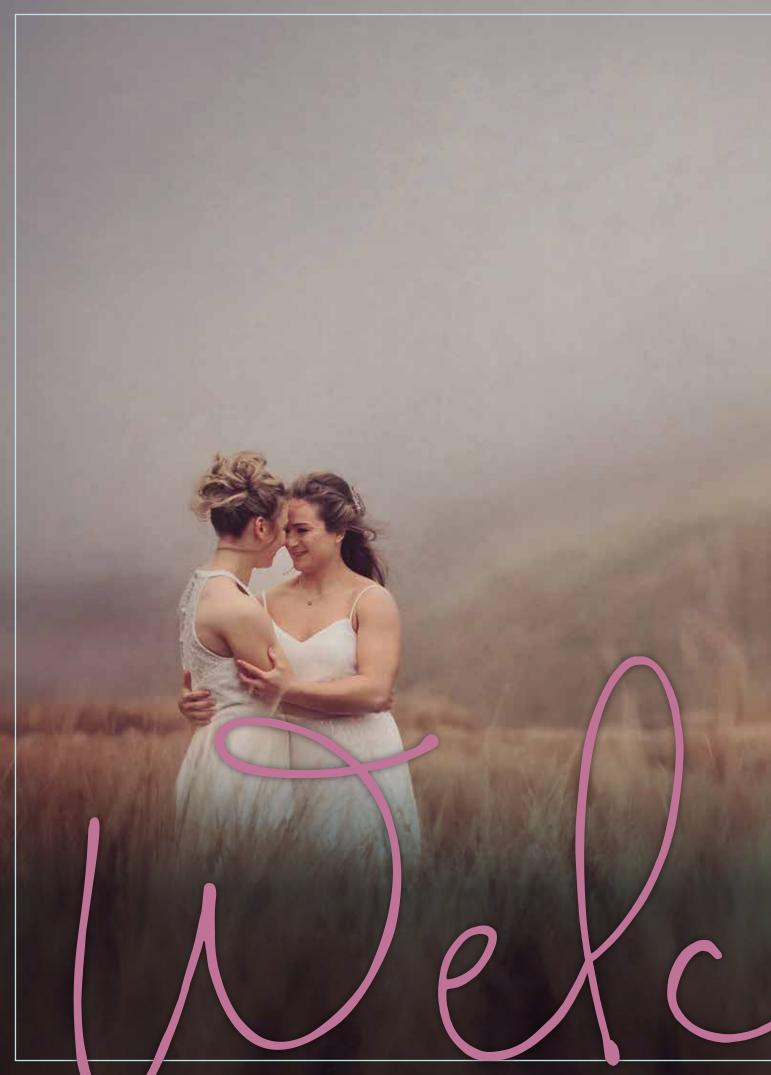
Larger parties are welcomed to the airy and spacious Melmerby Hall Stables reception rooms and parties up to 100 guests may opt to have a marquee/tipi on its Archery Lawns.



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Westmorland & Furness Ceremonies

Westmorland and Furness Registration Service and Ceremonies Team extend a warm welcome to everyone who may be considering a special ceremony in this spectacular part of the country. We offer some of the most breathtaking ceremony locations in Cumbria, set between majestic mountains, stunning lakes, dramatic coastline and outstanding countryside.

We offer a variety of civil ceremonies to meet all of your ceremony needs.

- CIVIL MARRIAGE (Statutory, Traditional and Bespoke)
- · CIVIL PARTNERSHIP
- NAMING CEREMONY
- · RENEWAL OF MARRIAGE VOWS

Your ceremony may be small and intimate or shared with many guests or a medium sized affair. The choice is yours.

With around one hundred approved venues to choose from you will be able to find the perfect ceremony location to suit your individual style and budget. Many of the approved venues can host your reception as well as the ceremony.

Our approved venues include:

- · Registration Offices in buildings full of history
- Rustic Barns
- Impressive Castles
- Prestigious Country or Stately Homes
- Luxurious Hotels

As many of the approved venues are set in stunning scenery, ceremonies are often held outside. This, of course, is weather dependent and dependent on the venue having approval for performing a ceremony in an outside space.

Whether you choose a cosy, personal ceremony by the open fire on a winter's day or have all your friends and family gather by the lake in the summer sunshine, you will be well supported by our team on your special day.

Our experienced and dedicated team are looking forward to guiding you through the process of organising your ceremony and making your ceremony the most memorable day that works for you.

CONTACT OUR CEREMONIES TEAM:

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YOUR LEGAL CIVIL MARRIAGE OR CIVIL PARTNERSHIP CEREMONY

FIRST, FIND YOUR VENUE

When you are planning a ceremony, you first need to find a venue. Civil ceremonies can be held at either one of our Registration Offices or one of our Approved Venues. A list of our Approved Venues and their locations is provided at the back of this brochure.

The decision needs to be made concerning where to have your marriage or civil partnership ceremony before 'giving notice'. For more information on 'giving notice', please see page 16.

BOOKING YOUR CEREMONY

Once you have chosen your venue, you must contact the Ceremonies Team to book your ceremony for a Ceremonies Officer / Registrar to attend and officiate.

Please note, a legal civil marriage or formation of civil partnership can only take place in a licensed venue with a Ceremonies Officer / Registrar or authorised person officiating at the ceremony and completing the necessary legalities. For further advice on this, please contact the Ceremonies Team to discuss.

You can provisionally book your ceremony up until 24 months in advance. A non-refundable deposit is required at this point. However, once a booking has been made, there would be an administration fee for any amendments. A booking for a civil marriage ceremony or civil partnership formation can only be taken if you are legally free to marry or form a civil partnership and are in receipt of any papers to prove this, if applicable.

REGISTRATION OFFICE

If you decide to hold your ceremony at one of the Registration Offices, please contact the Ceremonies Team on 0300 373 3300. They will be happy to discuss options available and book the ceremony room for you.

Please have a preferred date and time as well as some alternative dates and times as occasionally it is not always possible to accommodate your first choice.

ONCE YOU HAVE BOOKED YOUR CEREMONY WITH OUR TEAM, IT IS THEN YOUR

THINGS TO CONSIDER

INTERPRETER

If an interpreter is required, please contact the Ceremonies Team for advice.

ANIMALS

If pets, birds or animals are expected at the ceremony please inform the Ceremonies Team who will liaise with you. Please note, no animals, except assistance dogs, are permitted in our Registration Offices.

ACCESS

If you or any of your guests have any access issues, please discuss this with the Ceremonies Team at the time of booking.

WITNESSES

You must provide at least two witnesses for any legal civil marriage or civil partnership formation. Ideally, your witnesses should be 18 or over, understand English, listen carefully to the words spoken and appreciate the significance of the ceremony.

ON THE DAY

The first partner getting married / forming a civil partnership is expected to arrive at least 30 minutes before the ceremony is scheduled to start.

The second partner should then arrive at least 15 minutes before the ceremony is scheduled to start.

On your special day, please help everything to run smoothly by ensuring yourselves and your guests arrive at the venue at the appropriate time.

All guests should arrive at least 30 minutes before the ceremony starts.

APPROVED VENUES

Alternatively, if you have chosen to hold your ceremony at one of our Approved Venues, it is your responsibility to provisionally book the venue prior to contacting the Ceremonies Team. Once you have found your ideal venue, establish with them several alternative dates or times as well as your favoured date and time.

It is not always possible for the Ceremonies Team to accommodate your first choice as they need to ensure that the Ceremony Officers / Registrars are available to attend your ceremony.

RESPONSIBILITY TO CONFIRM DATE AND TIME OF BOOKING WITH THE VENUE.



There are various options available if you choose to have a Traditional Civil Marriage ceremony.

A TRADITIONAL CIVIL MARRIAGE CEREMONY INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

- · the choice of legal vows
- the option to exchange a ring or rings
- the option to play music as you enter and leave the ceremony room as well as while you are signing the legal paperwork
- the option to include up to two short readings OR exchange your own personalised vows
- the ceremony may last up to 30 minutes

A longer Bespoke Ceremony option is also available, which allows greater personalisation (see page 14 for details).

DECLARATIONS AND CONTRACTING WORDS

In a civil marriage ceremony, there are certain words, prescribed by law, which must be spoken by the couple during a civil marriage ceremony to legally bind them in marriage are called the declaratory and contracting words. There are three options available for you to choose from. In the lead up to your ceremony, you will be provided with these options and asked which ones you would like to use within your ceremony.

READINGS AND MUSIC

You can choose to include up to two readings or you may decide to exchange your own personalised vows instead.

Music is often an important consideration when planning a civil marriage ceremony with music being played as the couple enter the ceremony room, during the signing of the legal paperwork and as the newly married couple exit the ceremony room and begin their married lives together.

Please note that all music, readings and personalised vows must be submitted to the Ceremonies Team 4 weeks prior to your ceremony for approval. They must not be of an offensive nature or have any religious connotations.

EXCHANGE OF RINGS

During the ceremony there is an opportunity for you to both exchange rings or, if you prefer, a single ring may be exchanged. A ring bearer of your choice can present the ring or rings.

Not Included within the Ceremony Fees:

- · Statutory fees payable when 'giving notice'
- Legal Copy Certificates should be purchased after the ceremony

Civil Partnerships

The formation of a Civil Partnership is available to all couples. You can celebrate the formation of your Civil Partnership in any of our Register Offices or Approved Venues.

Whereas a marriage is formed by verbally exchanging vows, a civil partnership is formed by the signing of a Civil Partnership document.

You have the option to either read the declaration before signing the Civil Partnership document which does not require you to say it aloud. Alternatively, you can choose to have a spoken declaration, which would allow you to say the declarations aloud in front of your witnesses and guests prior to the signing of the Civil Partnership document.

A TRADITIONAL CIVIL PARTNERSHIP CEREMONY INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

- the choice of whether to read or speak the legal declaration
- the option to exchange a ring or rings
- the option to play music as you enter and leave the ceremony room as well as while you are signing the Civil Partnership document
- the option to include up to two short readings OR exchange your own personalised vows
- the ceremony may last up to 30 minutes

Please note that all music, readings and personalised vows must be submitted to the Ceremonies Team prior to your ceremony for approval. They must not be of an offensive nature or have any religious connotations.

Not Included:

- · Statutory fees payable when 'giving notice'
- Legal Copy Certificates

HOW FAR IN ADVANCE CAN I MAKE A BOOKING?

You can make a booking for the formation of your Civil Partnership up to two years in advance.

LEGAL PRELIMINARIES

Before you can form a Civil Partnership, there are certain formalities which are required by law. You must both book an appointment to 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'. Please note, there are fees to pay to your local office when you attend this appointment.

There must be at least 28 clear days after giving notice before the Civil Partnership formation can take place. Your Civil Partnership notice is valid for 12 months so the formation must take place within this period.

HOW DO I BOOK?

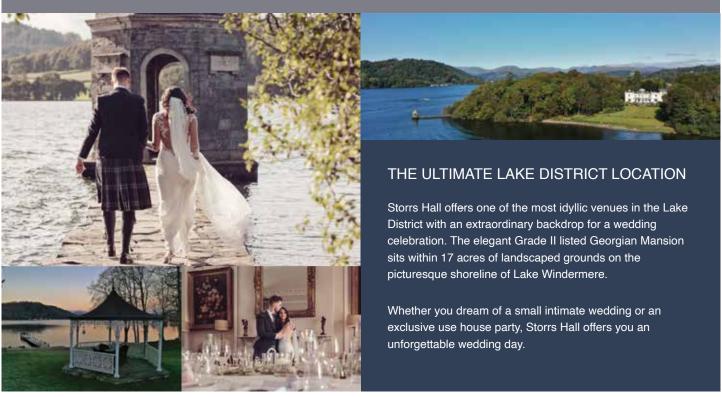
Please contact the Ceremonies Team to discuss your options, availability and up to date fees. A non-refundable deposit is payable at the time of booking.

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PUNCH BOWL INN & RESTAURANT

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The Punch Bowl Inn offers a relaxed, informal, chic and stylish wedding venue. If you are looking for something away from the ordinary, this is a perfect venue, small and exclusive.

Our restaurant, lounge and bar dining room are licensed for civil ceremonies. The restaurant seats a maximum of 42 for a wedding breakfast and can cater for up to 70 for a buffet incorporating the bar area.





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LINDETH HOWE HOTEL

LINDETH DRIVE, LONGTAIL HILL, BOWNESS ON WINDERMERE LA23 3JF



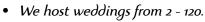






Your dream wedding, wrapped in Lakeland elegance. From sweeping views to warm, intimate spaces—Lindeth Howe is where timeless

romance meets modern indulgence. Say yes to something truly special.



- Exclusive and unique weddings.
- A supportive team who are with you every step of your wedding planning journey.





Say "I do" in the idyllic setting that inspired the timeless tales of Beatrix Potter

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TOWN HEAD ESTATE

TOWN HEAD, NEWBY BRIDGE, ULVERSTON LA12 8NP

Town Head Estate is a breathtaking, exclusive use country estate on the shores of Lake Windermere.

Comprising of a fully renovated wedding barn, dedicated beauty room, Boat House, private jetty, luxury accommodation sleeping 22, and half a mile of lake shoreline. It offers a destination wedding venue within one of the most beautiful national parks in the world.











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HUNDITH HILL HOTEL

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An impressive Country House Hotel located on the outskirts of Cockermouth - one of Cumbria's premier wedding venues.

Set in mature maintained grounds with magnificent views of the Lorton Vale and Lakeland Fells, Hundith Hill Hotel truly is the ideal venue for your dream wedding.

Licensed for civil ceremonies in a variety of rooms, or outside in the pergola with a superb backdrop of the valley.

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Eat, drink, love - celebrate your way.

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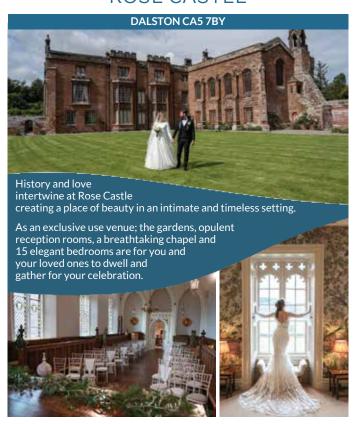
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CONGRATULATIONS!

Choosing the Greenhill Hotel in its beautiful setting, for one of the most important days of your life will make it a day to remember

Built in 1804 as a private residence, this beautiful, imposing, red sandstone mansion is situated in 9 acres of parkland offering a quiet and peaceful setting for marriages and wedding reception..

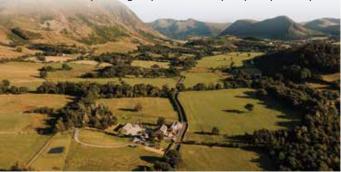
The Greenhill Hotel is licensed to hold civil ceremonies in a choice of four areas with seating capacities from 10 to 300 guests.



NEW HOUSE FARM

LORTON, COCKERMOUTH CA13 9UU

New House Farm is a Grade II listed Luxury Wedding Venue dating back to 1650. Set within fifteen acres of open fields, woods, streams and ponds, the venue is surrounded by breath-taking views of the Lakeland Fells providing the perfect backdrop for your special day!



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THE COPPERMINES MOUNTAIN VENUE

COPPERMINES VALLEY, CONISTON LA218HX

The Coppermines Mountain Venue is a venue like no other. Set against a stunning backdrop of mountains, rivers and waterfalls, it offers a truly incredible setting for your most special of days.

Our Copper Barn is licenced for civil ceremonies, while our heritage waterwheel creates a distinctive atmosphere.



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GHYLL BARN



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Ghyll Barn is a truly bespoke venue nestled in a private location below the foothills of the Pennine Way.

The reclaimed and rustic interior has been lovingly curated by the family team to bring you the perfect setting for your ceremony and celebrations.



TWEEDIES BAR & LODGE



A day, a weekend, a memory that will last a lifetime. With three acres of gardens hidden in the UNESCO national park, your celebrations can take place inside the Lodge or outside in our gardens. We offer 12 delightful bedrooms and 4 luxury private mews. Come. Say "I do".

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BARN IN THE FELLS

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CONISTON, CUMBRIA LA218DP

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We are fully licensed and offer full weekend wedding use. Included in our wedding package is our stunning 90ft traditional 17th Century Wedding barn and farmhouse. Once owned by Beatrix Potter and famously featuring in the film 'Miss Potter' It's no surprise we are one of the most iconic farms in the Lakes, making it a truly unforgettable place in which to say, 'I do.'



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Is it your dream to have a completely unique, personalised civil ceremony which celebrates your relationship and the story of your love?

Our Bespoke Ceremony option gives you greater flexibility to personalise your ceremony enabling you to turn your ceremony dreams into reality.



Say "I do" Your Way

Our Bespoke Ceremony option incorporates all aspects of the traditional ceremony but also gives you opportunities to personalise your ceremony, creating a truly unique celebration for you and your guests.

You will work alongside one of our experienced Ceremonies Officers in the lead up to your ceremony, preparing and writing your personalised script.

What is included?

- Your legal civil marriage or civil partnership ceremony
- Your own customised script, personalised and developed by yourselves working collaboratively with your dedicated Ceremonies Officer
- The option to include 'Your Story' within the ceremony script, sharing key moments from your relationship so far with your guests
- Your dedicated Ceremonies Officer will support you as you compose your own personalised vows for you to exchange
- Unlimited readings or poems within the ceremony
- Ceremony gestures, such as sand blending, ring warming or lighting of the unity candle, can also feature in your ceremony
- Commemorative certificate signed by your witnesses as a keepsake of your special day
- Keepsake copy of your bespoke ceremony script With all these added extras to be included, your ceremony may last up to 1 hour.

What if my chosen venue doesn't have a licence to hold legal civil ceremonies?

Our Bespoke 2 option allows for a legal ceremony to be carried out at one of our Registration Offices prior to you celebration ceremony, either on the same day or an alternative day prior to the ceremony.

Please note, if the ceremony is to take place anywhere other than an approved venue, the location must have public liability insurance and may need to be inspected prior to the ceremony booking being approved.

An additional cost may be associated with this. Please contact the Ceremonies Team to discuss.

Not Included:

- · Statutory fees payable when 'giving notice'
- Legal Copy Certificates should be purchased after the ceremony

Want to find out more?

Our friendly team of experienced staff will be happy to discuss all the options available to you regarding your bespoke ceremony.

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More and more people are now choosing to be married or form a civil partnership outdoors.

Until recently, civil ceremonies had to take place inside or under a permanent licenced structure.

Due to a change in legislation, we are now able to conduct ceremonies at approved venues in their outdoor areas without the need for a licensed structure.

The areas still have to have prior approval before any legal ceremony, so please speak to your venue regarding the outside areas available. Please remember that, with the great British weather 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.





To book any Approved Venue and arrange the details of the day.
To ensure that the legal formalities are completed in sufficient time to allow the ceremony to proceed.

When getting married or forming a civil partnership, each partner must give notice.

Giving notice means making a legal declaration that you are both free to marry each other or form a civil partnership. You will need to provide certain documents when doing so.

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 and will need to make an appointment with your local service..

The appointment will take approximately half an hour to an hour to complete, and a fee will be payable to the Registrar.

It is the couple's responsibility to ensure that the legal formalities and notices are complete and that you have obtained the necessary authorities.

Who needs to 'Give Notice'?

When getting married or forming a civil partnership, you must give notice and this must be done in person at the appropriate Registration Office.

Where do you 'Give Notice'?

If you both live in the same district, a joint appointment should be made with your local office. In general, notice must be given in the district where you live. If you live in separate districts, but still within England and 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.

When to book Your 'Notice' appointment?

Whilst you can book your ceremony more than a year in advance, your notice of intent can only be given within one year of your ceremony.

There is a minimum period between giving notice and getting married or forming a civil partnership. Our Ceremonies Team can advise you of the minimum number of days.

For administrative purposes, we recommend you give notice between 3 and 6 months prior to your ceremony taking place. Once the notice of intent has been given, your details will be publicly displayed at your local Register Office for 28 days.

What do you need to take to your appointment?

When you attend your appointment, you and your partner will need to provide information including proof of identity, age, nationality and evidence you are free to marry or form a civil partnership. When you book an appointment, you will be advised of what you need to take with you. A fee is payable at the appointment so please take a bank card with you to make the payment.

The Registrar will tell you when your marriage / civil partnership 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 schedule.

Special Conditions

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

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

If any of the above applies to you or your partner, please contact your local Registration Service for further advice.

Immigration Control

If one, or both of you, is subject to immigration control, you will need to follow special procedures. Please contact your local Registration Service for advice.

On the day

Music

For ceremonies where music is permitted, music can be played for the entrance, during the signing of the paperwork and for the exit. Your music choices must be approved by the Ceremonies Team prior to your ceremony and must not have any religious connotations or inappropriate language.

Recorded music must be supplied by the couple and played on your own device. If your ceremony is taking place at an Approved Venue, such as a hotel, you can discuss music and issues around copyright with them.

Witnesses

You need to provide at least two witnesses. It is advisable that your witnesses are over 18 years of age. They must speak and understand English as well as the significance of the ceremony.

Parking

The availability of parking varies at each venue/Registration Office.

For further information, please contact our Ceremonies Team who will be happy to advise.

Photos

Official photographers are welcome to take photographs before the formal ceremony providing the ceremony is not delayed as a result of photographs being taken.

Official photographers may also take photos throughout the ceremony.

All photography, whether professional or otherwise, must be agreed prior to the start of the ceremony with the Ceremonies Officers.

Words & Readings

You can choose to say special words to each other or add readings to your ceremony. These should be submitted on the ceremony planner and approved by Ceremonies Team prior to the ceremony. The readings and vows must not contain any religious connotations or offensive language.

Traditional Ceremony:

Two readings or personalised vows.

Bespoke Ceremony:

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

Video

Video recording is at the discretion of the Ceremonies Team. Only one video camera is to be used. Video equipment must be battery operated only.

Confetti

Confetti is a familiar part of a wedding, but please check with your venue on any restrictions and advise your guests accordingly.

Confetti is not permitted inside or at the entrance to our Registration Offices.

No Smoking

Westmorland & Furness County
Council has a no smoking policy on all
its premises and this includes offices,
ceremony rooms, car parks and
grounds.

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.

Whilst every effort will be made to make sure your ceremony starts on time, you should appreciate that circumstances beyond our control may occasionally cause delays.

On the day, our Ceremonies Officers may have other ceremonies after yours, any unnecessary delays may result in them having to leave to attend other ceremonies. Unfortunately, the Registration Service cannot accept responsibility for any delays beyond its control.

Animals

Animals or birds are not permitted in our Registration Offices.

The use of any animals or birds at a ceremony in an approved venue is at the discretion of the venue.

We must be advised of the presence of any animal or bird at a ceremony at least 6 weeks prior to the ceremony.

You can inform us of this on your ceremony planner.

Guests

The maximum number of guests you can have varies depending on the venue. It is very important that our guests arrive in good time – at least 30 minutes before the start of your ceremony.

They should be seated in the ceremony room 15 minutes prior to the start of the ceremony. All guests must have a seat and should be seated throughout the ceremony.

If you have requested an outdoor ceremony, the Ceremonies Officers will determine whether the ceremony can go ahead outside at the time of the pre-ceremony interviews. The final decision on the suitability for ceremonies to take place outside rests with them. Please ensure a suitable indoor alternative is ready and available for use.

We require the first partner to be at the venue a minimum of half an hour before the ceremony is due to start. They will then have a brief pre-ceremony interview with the Ceremonies Officers to check details and final arrangements. The second partner should arrive 15 minutes before the allocated ceremony time. They will then have their interview.

For couples who are getting ready at the venue, we ask that you are fully dressed, with hair/make-up completed 30 minutes prior to the ceremony so you are ready for the pre-ceremony interview with the Ceremonies Officers.

If you need to discuss any of these points or have any further questions, please contact our Ceremonies Team.

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24 MONTHS

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

6 MONTHS

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

2 MONTHS

Return ceremony planner to Westmorland & Furness and Furness Registration Service Ensure that any music is in a format compatible with the equipment at the Registration Office or Approved Venue. Chase up guests who have not

replied. Order currency for honeymoon. Give final guest list to caterers. Book hair appointment.

Check transport arrangements.

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 playlist. Book your honeymoon. Decide on best man, bridesmaids, page boys, ushers. Start making guest list. Email save the date cards. Say 'Yes' to your dress or get suited and booted.

4 MONTHS

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

2 WEEKS

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

Contact Westmorland & Furness and Furness Registration Service to pay ceremony fees.

If the ceremony will take place within 12 weeks, full payment is required at time of booking.

Go over final honeymoon arrangements and check your passport is up to date.

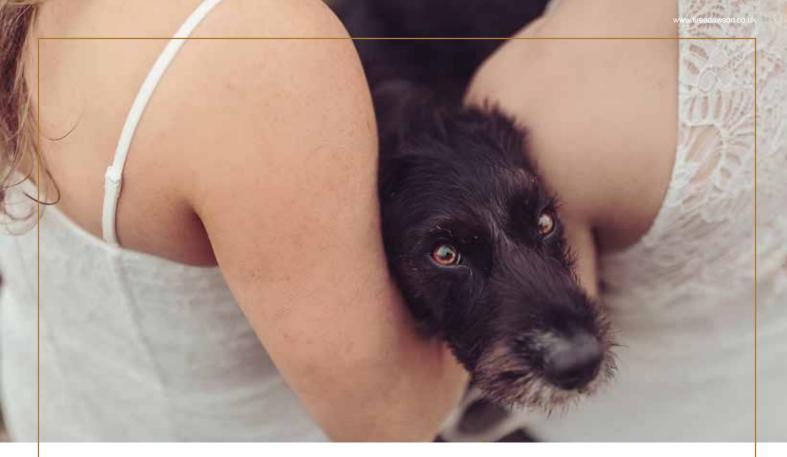
Book overnight hotel, if necessary. Send out wedding invitations, gift list and local accommodation lists to guests who may need it.

Buy attendants' presents. Buy your going away outfit.

Time your journey to make sure there are no unexpected delays.

Give your gown, suits and bridesmaids' dresses a final check for fit.

Ensure all hired clothes are collected in time. Pack for your honeymoon.



Certificates

Couples often require their marriage or civil partnership certificate, primarily for legal purposes.

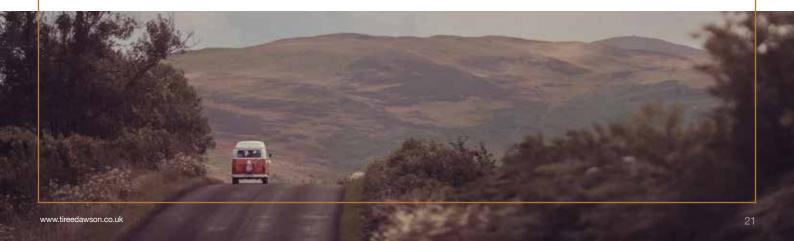
Certificates are no longer issued on the day of the ceremony. Certificates can be purchased after the wedding through the Registration Office in the district where your ceremony took place or directly from the General Register Office.

Certificates for ceremonies that have taken place in Westmorland and Furness can be ordered online at www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk

Don't forget you many need to change your passport 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







Our Renewal of Vows ceremonies provide an opportunity for couples to renew their commitment to each other in a non-religious celebratory ceremony.

Often, they are used to celebrate special anniversaries and are a great opportunity to gather family and friends together to celebrate in a way that suits you.

They can also be used where an official ceremony has already taken place, perhaps following a wedding abroad. They provide fantastic opportunities for those who were unable to attend to enjoy the celebrations and be involved.

As this is not a legal ceremony, the possibilities are endless – perhaps you might enjoy a twilight ceremony or even a themed celebration.

Every ceremony is different so you can create something unique for you to remember and treasure.

You will have the opportunity to work closely with our experienced Ceremonies Officers to tailor a ceremony that is special for you and your loved ones.

Any couple, regardless of age or gender, can arrange a celebratory ceremony. Couples do not have to live in Westmorland and Furness.

We offer Renewal of Vows ceremonies in our Registration Offices as well as approved premises across Westmorland and Furness.

If you would like to use a different venue, for example a village hall or marque in your garden, this would need to be discussed beforehand.

Any location used must have public liability and may need to be inspected before a ceremony can be approved.

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Any parent can arrange to hold a naming ceremony to celebrate the joy your child / children bring to your life with your friends and family.

Naming ceremonies can also be used to introduce adoptive children and stepchildren into your family. It can form a part of family bonding with an extended family unit.

You may choose to hold the ceremony as a standalone ceremony or on the same day as your wedding or civil partnership, prior to or following your ceremony.

To personalise and make your ceremony unique to you, you may choose from a selection of poems and readings.

A naming ceremony provides an opportunity to:

- Welcome the child or children into the family and wider community.
- Announce the name/s that have been chosen, with the option to give the reasons for the choice of name/s.
- Make promises of commitment to nurture and support the child / children into adult life.
- Choose other adults prepared to promise to be special and supportive to the child / children.
- Gather together close family and friends to celebrate the special occasion
- Present your child / children with a special gift to mark the occasion.

Our Registration Offices provide excellent locations to hold your naming ceremony.

Our Approved Venues are also suitable locations for your naming ceremony. There may be other options available, if you are unsure of the suitability of a particular location, please contact our Ceremonies Team.

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REMEMBER

- A booking for a marriage or civil partnership cannot be made unless you are legally free to marry or form a civil partnership and are in receipt of any papers to prove this, if relevant.
- Payment for any ceremony is required in advance, and full payment must be made 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 couple's responsibility to ensure that the legal formalities and notices are complete and that the necessary authorities have been obtained before the ceremony. 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.
- Any rights of copyright for music, readings, etc. permitted at the ceremony are a matter for you and the venue.
- 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 Ceremonies Officers will see each party privately and separately to check details and final arrangements.
- Whilst every effort will be made to make sure your ceremony starts on time, you should appreciate that circumstances beyond the control of the Ceremonies Officers may occasionally cause delays.
- It is essential that the ceremony proceeds at the correct time as our staff may have other ceremonies after yours, any unnecessary delays may result in them having to leave to attend other ceremonies.



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BARROW

Nan Tait Centre, Abbey Road **Barrow in Furness LA14 1LG** Available Monday to Saturday. Holds a maximum of 70 people.

Our ceremony room in the Nan Tait Centre is a large room with lots of natural light. Beautiful mirrors adorn the room's walls. The room is tastefully decorated in neutral colours.

Disabled access on ground floor. No on-site parking available.



KENDAL

Kendal Town Hall, Lowther Street Kendal LA9 4DQ

Available Monday to Friday.

Holds a maximum of 25 people.

The Georgian Room in Kendal Town Hall, has large windows, making it light and airy.

Located on the first floor of the building.

Disabled access to the room via a lift.

No on-site parking available.





Available Friday to Saturday.

Holds a maximum of 20 people.

Our ceremony room has character features, including fireplace. It is filled with natural light. It is within an office.

Located on first floor, access is available via a lift however the room is accessed by several steps.

No on-site parking available.

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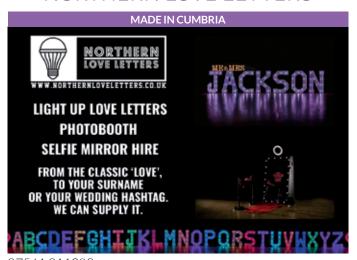
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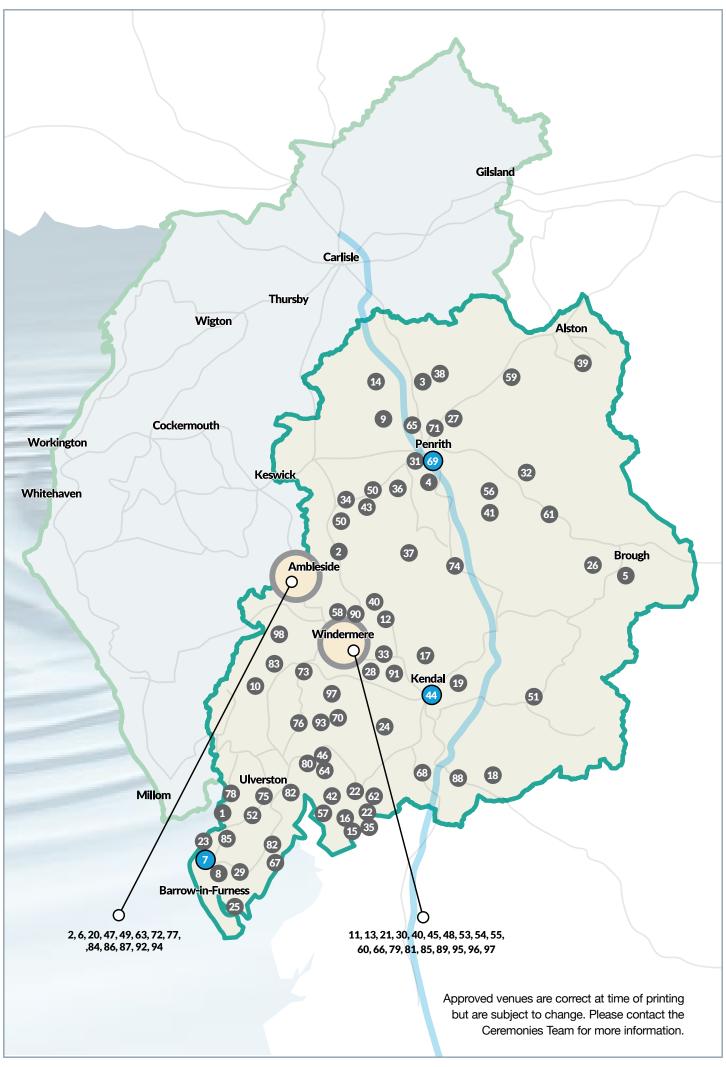






APPROVED VENUES

	Abbey nouse notel	30	Leerning house hotel
2	Allan Bank	51	Lilymere House
3	Armathwaite Manor	52	Lindal Cricket Club
4	Askham Hall	53	Lindeth Fell Country House Hotel
5	Augill Castle	54	Lindeth Howe Country House Hotel
6	Barn in the Fells	55	Linthwaite House Hotel
7	Barrow in Furness Registration Office	56	Long Acre Barn
8	Barrow Town Hall	57	Longlands at Cartmel
9	Blencowe Hall	58	Low Wood Bay Resort & Spa
10	Brantwood	59	Melmerby Hall
11	Briery Wood Hotel	60	Merewood Country House Hotel
12	Broadoaks Country House	61	Moot Hall
13	Brockhole	62	Netherwood Hotel and Spa
14	Calthwaite Hall	63	New Dungeon Ghyll Hotel
15	Cartmel Old Grammar Country House	64	Newby Bridge Hotel
16	Cartmel Racecourse	65	North Lakes Hotel and Spa
17	Carus Green Golf Club	66	Old England Hotel & Spa
18	Casterton Grange Estate	67	Olde Mill (at Bardsea)
19	Castle Green Hotel	68	Park House Farm
20	Cote How	69	Penrith Registration Office
21	Cragwood Country House Hotel	70	Punch Bowl Inn
22	Cumbria Grand Hotel	71	Roundthorn Country House
23	Dallam Tower	72	Rydal Mount
24	Damson Dene Hotel	73	Sawrey House Hotel
25	Dock Museum	74	Shap Wells Hotel
26	Eden Barn	75	Shed 1 Distillery
27	Edenhall Estate	76	Silverholme Manor
28	Fairbank Farm	77	Sticklebarn Tavern
29	Fairfield	78	Stone Cross Mansion
30	Fallbarrow Hall	79	Storrs Hall Hotel
31	George Hotel	80	Swan Hotel and Spa
32	Ghyll Barn	81	The Belsfield Hotel
33	Gilpin Lodge Lake House	82	The Coach House
34	Glenridding Manor House Hotel	83	The Coppermines Mountain Cottages
35	Grange Hotel	84	The Daffodil Hotel
36	Hause Hall Farm	85	The Dunes Hotel
37	Haweswater Hotel	86	The Forest Side
38	Heather Glen Country House	87	The Grasmere Hotel
39	The Hive	88	The Plough
40	Holbeck Ghyll Country House Hotel	89	The Ro Hotel (Windermere Hydro Hotel)
41	Holesfoot	90	The Samling
42	Holker Hall	91	The Wild Boar Inn
43	Inn on the Lake	92	The Wordsworth Hotel & Spa
44	Kendal Town Hall	93	Town Head
45	Lakes Hotel & Spa	94	Tweedies Bar and Lodge
46	Lakeside Hotel, Newby Bridge	9 4 95	Wheatlands Lodge
47	Lancrigg	95 96	Windermere Jetty Museum
48	Langdale Chase Hotel	97	Windermere Motor Boat Racing Club
49	Langdale Hotel	98	Yew Tree Farm
- 3	Languale Hotel	30	TOW HOO I WITH





WE WELCOME YOUR VIEWS

Westmorland and Furness Council is proud to be able to supply this information free of charge to anyone wishing to celebrate any of the ceremonies we provide. If you have any views on the service we provide or this publication, please contact our Ceremonies Team

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