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Welcome to 'Your Ceremony: The Summer Edition' – the season of saying "I Do".

Our team of Registrars are getting ready for the busiest and one of the most exciting times of the year, with over 920 ceremonies to be conducted and registered over the summer months. It is such an honour to be part of so many special days. If you are tying the knot this summer, we can't wait to celebrate with you.

Whether you're counting down to your big day, or if you're just starting out on the wedding planning journey, you'll find tons of wedding inspiration and advice from industry experts to support you every step of the way. We've included guidance from our team of experienced registrars, who know exactly what makes a ceremony run smoothly and be truly memorable. You'll also find some behind-the-scenes content and expert advice from Team Your Ceremony.

We're also chatting to some of Cheshire East's incredible local suppliers, from artists to the dress designer who made her own wedding dress- their advice and creativity could make all the difference in bringing your vision to life.

Love From Your Ceremony x

EXPERT GUIDANCE

Our Complete *Guide* to: Writing Your Own Personal Promises

There is often a misconception that you can write your own vows to one another, but that isn't strictly true. In a civil ceremony, the vows are the words that you say aloud in the presence of your witnesses and registrars that legally marry you. That being said, you can write your own personal promises. Here is our guide to get you started.



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Embrace the *Challenge*

Writing your own promises might feel intimidating at first. The idea of penning down all your thoughts and feelings can be overwhelming but know that the challenge is well worth it. Your promises are a unique reflection of your relationship and are a beautiful way of adding a personal touch to your ceremony.

Make Sure You're on the *Same* Page

Before you start putting pen to paper, sit down with your other half to discuss not just your overall vision, but also practical details such as the length and tone of your promises. This mutual conversation ensures that your promises align well with each other and means that you avoid any surprises.

Create *Specific* and *Heartfelt* Promises

In your personal promises to one another, actually make those promises. Your promises can range from the sentimental of "always being there when you need me most" to the more light-hearted: "I promise to always take out the bin". Be sure to make promises that mean something to you both.

Gather Your *Thoughts* and *Memories*

Start by jotting down everything that comes to mind when you think about your partner and your life together. Think about the special moments, the shared laughter, and the challenges that you've faced. Once you have a collection of thoughts and memories, highlight the parts that resonate most with you, these will be the building blocks for your promises.



James Merrick



Vanessa Bryson



Matt Nicholls



The Element of *Surprise*

One of the most beautiful parts of exchanging personalised promises is the emotion that unfolds during the ceremony when they are said aloud to each other for the very first time. Send your promises individually to your registrar to maintain that element of surprise.

Let *Inspiration* Spark Your Creativity

If you're ever in need of a creative spark, don't hesitate to explore examples of promises online – it's definitely not cheating! Sometimes a well-chosen line from a favourite poem or a song lyric can help guide you too. Use these examples as inspiration rather than templates though—your promises should always remain a true reflection of your unique journey together. Just remember that your promises should be 'seemly and dignified' - save tales from the hen and stag dos for the speeches.

Create a Special *Keepsake* for the Ceremony

Make a fresh copy of your promises for the ceremony. Vow books are an ideal choice for this, but a piece of card works perfectly too. Your photographer will be able to capture this beautiful moment and you will want your promises to look the part.

Enjoy Every *Emotional* Moment

Above all, remember that it's perfectly natural to feel a surge of emotions when you read your promises aloud. Whether tears, laughter, or both come to the surface, embrace these feelings. This special moment is a reflection of your love and commitment. Let yourself be vulnerable, and enjoy this deeply personal and beautiful moment without any worries.



THE GIFT OF A MEMORY

Why Commissioning a *Bespoke* Painting Could Be the *Perfect* Wedding Gift

When it comes to wedding gifts, many guests are looking for something a little more unique than an obligatory toaster! From the beach where the proposal happened to the destination of a dream honeymoon, our most treasured memories are often linked to places. We chatted to artist Louisa Hope who captures exactly this in bespoke commissioned artworks.

Turning *Special* Places into Lasting *Memories*

Louisa specialises in creating highly personal paintings of what she calls a couple's "happy place" - a location filled with special memories and emotional significance. Whether it's the clifftop where you became engaged, the countryside view from your wedding venue, or the shoreline where your family has shared countless happy moments, each commission is designed to evoke the feelings connected to your happy place.

A Truly *Personal* Work of Art

Every painting begins with a photograph chosen by the couple. From there, Louisa works closely with her clients to create a bespoke piece tailored to their home, style and story. The process is a collaborative one, once your canvas has been ordered and work has begun, Louisa will send over regular images of your piece before a studio visit is arranged prior to delivery and installation.

Art with Layers of *Meaning*

Couples can add an extra layer of sentiment by incorporating handwritten notes from wedding guests, personal messages, favourite poems or meaningful quotations on the reverse of the canvas. Some couples even provide natural elements from the location itself, such as sand, bark or leaves, which can be woven into the artwork's handmade textured surface. These hidden details transform the artwork into an heirloom that tells a story beyond what is visible on the surface.





A Wedding Gift Friends and Family Can Share

One of the most appealing aspects of commissioning a painting is that it can become a collective gift. Gift vouchers are available, allowing family and friends to contribute towards a commission rather than purchasing separate presents.

Made for the Couple, Made for Their Home

With commissions available in virtually any size, from statement pieces to large-scale artworks up to three metres square, each painting is created specifically for the space it will occupy. Couples will receive regular updates as the work progresses and are invited to view the piece before final installation to ensure it perfectly captures the essence of their special place.

More Than a Wedding Gift

In a world where many wedding gifts are quickly forgotten, a commissioned artwork offers something different: a permanent reminder of love and cherished memories.

For newlyweds seeking a beautiful and deeply personal way to celebrate their journey together, a bespoke painting of their happy place may just be the ultimate wedding keepsake.



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Wrenbury Hall

Hosting weddings and events for over 25 years, Wrenbury Hall is an exclusive wedding venue set in the heart of South Cheshire, offering a truly bespoke and personal experience. We offer a variety of options for your civil ceremony, allowing you to choose the perfect setting to say 'I do'. Our highly experienced team will support you throughout the planning process, ensuring every detail is thoughtfully considered.

We offer a dressing suite and cabin, providing calm, comfortable spaces for you both to prepare and relax before your special day. With 12 luxury bedrooms available, there is ample room to relax, celebrate and make the venue your own.



Wychwood *Park* Hotel and *Golf* Club

A unique venue, hidden away in the borders of Cheshire, Shropshire and Staffordshire. At the end of a sweeping driveway, with panoramic views of the rolling Cheshire countryside lies Wychwood Park Hotel.

With gleaming water features & sleek architectural lines, the bright, modern space creates a contemporary setting for your big day.

Weston, Cheshire, CW2 5AP



Fernside House

Nestled in the picturesque Cheshire countryside, Fernside House offers an exclusive retreat for couples seeking a private and elegant wedding venue. This charming country house combines timeless character with modern comforts, creating a relaxed yet refined atmosphere for an unforgettable celebration.

Perfect for intimate ceremonies or full-site hire, Fernside House and its beautiful barn provide a flexible space tailored to your vision. Whether you dream of a small gathering or a marquee celebration on the grounds, the setting is truly unique.



Mere Court Hotel

Mottram Hall is an elegant late-Georgian country house set within 270 acres of stunning Cheshire parkland, offering a beautiful blend of classic charm and contemporary British style. Couples can exchange their vows in the picturesque rose garden or the sophisticated St Andrew's Suite, each providing a romantic backdrop for an unforgettable ceremony.

With stylish reception rooms, landscaped grounds, exceptional dining and a dedicated wedding coordinator, Mottram Hall has everything in place to create a seamless and memorable celebration.

Signed, Sealed, Delivered

Everything you need to know about the *'Legal Bits'*.



Jonny Draper

Weddings are full of magical moments—from the dress reveal to the walk down the aisle—but behind the celebration is a set of important legal steps that officially mark the beginning of your marriage.

While it might not be the most glamorous part of your day, understanding the legal formalities can help everything run smoothly and keep any last-minute surprises at bay.

That's where Your Ceremony registrars come in. Friendly, professional and dedicated to getting every detail right. In this article, we'll walk you through exactly what to expect—so you can relax and focus on what really matters: celebrating your love.

Before the "I Do's"

On your big day, there will be 2 of our lovely registrars in attendance: A (deputy) superintendent registrar, who has the responsibility of conducting your ceremony and a (deputy) registrar, who has the responsibility of ensuring the legal requirements of marriage are met.

When we arrive at the venue, we will need to see you both separately, so if you're adhering to tradition and not seeing your partner before that all important walk down the aisle – fear not!

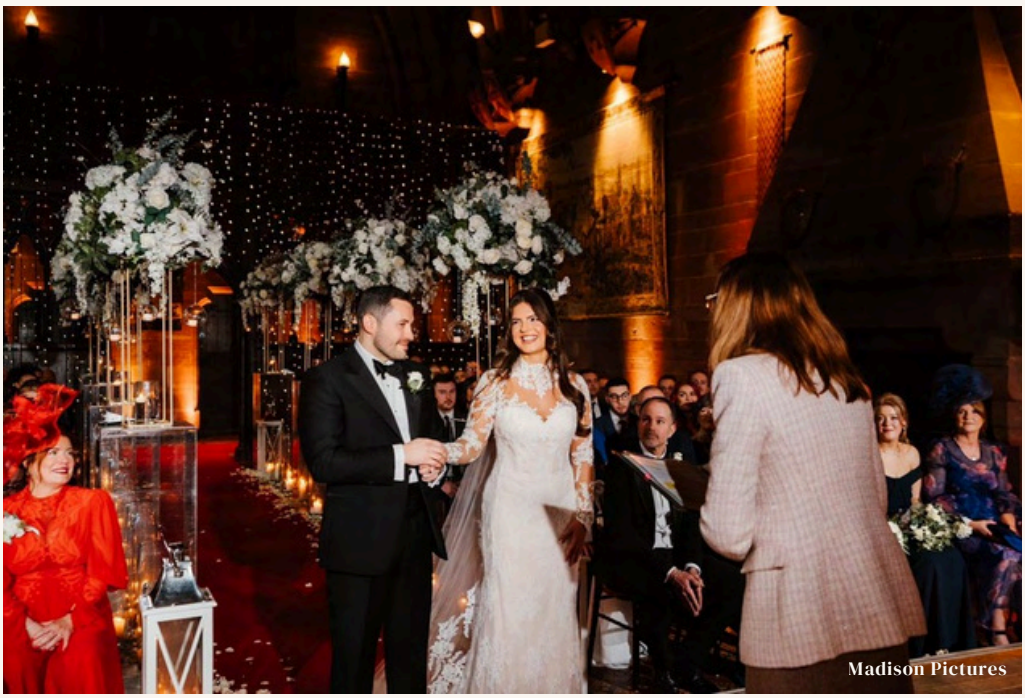
The Deputy Registrar will begin by checking all the information on your Schedule. This is based on all the information that you gave at the point of Giving Notice. Just like when you gave your notice, the registrar will have to ask the questions in a prescribed way – although this sounds quite formal there really is nothing to be worried about, it's one of the ways we ensure the legal "T's" are crossed and "I's" are dotted.



Saying "I Do"

This is the heart of your day and one of the most joyous parts of our job - legally marrying couples in a ceremony that is as unique as they are. Whether you dream of a traditional ceremony or a ceremony bursting with personal touches, there's room to reflect your story. You might choose a heartfelt personal introduction, a symbolic unity ceremony, meaningful readings or even your own promises. We'll help you weave in every special element.

Of course, we do have some "must-say" words—the Declaratory and Contracting are special words take you over a threshold of life. By saying these words aloud in the presence of your witnesses, each other and your registrars makes everything all "official".




Chris Kelly


Kelly Clarke


Andy Griffiths

After the "I Do's"

With vows exchanged and that first triumphant kiss complete, it's time to sign your Schedule. We know you're eager to celebrate—champagne and hugs await, but we need just five focused minutes to verify every detail. If for whatever reason, once your schedule is signed, an error comes to light, the Registrar General would charge a fee of £99 to consider amending it – certainly not a wedding present anybody wants!

Once you are sure that all the information is correct, you will be asked to sign it. So, if you are planning on taking your partner's name, you will still sign your schedule in your "old name".

Your two witnesses will then add their signatures, followed by both registrars. From there, your Schedule heads back to the Register Office, where it's registered on the online register. Once your marriage has been officially registered, we will then be able to issue you with your all-important marriage certificate. We will aim to pop this in the post to you within 7 working days of your ceremony.

While the legal aspects of your wedding day might not always be front of your mind, they're a vital part of what makes your marriage official. From saying the legally required words to checking your Schedule, you will be carefully guided by your registrars. Knowing what to expect helps take the pressure off and lets you step into your ceremony with confidence, so you can walk down the aisle knowing everything is signed, sealed, and soon to be delivered—your marriage certificate included!



Rookery Hall Hotel

There's something magical about Rookery Hall Hotel. Situated at the end of a sweeping drive, this impressive Georgian manor house, sets the tone for elegant weddings and celebrations.

Picture postcard gardens turn into impressive lawns, overlooking mile upon mile of stunning Cheshire countryside. It's a blissful setting for a special wedding day.

Rookery Hall has several unique areas for your wedding ceremony. With 38 acres of grounds too, there's plenty of space for outdoor ceremonies.



Shrigley Hall Hotel

With breath-taking views over the Cheshire countryside, Shrigley Hall provides a truly romantic setting.

Your entire day can be hosted at this charming country house venue, with beautiful grounds, choice of unique function spaces, original features, 154 bedrooms, golf and spa.

Your happy ever after begins at Shrigley.



Tabley House

Tabley's sweeping steps ensure a magnificent entrance to the State Rooms for you and your guests.

Your vows will be exchanged within the elegant Gallery, whilst the Portico Room provides a splendid setting for a Champagne reception or similar, with everyone able to enjoy views across to Tabley Mere.



Sandhole Oak *Barn*

Sandhole Oak Barn is designed specifically with weddings in mind, this magnificent family-run exclusive Cheshire venue boasts all the essential ingredients for a magical wedding, with it's light airy space and picturesque lakeside setting.

Ceremonies can take place in the purpose built Oak Barn or beneath the beautiful lakeside Clock Tower. A romantic setting for your 'I'do's' and stunning photographs.

With seating for up to 140 guests your wedding reception and 180 in the evening.

Our Top 10 Tips for an *unforgettable* ceremony

With years of combined experience, our team of friendly and professional registrars have seen it all—from the perfectly polished to the beautifully unpredictable. Over time, we've gathered the very best advice to help your wedding morning and ceremony run like clockwork. So, here are our top tips to help your big day go off without a hitch…

1 *Reserve Seats for Your VIPs*

Make sure your bridal party and immediate family have clearly allocated, named seats. It's a small detail that makes a big difference, ensuring your nearest and dearest feel special and know exactly where to go.

2 *Plan your Entrance*

To avoid any last-minute confusion, let the father of the bride and bridesmaids know where they'll be sitting. A smooth entrance sets the tone for the whole ceremony.

3 *Be on Time*

Yes, we've all heard it's a bride's prerogative to be fashionably late, but being on time really does matter. Delays can affect everything from the timing of your wedding breakfast (no one wants a rushed meal!), your precious photo opportunities, time for just the two of you and even the length of your ceremony.



4 *Say Goodbye to Shaky Paper (and Phones!)*

Print your readings and vows onto sturdy card. It looks elegant and helps calm any nerves. No rustling paper or phone screens in sight. Trust us, it makes a world of difference.

5 *Grooms: Delegate the Seating Plan*

You've got enough on your plate, like getting married! Make sure your ushers know the seating plan so they can guide guests to their seats.


Rebecca Parsons

8 A Kind Reminder from our Catherine

One of our lovely registrars, Catherine, says it best: “If your other half is waiting at the top of the aisle, please be kind and don’t keep them waiting too long.” Standing there with all eyes on you can be a little nerve-wracking!

9 Finishing Touches for the Groom

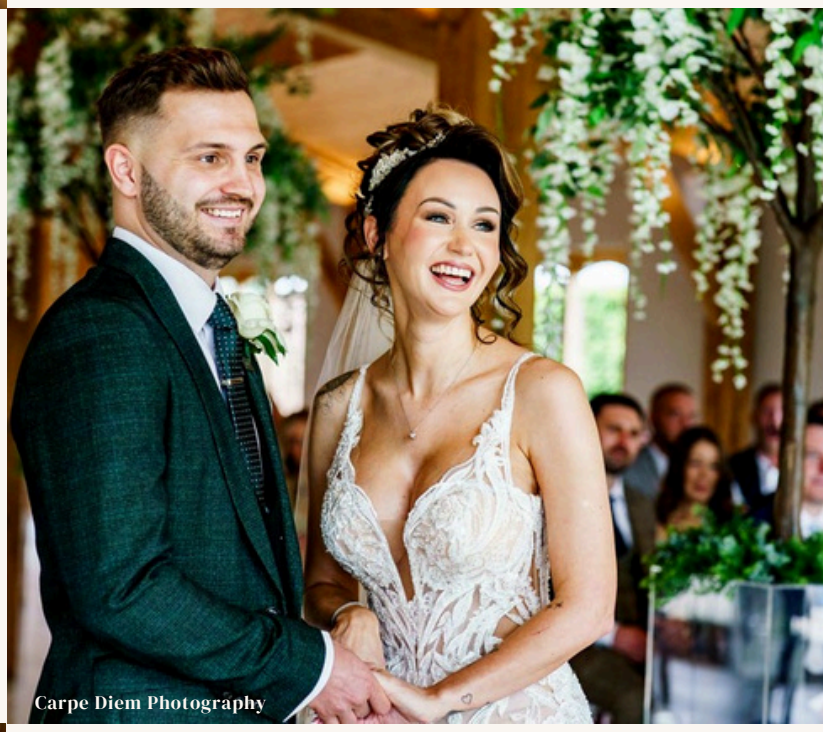
Before you head out, take the price stickers off your shoes and snip the thread from your jacket tail. These little things are easy to forget but make a big difference in your photos.

6 A Grand Entrance for the Mums

Don’t forget about the mothers of the bride and groom. It’s a lovely touch to have them escorted into the ceremony by a family member, usher or toastmaster. It adds a sense of occasion to their entrance and makes them feel truly honoured.

7 Keep an Eye on the Clock

The morning of your wedding can fly by. Ask a trusted bridesmaid or family member to give you time checks so you stay on track without feeling rushed.


Carpe Diem Photography


Paul Bell

10 Look Into Each Other’s Eyes

When you say your vows, look at each other—not the registrar. This is your moment.

Most importantly, enjoy every single moment. Your wedding day will go by in a flash, so take time to pause, breathe, and soak up the love, laughter, and happiness all around you.



The *Lion* and *Swan*, Congelton

Located in the historic Cheshire town of Congleton, The Lion & Swan is a beautifully restored 17th-century property, blending original charm with contemporary style. Every space has been thoughtfully designed to create a unique atmosphere for your special day.

The Lion & Swan Lounge, set in the oldest part of the building, offers a quiet, characterful spot to relax and catch up with loved ones. Most of your celebration will take place in Ristorante Leone, our modern Italian restaurant, with ceremonies held in the adjoining indoor Terrace, accommodating up to 70 guests.

After saying “I do,” enjoy a seamless transition to dining in the restaurant. For evening festivities, Radley & Co, our live music cellar bar, is available (subject to availability), or the Terrace can be transformed into a vibrant party space.
Your stay includes one of our two luxurious Signature rooms, offered with our compliments to mark your unforgettable day.



The *Alderley Edge* Hotel

The Alderley Edge Hotel is a special hotel and perfect choice for weddings, from a small intimate gathering or a lavish event for up to 150 guests
From two smaller ceremony rooms to the Willoughby suite - a fully contained bar and event space leading out to a 'Secret Garden' and oasis of lushness and colour perfect for those reception drinks.
The team will ensure from start to finish a warm and welcoming personal experience, their food and beverage offerings are outstanding. Should you require something bespoke for your guests they are more than happy to accommodate.
Complimented with a fabulous selection of quirky rooms and amazing suites for you and your wedding party stay, enjoy and celebrate



Best Western Plus *Pinewood* on Wilmslow

Discover a dream wedding at Pinewood Hotel, a unique four-star retreat close to Manchester Airport
Their dedicated coordinators ensure personalised elegant celebrations with comfy accommodation. The beautiful suite, flooded with natural light and garden views, is ideal for your ceremony and reception. Complete with private bar and flexible layout, it guarantees a flawless, memorable day .



10 Things You didn't know about Registrars

We witness first kisses as newlyweds, happy tears, and thousands of declarations of love every year. But how much do you really know about us registrars? To celebrate the anniversary of Civil Registration on 1 July, we've rounded up 10 interesting facts about the dedicated professionals who help make your wedding day uniquely special.

It Takes a Special Kind of Person

Being a registrar means meeting people at their highest highs and lowest lows. Welcoming new life, celebrating love, and supporting families through loss. We're there through it all.

We're the Custodians of Life's Milestones

Since 1837, registrars have been responsible for recording Births, Deaths, Marriages and Civil Partnerships.
In 2024 alone, we registered thousands of life events. Each one unique and each one important.

Births – 4063
Deaths – 4393
Marriages and Civil Partnerships – 2567

Why we use an Ink Pen

When you sign the register or your marriage schedule, you will be asked to sign in an ink pen filled with indelible ink which actually gets darker over time. It's one of the ways we protect records for generations to come.

It's the Register Office

it's the Register Office, not Registry Office. A small detail, but one we registrars are quite passionate about!

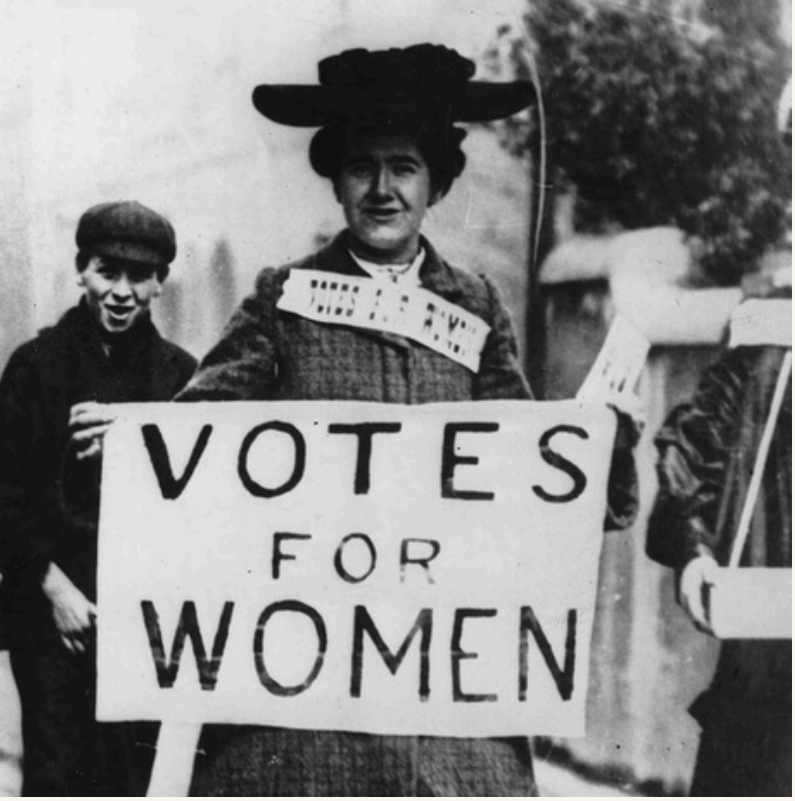
We've Been Doing This Since 1837

To put that in perspective:

- Postage stamps didn't exist
- The electric telegraph was still being developed
- Children aged 9–12 could legally work 9 hours a day

We've been around a long time—and we're very good at what we do.





We Were Key Workers Too

During the pandemic, while much of the world came to a standstill, registrars quietly carried on.

We worked behind the scenes to ensure deaths were registered promptly, providing vital support to grieving families and playing an essential role in public health.

At the same time, our dedicated ceremonies team helped countless couples navigate postponed weddings, offering reassurance, flexibility, and compassion every step of the way.

We're Governed by the Home Office

Although we're employed by the Local Authority, our work is governed nationally by the General Register Office, part of the Home Office

We Hear So Many Stories

From how couples met to the tales of those who've passed, we hear it all. We carry an archive of human experience and it's a privilege to do so.

Emmeline Pankhurst Was One of Us

Before leading the suffragette movement, Emmeline Pankhurst worked as a registrar of Births, Marriages and Deaths in Manchester.

The stories she heard from women in dire situations shaped her fight for equality.

Her daughter Christabel Pankhurst also followed in her mother's footsteps and became a registrar too.

Your Legal Ceremony, Personal to You

When it comes to Registration Law, we know it inside and out, but we're also creative professionals too.

We know how to work within the law to make your ceremony personal, meaningful, and truly you.





Owen House Wedding *Barn*

Located in Mobberley in the heart of rural Cheshire, Owen House Wedding Barn welcomes you to a family run venue.

Lovingly converted in 2013 the venue and grounds offer couples a totally exclusive and unique countryside wedding.

Set on a 150 acre working farm they offer civil ceremonies and a secret break-out room for guests to relax. The natural light in the beauty room mean's it's the perfect area for bridal make up and hair. There is also the Baaber Shed a unique space for our couples to use to get ready.

For all your phot requirements they have you covered with the 'Shooting Gallery' providing couples with a private area with different backdrops, perfect for capturing more intimate shots as newlyweds, and they created a pond area for that much desired water shot.

Motel style on site accommodation for up to 45 guests, each room is bespoke and includes Nespresso coffee machines, Cloud 9 hair dryers plus mini fridges in some of the rooms. The private tool shed is a unique place for your guests to enjoy breakfast and the 'Birds and Bees' suite for our couples to relax and enjoy the outdoor bath.

You are well supported along the way with an experienced event manager, you'll also attend a complimentary wine tasting evening where you will sample wines and the latest drinks offerings including the 'Cocktail Cart' and 'Prosecco Truck'.





Lady Grey *Farm*

It's New, It's Different, It's Bold. It's Edgy, It's industrial, warehouse style, city chic set in the countryside.

Located in the picturesque village of Mobberley and close to Knutsford and Wilmslow transport links, Lady Grey farm is a family run wedding venue with the real 'wow' factor.

The beautifully converted building is designed to be out of the ordinary with a giant chandelier, polished concrete floors, amazing lighting, a stunning bar and reception space complete with glitter ball.

Licenced to hold civil ceremonies, Lady Grey has luxurious beaty rooms for hair and make up and a second laid back getting ready room complete with beer fridge and table football. Guests can also relax in the breakout room and children of all ages will enjoy the TV room with its bean bags, sparkly lights and even naughty step.

The hire includes exclusive use of Lady Grey Farm in its secluded setting on your wedding day, during which you will have a designated, experienced events manager helping you every step of the way.

For the intimate feeling of only close family and friends the maximum number of guests is 80.

REAL WEDDINGS

She said "*Yes*" to the dress… then made it herself



Meet the *Bride*: Anita, Founder of Yada Yada Studio

Q-Tell us about your wedding day. Where did you celebrate and what made the venue the perfect choice for you both?

A -My husband and I were married at The Plough Inn in Eaton, September 2025. We both absolutely adore the Cheshire countryside, so finding a venue there that felt intimate, rustic, and cosy was a must—and the Plough delivered on all of that!

Q-Looking back, what was the most memorable moment of the day?

A -My favourite part of the day was walking down the aisle and seeing my now husband. At this moment it felt like everyone else disappeared and it was just us two completely absorbed by our love for each other.

Designing the Dress

Q- As a designer, creating your own wedding dress feels like a natural fit. What inspired you to take on such a personal project?

A-Fashion has always been a way for me to express myself but when we started planning our wedding, I wasn't considering creating my own dress to begin with. However, with being a designer being such a big part of who I am, it just felt right to create something beautiful, a new design that was imagined for our special day.

Q- Did you have a clear vision for the dress from the beginning, or did the design evolve as the process unfolded?

A- Initially the design had a massive skirt and a corset style bodice but after testing this concept, even though it was beautiful, it didn't



feel like ‘’the one”. Then one day I started playing around with some leftover fabric that I had, I draped it around the waist of my dummy and it all clicked, the elegance with which the fabric was floating, the way the light was bouncing off the satin... I was mesmerised, I knew instantly that this was the direction I needed to take in order to create the perfect design.

Q- What did it mean to wear a gown that you had designed and made yourself?

A- Honestly, the most rewarding part was the process itself. Knowing that I was pouring so much love and attention into every detail made wearing it feel incredibly special and worthwhile.

Q- Sustainability played an important role in your design. Can you tell us more about that journey?

Sustainability is something that I’m really passionate about, so my biggest challenge was bringing my design to life with limited amounts of fabric. Fabric that would have otherwise been wasted.

The main fabric I used was actually salvaged from a small business that had been making facemasks during Covid. They were looking to rehome their leftover materials and I couldn’t bear to see it all go to waste and the lining of the dress was deadstock fabric; purchased from my local fabric shop.

This meant my patterns needed to be perfect from the start, and there was little margin for error, as my goal was always to put sustainability first.

Styling the *Bridal* Party

Q-You also created your bridesmaids’ dresses. What was your vision for their look?

A-Autumn is my favourite season, possibly a little controversial, but the reds and oranges that sweep across the landscape have always filled me with so much joy. I wanted to capture that feeling within my bridesmaids’ dresses. That’s why I chose a rusty orange fabric, and for the styles, I let each bridesmaid pick any design they wanted from my portfolio.







Q-How did you ensure the bridal party's look worked beautifully alongside your own gown and wedding setting?

A-They each wore gorgeous long dresses that looked stunning next to mine, but the star of the show had to be the fabric that I picked for them. The contrast between their rusty orange dresses and my silvery white gown perfectly matched the venue's rustic charm, with its warm wooden floors and beams, which truly brought out the warm undertones in their dresses.

The *Business* Behind the *Bride*

Q-For readers discovering Yada Yada Studio for the first time, tell us how the business began.

A-Being a designer has always been my biggest dream and my biggest drive but I didn't actually start Yada Yada Studio until getting engaged in 2023. Seeing that most bridesmaid dresses were mass produced overseas, and were never perfect, it hit me, why not create a brand where everything that was "not perfect" was just the starting point.

As is most cases of bridesmaids dresses, usually something would have to be adjusted, which then means additional costs for alterations, and I wanted to change that. I wanted my clients to feel like they have their own personal tailor who can make their wedding dreams a reality, without having to consider the added costs down the line.

A huge motivator for me was the immense waste generated by mass production. I refuse Yada Yada Studio to be a part of that, which led to my current model: I meticulously purchase only the exact amount of fabric needed for each order, keeping waste to an absolute minimum.

Q-Has planning your own wedding changed the way you work with brides today?

A-Absolutely, my own wedding journey truly opened my eyes to the incredible stress that brides have to navigate. There's so much to think about, so many decisions to make, and that makes trusting your vendors paramount. It's why I'm so committed to providing the absolute best service, with consistent, transparent communication, realistic timeframes, and genuine flexibility. I want to be that reliable, calm presence for my clients, in the weeks leading up to their big day.

Q-Finally, what advice would you give to brides considering a bespoke wedding dress?

A- My biggest piece of advice would be: don't be afraid to change your mind! Sometimes a design in your head doesn't quite translate perfectly in reality, and that's okay. This is your special day, you're the star, and you deserve to feel absolutely incredible. So, be open to evolution!

In terms of timeframes, I'd suggest giving yourself a good five months for the bespoke process. This allows ample time for fittings, adjustments, and ensures that by the end, you have that mind blowing, jaw dropping, perfect dress you always dreamed of!

For bridesmaid dresses, I'd say consider Yada Yada Studio for your very own unique and personalised handmade gowns. Typically my lead times are around eight weeks, though this can vary slightly depending on the complexity of the designs. All my dresses to date are showcased online, along with my own wedding dress design being available soon.

Yada Yada studio

https://yadayadastudio.co.uk/

Instagram @yadayada_studio



Hilltop Country House

The venue with a view, Hilltop Country House, located in Prestbury is home to a charming 17th century country house and marquee surrounded by gardens with flowers for all seasons.

Amidst the Cheshire countryside. Hilltop offers complete privacy and a tranquil haven of peace and quiet, with breath-taking views through every window and every corner you turn.

Hilltop has four magnificent ceremony areas to suit all weddings. Indoor ceremonies are help in the garden room or marquee. Choose the terrace or top lawn for your outdoor ceremony.
The marquee with magical lighting and glass bifold windows and doors presents a blank canvas for you to create a wedding style that completely fits your wishes.



The White *Lion* at Weston

In the quaint Cheshire countryside, The White Lion provides the best setting for your wedding. Boasting original features from the 17th century with charming décor, this intimate pub, restaurant and boutique hotel is available for exclusive use weddings and events.
Licenced for civil ceremonies, the elegant wedding room and outdoor area can accommodate up to 50 guests, with extra capacity outside if required.
It's 17 ensuite rooms, including two recently refurbished suites provide the perfect peaceful spot to get ready. From first looks to hair and makeup or a place to practise those speeches, your bridal party will benefit from a comfortable space.
Classically trained chefs will prepare a delicious wedding breakfast using locally sourced produce. Choose from a indulgent three course feast or a buffet to suit, as well as a carefully curated drinks package.
Whether you're looking for a small intimate celebration or something grander, the White Lion will ensure every part of your day exceeds your expectations.



Forward Features
The Autumn Edition

We would like to thank the venues and suppliers who have contributed to our Summer Edition, your expertise and guidance will invaluable to couples planning their big day in Cheshire East. We are now looking for contributions towards the following features in our Autumn Edition.

Real Weddings Feature

Share your special day, your favourite moments and your advice for future couples

Elopement Ceremonies

How couples can enjoy smaller scale celebrations at your venue.

Wedding Day Entertainment

Entertainment that makes a day extra special - magicians, crazy golf, singing waiters - we want to hear from you.

Behind the Scenes

Events Coordinators, Toastmasters, Suppliers - what does a day in your life look like?

Content Creators

Content Creators, tell us more about the rise in content creators at weddings and what you do.

Autumn Floral Trends

Florists, tell us what's blooming in burnt orange, burgundy, and gold.

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