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Hello AND Welcome

Spring is here – the birds are tweeting, the sun is beginning to shine again, and with it comes the start of the wedding season! This Spring we will be conducting over 335 ceremonies, and our team of Senior Marriage Officers can't wait!

If you're saying "I do" in 2026, time is flying by and your big day will be here before you know it! That's why we've packed this issue with expert advice from our registrars, top tips from suppliers and creative inspiration to help you plan the perfect celebration.

The year started on a high for our Ceremonies Team, who have loved meeting so many wonderful couples at wedding fayres and open houses in Cheshire East over the last few months. It's been a fantastic opportunity to hear all about your plans and to help you book your special day. In fact, we've booked over 750 ceremonies this year. so far this year. So, a massive congratulations to you if you are at the start of your wedding planning journey

As we head into Spring, it's the much-welcomed return of Outdoor Ceremonies and if saying "I do" in the great outdoors is something you have always dreamed of, you'll want to read our top tips for planning the ***perfect outdoor ceremony***.

If a barn-style wedding venue is at the top of your wish list, ***Alcumlow Hall Farm*** offers a glimpse behind the scenes of their stunning venue to help you envisage the barn wedding of your dreams

For those beginning to plan their wedding stationery, be sure to check out expert insights from ***Honey Bee Mine***.

In this edition, we're also talking to ***Crazy 9 Golf***, who share key to the 'par-fect' wedding day entertainment.

And of course, we couldn't publish this edition without some expert guidance from our registrars. If you're just starting your wedding planning journey, our step-by-step guide to giving notice of marriage will ensure you have everything in place for your special day.

Love From
Your Ceremony x

Everything you need to know: Notice of Marriage



James Merrick

So, the venue is booked, the registrars secured and your suppliers are ready and waiting for the big day to arrive. What else do you need to do?

A part of legally marrying that is often overlooked by couples is the process of giving Notice of Marriage or Civil Partnership. This essential step paves the way for couples to legally tie the knot. In this feature, we'll explore what giving notice of marriage entails, the legal requirements, and what will happen during the appointment.

1. Timeframe: Couples must give notice at least 28 clear days before the wedding ceremony, your Notice is then valid for 12 months.
2. Where to give notice: A standard notice must be given at your local register office in the district where you live (who you pay your council tax to). If both partners live in different districts, they must each give notice separately in their own districts. If either party is subject to immigration control, it would be wise to contact the Register Office to discuss your situation further.
3. Documents: When giving notice, couples are required to provide certain documents to prove their identity, nationality, and marital status.
4. Fees: There is a fee associated with giving notice of marriage, this is a statutory fee set by the General Register Office.

During the Appointment

Many couples often worry about Giving Notice and upon leaving say "I don't know what I was so worried about!".

At the start of the appointment, we will check the documentation you have brought with you, this is to ensure that you have everything required to give notice. There is a very specific and prescribed list of acceptable documentation so please make sure that you have everything you need to give notice. You can check the required documentation here. If you're unsure of what to bring, please get in touch with the district where you will be giving your notice.

After we have checked your documents, we will need to see you both separately, this is to ensure that as Registrars we are complying with forced and sham marriage regulations. It's not an exercise designed to trick you! It's not a game of Mr and Mrs and we are not going to ask what your partner's favourite food was when they were 6 years old. We will ask questions that you already know the answer to.

During the notice, we will ask you about your parent's details too (their full names and their occupation and whether or not they are retired). This is for historical records and family history purposes. There is no legal requirement for your parents' details to be recorded on the schedule. If you choose to include your parents' details, there is space for up to 4 parents to be recorded per party. On a sensitive note, many people think that if their parents are sadly no longer with us, then they cannot be recorded; this is not the case. We will simply record their full name, followed by the word "deceased" in brackets.

We will then print out the notice and ask you to check it. At this point, it is very important to check it thoroughly. The information shown on the Notice will form the basis of what you will sign on the day of your marriage itself – so make sure it is correct! If on the day of marriage, you did not pick up on an error, this error would be on your marriage

certificate too! Once you are certain that everything is correct, we will then ask you to sign the document.

Your notice will be available for public viewing for 28 clear days. On the 29th Day, the paperwork will be issued to allow you to be legally married!

Giving Notice of Marriage is an exciting time, it means you are so close to your wedding day! Be prepared, make sure that you have everything you need to be able to give Notice. If you're not sure what you need, contact our Ceremonies Team and they will be more than happy to help you!

Giving Notice of Marriage is the first step in becoming legal wed – celebrate it! Make sure you book to do something you enjoy as a couple after the appointment, whether it be a coffee, a lunch date or maybe a cinema date!



Jonny Draper

Timeline

12 months before your ceremony, start thinking about giving notice. We will also send you a reminder email.

Contact your local Register Office (where you pay your council tax) to book your appointment.

If you live in Cheshire East, you can book your notice appointment here.

Once you have given Notice, it will be publicly displayed for 28 clear days.

Now relax! Your legal preliminaries are complete and we will take it from here.

29 days after your appointment, our ceremonies team will issue your legal paperwork and store this on file until your big day.

On the day of your ceremony, your registrar will bring your legal paperwork out with them.



The Lion and Swan Congleton


Pinewood on Wilmslow


Alderley Edge Hotel


The Bridge, Prestbury

How to Make Your Wedding Environmentally Friendly



From eco-friendly décor to ethical catering choices, there are so many ways to reduce waste and make your big day more environmentally responsible (you might save a few pennies too!). We've come up with some practical tips for a wedding that is both beautiful and sustainable.



Opt for Eco-Friendly Invitations

Traditional paper invitations can be replaced with digital alternatives to cut down on paper waste. If you prefer physical invitations, choose recycled paper, plantable seed paper, or responsibly sourced materials.

Rent or Repurpose Décor



Rather than buying new decorations that will only be used once, consider renting items like tableware, linens, and furniture. Upcycling or repurposing materials (such as using glass jars as candle holders or repurposed wood for signage) can also add a unique and personal touch to your wedding. Charity shops also have an array of items that can be used as décor on your big day, from unique candle holders and glasses to interesting frames to display your signage, the possibilities are endless (and you'd be giving to a good cause too!).



Use Seasonal and Locally Sourced Flowers

Imported flowers have a high carbon footprint due to transportation and refrigeration. Instead, why not choose seasonal and locally grown flowers or maybe use potted plants for centrepieces which can be reused or replanted after the wedding. You could consider reusing your florals throughout your day too – can your fireplace arrangement for the ceremony be reused as your top table arrangement during the wedding breakfast ? Can your bridesmaid's bouquets have another life as centrepieces?

Consider Sustainable Attire

Wedding attire can have a large environmental footprint, but there are sustainable options available. You might consider wearing a second-hand or vintage wedding dress, renting a suit instead of buying one. Bridesmaids and groomsmen can also wear outfits they'll be able to use again.





Your Guide to:

Personalising Your Civil Ceremony

Madison Photo

In a world where weddings are becoming increasingly personal and reflective of each couple's journey, the ceremony itself should be no exception. Yet, a common misconception remains-a civil ceremony is simply a legal formality and lacks the opportunity to personalise and this couldn't be further from the truth.

Today, couples are redefining traditions, moving away from a one-size-fits-all approach and embracing ceremonies that reflect their personalities, values, and shared experiences. But personalisation doesn't mean compromising on legal recognition. Your Ceremony registrars are experts in crafting beautifully personal and legal ceremonies.


Carpe Diem

So, how can you ensure your ceremony is as special as your love story? Here are some of our favourite ways to make your ceremony a heartfelt and meaningful experience.

Write Personal Promises

While legal vows must be spoken as part of the ceremony, you can add a deeply personal touch by writing your own promises to each other. These are the words that capture what your relationship truly means.

Incorporate Meaningful Readings

Poetry, literature, or even song lyrics can bring a personal touch to your ceremony. Whether you choose something romantic, humorous, or reflective, readings are a wonderful way to personalise your day. Just remember that a Civil Ceremony can't include any religious content. Ask a close friend or family member to do the honours, making it even more special.


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"Personalisation doesn't mean compromising on legal recognition"

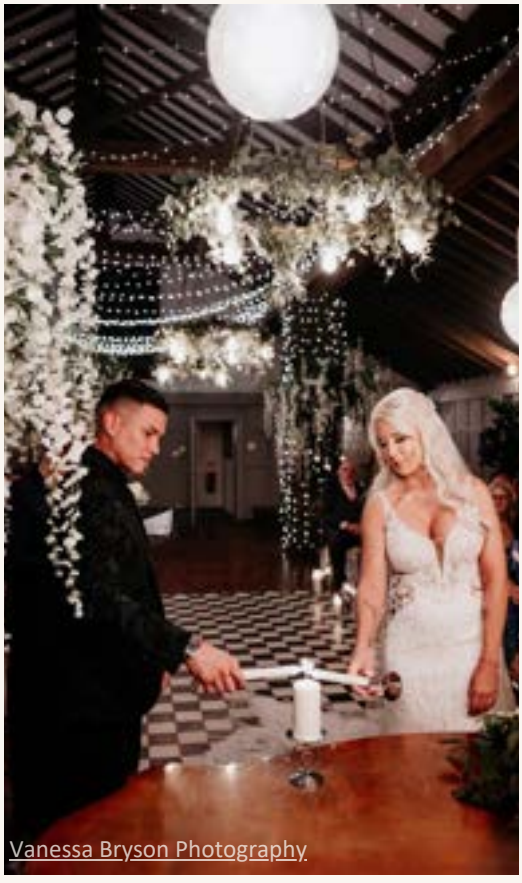

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Include Furry (or Feathered) Friends

For many couples, pets are family. Why not include them in your ceremony? Whether as a ring bearer, a guest of honour, or simply by having them present, Over the years, we've seen everything from proud pooches to owls (and even penguins) taking part!

Symbolic Unity Ceremonies

Beyond the legal declarations, symbolic unity ceremonies can add an extra dimension to your ceremony. A unity ceremony- such as lighting a candle together, a sand ceremony, or even a hand tying ceremony- creates a visual representation of your marriage. These moments can also involve family and friends in the proceedings too.


Vanessa Bryson Photography

"As well as a legal milestone, your wedding day is a celebration of your journey together."

At Cheshire East Registration Service, we're passionate about helping couples create ceremonies that are both legally binding and deeply meaningful. So, whether it's through personal promises, unique traditions, or the presence of a four-legged friend, know that your ceremony can be every bit as extraordinary as your love story.



We are very proud to share with you that the Your Ceremony Team has been selected as a 2026 winner in the Hitched Wedding Awards, an award representing the highest rated wedding professionals as reviewed by real couples on Hitched.co.uk

Hitched.co.uk, a leading wedding planning platform and part of The Knot Worldwide Inc., has announced the winners of the fifth annual Hitched Wedding Awards.

These awards celebrate excellence across the UK wedding industry, with winners chosen solely based on genuine reviews from recently married couples. More than 45,000 verified reviews collected in 2025 were analysed across over 31,000 professionals listed on Hitched, making this accolade one of the most comprehensive and transparent recognition programmes in the UK wedding sector.

Your Ceremony - Cheshire East Registration Services has been named a winner in the Celebrants category, making them one of the most recommended professionals by wedding planning couples in the UK.

Hitched crown their winners based on the number of positive reviews wedding businesses' have attained from clients in 2025, because there's no better judge for the Hitched Wedding Awards than engaged and newly married couples themselves!

To qualify, vendors needed to collect a minimum of 7 reviews with an average rating of 4.75/5between January 1st and December 31st, 2025. Each winner is chosen by couples themselves - a true reflection of authentic experiences, high customer satisfaction and trust.

Couples using Hitched to plan their wedding rely on more than 190,000 reviews to find and book the best wedding pros in their area - signifying the importance of these annual awards.

After analysing reviews on the Hitched.co.uk website, Your Ceremony - Cheshire East Registration Service was crowned one of the winners in their category which is a huge credit to their service within the wedding industry.

Being awarded a Hitched Wedding Award isn't just a badge of honour for the winning vendors - it also acts as a marker of quality and trust in their services.

The Hitched Wedding Awards reward vendors who consistently go above and beyond for their clients. We are proud to celebrate the UK's most recommended wedding vendors for their incredible dedication, passion, and their unmatched commitment to making every customer's experience unforgettable for all the right reasons."

On winning this award, Julie Hobson, Superintendent Registrar says *"we would like to take this opportunity to thank all the wonderful couples whom we have had the privilege to legally marry and who have taken the time to review us on Hitched – your kind words really do mean the world to us. This award really is testament to the dedication of the Your Ceremony Team. The whole team at Cheshire East Registration service work tirelessly behind-the-scenes to ensure a couples' wedding journey and ceremony is everything they have dreamt it to be."*


Mottram Hall


Sandhole Oak Barn


Rookery Hall


Owen House Wedding Barn


Congleton Town Hall


Hilltop Country House


The Manor House Alsager


Capesthorne Hall

Happily Ever After At

Alcumlow Hall Farm



Ever wondered what really goes on behind-the-scenes of a picture-perfect wedding day?
In this feature, the team from Alcumlow Hall Farm share how they bring your dream day to life, as well as some expert tips and planning insights to help you imagine your own celebration.

Alcumlow in 3 words...
Love, Laughter, Forever

Nestled in the picturesque Cheshire countryside, Alcumlow Wedding Barn offers a serene and romantic backdrop for your special day.



Your Journey to "I do"

Upon arriving at our stunning wedding venue, you'll be greeted at the barn gates by one of our wedding co-ordinators, who will be on hand to answer any questions you may have about the venue.

We always like to start off our viewings with a conversation about your special day. What do you envision when you think about getting married? Is it a grand affair with a hundred guests or an intimate gathering of your closest loved ones.

These questions help us understand your desires and allows us to tailor your visit based on what you need. After the guided tour, we invite you to wander around the venue on your own. Take your time to soak in the ambiance, picture yourself on your special day and consider all the possibilities our venue offers



Venue "Must-See's"

The Whitehouse: The outside Whitehouse has undergone a stunning transformation. Adorned with silhouettes of Church Pews, it offers a picturesque setting that combines tradition and elegance

Smoke House: Recognising the trend towards more relaxed dining options and inspired by previous weddings, we've introduced 'The Smoke House.' Partnering with Ridgway Catering to create an exclusive menu 'The Jam'. This culinary experience is ideal for a wedding breakfast that is both delicious and memorable, ensuring guests enjoy every moment

Bridal Prep: The perfect room before you say 'I do.' Complete with a welcome area, Dressing Room and beautician stations, this space is designed for a bride and her entourage to relax and prepare for the big day.



"An experienced team ready to assist you every step of the way"

If you're feeling the planning pressure, we are here for you. At Alcumlow we're dedicated to making your journey to the big day as smooth and stress free as possible. Our experienced team is ready to assist you every step of the way, from the initial planning stages to the final moments of your celebration. One of the standout features of hosting your Wedding at Alcumlow is the inclusion of a venue dresser and co-ordinator in the venue hire price.

Saying "yes" to Alcumlow

To help ease the pressures of choosing the perfect date, we offer a 7-day hold on your desired Wedding Date. Once you have selected a date and initiated the hold, we will promptly send you a welcome brochure and our Alcumlow Wedding Contract. These documents are designed to provide you with all the essential information about holding your special day here. To then secure your booking we will take a non-refundable deposit which will be deducted from your total balance.

Bringing your Vision to Life

On your special day, our entire team will be on hand to ensure every aspect runs as smoothly as possible. Whether it's co-ordinating with suppliers, managing the timeline or simply being there to support you during moments of stress, we're dedicated to making your day perfect. Our hands on approach ensures that you can relax and enjoy every moment, knowing that every detail is taken care of.

Top Tips for a D.I.Y Day

Organise Name cards table by table: One crucial piece of advice is to ensure that all name cards, favours and everything you want laying on your table is organised table by table. This meticulous organisation makes the setup process much smoother; reducing the likelihood of errors or last minute confusion and making your set up stress free

Label and Separate Setup Boxes: Another top tip is to label and separate all setup items into distinct boxes. By categorising table centres, aisle covers and goodies for the sweet carts into clearly marked containers, the set up team can efficiently arrange everything on the day of your wedding. This strategy not only saves time but also minimises stress, which is a win-win in our eyes.



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Stationary is so much more than just paper...

Honey Bee mine





I'm Carrie and I run Honey Bee Mine, a luxury wedding stationery studio based in Cheshire. I create fully bespoke designs alongside a range of Signature Collections that can be personalised to suit the style of each celebration.

My work is created for couples who value beautiful design and meaningful details, and I love producing layered pieces that can be treasured long after the wedding.

Before launching Honey Bee Mine, I spent over thirteen years working as an art director in advertising, where storytelling, composition and visual identity were at the heart of everything I did. I was always drawn to how design makes people feel, not just how it looks.

When I began planning my own wedding, I fell in love with stationery and realised the impact it has on the atmosphere of a day. It can be the difference between something that feels generic and something that feels completely personal. ***Honey Bee Mine grew from there***.

Your Wedding Brand

I like to approach every wedding as a complete visual identity. When I talk about a “wedding brand”, I simply mean the visual personality of the day.

It’s the colours, typography, textures and mood that run consistently through invitations, menus, signage, place cards and even digital elements. Rather than choosing details in isolation, couples are now thinking about their wedding as a complete experience.

It’s not about being trend-led or overly styled. It’s about creating a world where everything works together and feels calm, thoughtful and unmistakably yours.

I always begin by asking how a couple wants their wedding to feel before we talk about colours or paper stocks… romantic, modern, elegant, playful, etc. Those emotions guide every decision.

From there we build a visual language: colour palettes, typography, motifs and finishes. Once that foundation is in place, everything else flows naturally. The key is restraint. The most striking designs come from careful editing and confident choices.



Whether a couple chooses a Signature Collection or a fully bespoke design, the process is always collaborative. For bespoke clients, I create a concept inspired by their venue, their story and the atmosphere they want to create. With Signature Collections, I offer flexibility in colour, finishes and details so each suite still feels personal. My role is to guide couples through decisions that can feel overwhelming and translate their ideas into something tangible and beautiful.

Trending for 2026

There’s a clear shift away from ultra-minimal designs towards warmth and character. Richer colour palettes, tactile papers, curved shapes and layered details are becoming increasingly popular.

Couples are also moving away from copying what they see online and instead choosing stationery that reflects who they are. Personal motifs, monograms and subtle custom details are returning in a refined, modern way.

Trends I’m Falling For…

I’m especially loving personalised menus and stationery that invites interaction – pieces that swivel, fold or fan out. They move beyond being purely functional and become part of the styling of the day.

I’m also seeing couples draw inspiration from fashion, architecture and culture rather than traditional wedding references. That crossover makes stationery feel elevated and timeless.

“Trends can be a wonderful starting point, but they shouldn’t dictate the design”

Trends can be a wonderful starting point, but they shouldn’t dictate the design. I always encourage couples to ask whether a choice feels truly like them. When something is meaningful and genuinely loved, it will age beautifully regardless of whether it’s trending.



Your Creative Journey

It begins with a conversation about the couple's plans, venue and vision. From there, I guide them through customising a Signature Collection or choosing a bespoke route.

Once a direction is agreed, I develop artwork and layouts for approval, refining the details along the way. After sign-off, everything moves into production – printing, finishing and careful hand assembly – before being beautifully packaged and delivered ready to send or style on the day. The experience should feel just as special as the final pieces.

Start with how you want your wedding to feel, not what you think you should choose. You don't need every option, you need the right ones. Strip everything back to what really matters to you both. Trust the people you've chosen to work with, and remember that simplicity can be incredibly powerful.

"The Moment Everything Clicks..."

The moment everything clicks is my favourite part of the design journey. When a couple sees their invitations and says, "That's us." That's when the wedding suddenly feels real. I also love the finishing touches. The smallest details make the biggest difference.

"The details are not the details. They make the design." -Charles Eames

"That perfectly captures what makes a wedding special and it's what I wish couples knew when thinking about the value of bespoke stationary .

The details give a day its heart and make it unmistakably yours. Stationery is one of the few tangible elements couples keep and revisit for years to come. Guests interact with it in a way they don't with many other details... they touch it, read it and experience it throughout the day.

When it's created with meaning, it becomes a keepsake and part of the story. Those small, thoughtful choices are what transform a wedding from something predictable into something completely personal.

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Dearest Gentle Reader...

REGENCY-ROMANCE SWEEPS CHESHIRE EAST

The ton is abuzz with couples embracing the 'Bridgerton Aesthetic" for their special day. And Cheshire, with its stately homes and grand country houses, provides the perfect backdrop for a celebration full of timeless charm.

Here, we explore how to bring the elegance of the Regency era to life on your special day.

Choose a Grand Cheshire Stately Home

From grand and historic stately homes to charming country houses, our Cheshire venues offer magnificent architecture that would make even the Bridgertons swoon. With perfectly manicured grounds and timeless character at every turn, our region provides an exceptional choice of venues ready to host your unforgettable day.

Add Romance Through Quotes and Calligraphy

Handwritten or calligraphy-style quotes can be displayed on stationery, table décor or even ceremony signage. Whether it's snippets from the classics such as Austen or Brontë or quotes from modern love stories, this can add an additional layer of romance to your day.



Create a Sparkling Moment with a Champagne Tower

Nothing signals the start of a celebration quite like an elegant champagne tower. It's romantic, instantly eye-catching and a wonderful moment for guests to gather around and celebrate with you.



Set the Scene with a String Quartet

If you're planning a Bridgerton-inspired wedding, music plays a crucial role in setting the romantic and elegant tone and provides the 'vibe' for your day. To add a personal touch, consider requesting renditions of your favourite songs, giving a contemporary twist to the traditional tunes.



A Gentle Pastel Palette

A Bridgerton-inspired wedding simply wouldn't be complete without soft, romantic florals. Blush pinks, powder blues, creamy whites and gentle greens that create that signature Regency look.

Wisteria: An Iconic Bloom of the Era

It's tumbling shape and soft blue- purple hues certainly make a statement. Whether you opt for trailing wisteria details on wedding stationery or choose to include it in your floral arrangements. If your chosen Cheshire venue is adorned with beautiful trailing wisteria, it's worth noting that this iconic bloom typically flourishes between April and May.



Capture My Big Day

Planning the *Perfect Outdoor* Ceremony

Whilst an alfresco "I do" can feel effortless, the planning behind it certainly shouldn't be left to chance. Here's everything you need to know to create an outdoor ceremony that's not only gorgeous but memorable for all the right reasons.

There's something undeniably magical about saying "I do" surrounded by nature. Whether it's the gentle rustle of leaves, the charm of a garden in full bloom, or basking in golden summer light as you say your vows, an outdoor ceremony is certainly on the "wish list" for many couples.

In fact, a recent wedding report revealed that nearly half of all couples considered an outdoor ceremony, and around 28% plan to marry outside. And with legislation now allowing civil ceremonies to take place outdoors within the grounds of an Approved Premises, it's no surprise that more nearly-weds are embracing the great outdoors when planning their day.

Plan for *Sunshine* and *Showers*

Unfortunately the one thing that we cannot control is the weather (however much we would like to) and we all know the Great British weather can be unpredictable- even during the height of summer. In fact, more than 80% of couples who changed their wedding plans on the day did so because of the weather, so it is worth having a Plan B up your sleeve.

Under the terms of your venues' civil ceremony approval, if you're planning an outdoor ceremony, they will also need to provide a suitable alternative – just in case. In the event of a changeable forecast, your venue will confirm if your ceremony can go ahead outdoors one hour before your ceremony, giving you plenty of breathing space to enjoy your morning without obsessively checking the forecast.

"Get your practical pants on"

When planning your day, it's easy to get swept up in the romance of an outdoor ceremony, but keeping a few practical points in mind while venue hunting can make all the difference.

- Access to the ceremony area, especially for older guests or those with mobility concerns
- Distance from indoor areas in case the weather turns
- Shade and shelter options during hot or windy days
- Sound considerations, as outdoor acoustics differ from indoor spaces

And of course, visit in person if you can! Many Cheshire venues host early autumn wedding fayres, offering a wonderful opportunity to wander through gardens, meet the teams and imagine your own outdoor moment.



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When can I marry *outdoors?*

Here in Cheshire, licensed outdoor ceremonies can take place between April and October. Late spring and summer remain the most popular choices, with gardens at their best, but each month brings its own charm.

While past Aprils have been beautifully dry, recent years have been wetter so couples are increasingly favouring late spring and summer for the greatest chance of sunshine.

Keeping Your Guests Comfortable

A comfortable guest is a happy guest, and small touches make all the difference.

For Warm, Sunny Days

Consider including:
Handheld fans (a personalised photo-ready keepsake!)
Suncream
Cold water stations
Parasols or shaded spots

For Grassy or Natural Settings

Think about:
Heel protectors
Bug spray
An amenities basket with deodorant, tissues or wipes

Your Outdoor Ceremony

Outdoor ceremonies hold a special kind of romance and with the right preparation, they can be every bit as seamless as they are magical.



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Discover Cheshire's Most Beautiful Outdoor Settings

Cheshire is a treasure trove of idyllic wedding venues, from rolling countryside estates to manicured gardens, rustic barns to elegant manor houses. Each setting brings its own charm, and with expert venue coordinators and Your Ceremony's award-winning registrars, you'll have a team dedicated to bringing your outdoor vision to life.



A ‘PAR-FECT’ DAY WITH Crazy9



> “Crazy9 came from a love of crazy golf along with attending several, dare we say it... boring weddings”

Crazy9 is a multi-award winning mobile crazy golf entertainment designed specifically for weddings and events.

We provide a handcrafted 9-hole course with unique, interactive obstacles, all set up and hosted for you by Garrett & Butler Entertainment.

It’s designed to sit perfectly between your ceremony and evening party, and the early evening changeover period; those two lulls in the day where guests often find themselves twiddling their thumbs with nothing to do.



Was there a 'lightbulb moment' that made you think: weddings need crazy golf?

Crazy9 came from a love of crazy golf along with attending several, dare we say it, boring weddings. We saw an opportunity to create something that would bring people together, break the ice and keep the atmosphere going. With backgrounds in design and engineering, we started building our own obstacles from scratch, focusing on quality, creativity and attention to detail.

In a world full of entertainment options, what makes Crazy9 the go-to choice for so many couples?

It works. Weddings naturally have pauses, especially during photographs, and crazy golf gives guests something relaxed and sociable to enjoy during that time. It's interactive, it gets people talking, and it creates a bit of friendly competition without taking over the day. Because everything is bespoke and visually striking, it also fits well in high-end venues rather than looking like a standard add-on.

What should couples keep in mind when deciding how to entertain their guests?

Think about the flow of your day rather than just the evening. The drinks reception is where entertainment makes the biggest difference. Choose something that's easy to dip in and out of, works for mixed groups, and doesn't require guests to commit to a schedule. The best options are the ones that bring people together naturally without forcing it.

Also, you're getting married in Cheshire, so it's worth planning for all weather. We always bring gazebos with us so the course stays fully playable if the rain arrives, which means the fun doesn't stop. If the sun shows up, that's just a bonus.

What makes Crazy9 so memorable for the couples who choose you?

We've been proud to win the County Brides - North West Wedding Award for Best Wedding Entertainment (non-musical) for the past five consecutive years. Voting is only open to couples who've had us as part of their day, which makes it particularly meaningful.

The course gets people laughing, mixing and interacting, especially guests who don't already know each other. Its design and look also make it feel like a seamless part of the wedding rather than something hired in. And because we handle everything on the day, it's completely stress-free for the couple.





How do you make sure couples get great entertainment without breaking the bank?

We focus on delivering value rather than just being an add-on. For many couples, we cover key gaps in the day by keeping guests entertained when it matters most. We have three “off the shelf” packages that suit most budgets, as well as an à la golf carte menu, so couples can tailor a package to best fit their day and their spend. The aim is always to make sure Crazy9 earns its place in the wedding, rather than just being another item on the checklist.

What keeps you passionate about Crazy9 after all these years?

Seeing a group of guests who don’t know each other at the start of the day end up laughing and competing together a couple of hours later.

When the course is busy, people are relaxed, the caddy is empty of clubs, and the leaderboard is full, that’s when you know it’s doing exactly what it’s supposed to — bringing everyone together and creating memories that last.

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