WELCOME TO SOMERSET REGISTRATION SERVICE

We provide civil ceremonies, and much more, for Somerset County Council and North Somerset Council. We think that Somerset is the best place in the world to get married or form your civil partnership, renew your vows, celebrate your new child or become a British Citizen. We hold over 3000 ceremonies every year and our team are passionate about making each one memorable and unique.

Somerset really is the perfect backdrop for your celebrations. Historic houses, picturesque villages, country towns, three Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and a National Park: from the coast to the moors to the levels, there’s a wealth of stunning locations for your ceremony.

We hope this guide gives you everything you need to plan your special day, from the first steps of choosing a venue, navigating the essential legalities, personalising your ceremony and what to expect on the big day itself.

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Email: somersetregistrations@somerset.gov.uk
Web: www.somersetweddingservice.org.uk
Web: www.somerset.gov.uk
Facebook: www.facebook.com/SomersetWeddingService/
Twitter: www.twitter.com/SCC_Weddings
Instagram: www.instagram.com/somersetregistrations/
If you have your heart set on a particular date, you may need to be flexible about the venue.

If your priority is Location Location Location, then it’s a good idea to have some alternative dates in mind.

**MARRIAGE & CIVIL PARTNERSHIP**

Throughout this guide, we will often simply refer to marriage and weddings. However, this will normally include civil partnerships as the processes are mostly the same. If you think you would prefer a partnership, please see page 9 for more information, including how to convert an existing civil partnership to a marriage.

We provide civil ceremonies, which by law means that they must be totally non-religious in nature. Don’t worry – they can still be romantic, personal and unique to you. They take place at a register office or licensed venue, but can’t be performed in a place of worship. If you would like a religious ceremony, speak to your minister about what they can offer. For Church of England ceremonies, they will be able to administer the whole process for you. For other faiths and denominations you will need to seek advice from the individual place of worship.

Plan Ahead! We are happy to take bookings up to two years in advance.
CHOOSING YOUR VENUE

The very first thing you’ll need, once you’ve decided to get married, is to choose where and when to do it. You can have your civil ceremony at one of our Register Offices, or at one of over 120 licensed venues across Somerset and North Somerset. You can view featured venues in this brochure and see the full up to date venue directory on our website. It’s even filterable by capacity, venue type and facilities, so you can narrow down your search to find the perfect spot.

REGISTER OFFICES

Getting married at a Register Office is the most affordable option available. Visit our website for our current prices. You can have a simple ceremony for yourselves and two witnesses at six of our Register Offices, covering every district of Somerset and North Somerset. We are also proud to offer ceremonies for larger wedding parties at 3 locations: The Old Municipal Buildings in Taunton, Abbey Manor in Yeovil and The Town Hall in Weston-super-Mare. These are available as Register Office bookings. You have a one hour slot for your ceremony and photographs, and can then enjoy your celebrations at your own choice of reception venue.

THE OLD MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, TAUNTON

Our stunning wedding venue is right in the historic heart of Taunton. The Grade II listed building dates from 1522 and is bounded by Castle Green and Taunton Castle to the rear, making it a gorgeous location for wedding photographs. You can see the possibilities on pages 2 and 3. The Tudor Hall is a magnificent room holding up to 100 people. The Vivary Room is equally grand but holds a more intimate 40 guests. We are surrounded by an array of restaurants and pubs that make perfect reception venues for your post-ceremony celebrations.

ABBNEY MANOR, YEOVIL

This Grade 1 listed 15th Century manor house is the ideal venue for South Somerset weddings. A hidden gem near central Yeovil, it is the perfect blend of historic elegance and urban location. Beautiful stone walls and period features add an element of medieval romance, making your day even more magical. The Mandeville and Plucknett rooms are available on selected Saturdays and will hold up to 40 people.

THE TOWN HALL, WESTON SUPER MARE

With magnificent Victorian architecture, and situated a stone’s throw from the seafront, The Town Hall is a grand venue that’s perfect for smaller wedding parties. The Old Council Chamber, full of charming period features, seats up to 60. The Hutton Suite has a modern feel and holds up to 40 people.

See the full list on our website.
BOOKING THE REGISTRARS

If you decide to have your ceremony at one of our approved venues, you’ll need to do two things. First, book your preferred date with the venue. Do discuss availability of alternative dates in case there is a hitch with step two.

Second, get in touch with us to book the registrars. We will do our best to give you the date and time you prefer. However, if our teams are already booked up you’ll need to choose an alternative date or ceremony time. Saturdays in the summer tend to be very popular, so if you have a dream location you may need to be flexible with your dates.

GIVING NOTICE

Once you’ve set the date with the venue and booked the registrar, the next step is the legal bit. You both need to give notice of your intention to marry, normally just called “giving notice”. It’s the formal declaration that you are getting married and are legally able to do so.

You can give notice up to 1 year before your ceremony, but it must be no less than 28 days before the big day. You need to state the date and location of your ceremony when you give notice, which is why it’s so important to have booked that first.

We recommend giving notice between 3 and 6 months before your ceremony date, when you are sure your arrangements are firm. If the date or location changes, you may have to give notice again and pay a second notice fee.

You both need to give notice in the district where you live, not the district where you intend to marry. This may mean you need to give notice at separate offices. If you live in the same district, you can give notice separately or together.

You’ll need to provide original identity documents such as a birth certificate or passport at the appointment, plus paperwork regarding former marriages or name changes. Check our website for a current list of requirements and fees. Our team will be happy to advise you on what you need to bring if you are unsure.

If either you or your partner are subject to immigration control you will need to give notice at a Designated Register Office. Exeter and Bristol are the two closest to Somerset. Follow the links on our website to find the full list.
PLANNING YOUR CEREMONY

Every ceremony is unique to the couple it joins together. While there are some statutory words that need to be included, you can personalise your ceremony and really make it your own. Download the Pre Ceremony Check form and guidance from our website. You can use this to let us know which essential elements you’ve chosen, and what readings, music and personal vows you want to add. We’re happy to work with you to create a truly memorable event. In the past, we’ve dressed up for a Western themed wedding, and hosted a Hogwarts-style ceremony in our Tudor Hall. Just talk to our team about your ideas and see what’s possible.

The bits that must be included are the declaration that there is no legal impediment to your marriage, and that you confirm that you take each other to be husband or wife. The registrar will then declare you married. Did you know you don’t actually have to agree to love, honour and obey each other? There are several versions of the vows available, so you can find one to suit. You also don’t have to exchange rings if you don’t want to. Other tokens can be used, or you can leave this part out altogether. This is also your opportunity to add your own personal vows if you have something special you want to say to express your commitment.

Our main requirement is that there are no religious elements in your readings and music, but beyond that we are really flexible. Getting married is a serious business, but that doesn’t mean it can’t be fun and relaxed too if that’s what you’d like.

You can choose between a basic ceremony for yourselves and two witnesses, or a full ceremony with friends and family. Depending on the personal decisions you make about your ceremony, your day could include some or all of the available options.

This is our suggested order of ceremony:

**Full Ceremony**
- Welcome & Introduction
- Giving Away (Optional)
- Legal Preliminaries
- Reading 1 (Optional)
- Declaration of Freedom
- Contract of Marriage
- Reading 2 (Optional)
- Personal Ring Vows (Optional)
- Reading 3 (Optional)
- Announcement
- Signing of the Register
- Photography (Optional)

**Basic Ceremony**
- Welcome & Introduction
- Legal Preliminaries
- Declaration of Freedom
- Contract of Marriage
- Ring Vows (Optional)
- Signing of the Register
- Announcement
- Photography (Optional)

Let us know your ceremony choices at least a week before the big day.
ON THE DAY

Whatever kind of ceremony you plan, you’ll need to have two witnesses. These can be friends or relatives. We ask that they are at least 16 years old, and must be capable of understanding the proceedings and signing the register.

You’ll need to arrive at least 10 minutes before the ceremony time. We need to have a short interview with you both, together or separately, to check the details to be entered into the register. Do make sure you’re on time – no dramatic late entrances! Our registrars often have several ceremonies in one day. They need to keep to a strict schedule to make sure everyone gets to say I Do.

The registrars will direct you on where to stand and what to say, so don’t worry about forgetting what order things are meant to happen. We’re used to dealing with wedding day nerves and emotions, and you’re in safe hands.

Once your ceremony is complete, you’ll need to sign the register along with your witnesses. After that, you’re free to make your grand exit, take photographs with your wedding party, and celebrate with your friends and family.

If you’ve chosen to marry at a register office, you have the freedom to choose a reception venue and time to suit your taste, budget and can even hold it on a different date. The benefit of booking a ceremony at one of our fantastic licensed venues are the bespoke packages on offer, providing everything you need to celebrate in one location. Just let us know how the ceremony fits in to the overall plan for your day.
CIVIL PARTNERSHIP

Civil Partnerships are now available to both same and opposite sex couples, with the law enabling opposite sex couples to choose this route being enacted in December 2019. At the time of going to press, we welcome expressions of interest for ceremony bookings until the Government confirm the new procedures. Keep an eye on our website and social media for updates.

Originally, civil partnerships were introduced to enable same-sex couples to form a legal commitment to each other. While civil marriages are now available to all, couples may prefer to form a partnership. The process is very similar to getting married, but the form of words used is slightly different. You will sign the civil partnership schedule instead of the marriage register, and you do not need to repeat the vows aloud if you don’t wish to. It’s a simple legal formality that grants rights similar to those of married couples. For a full breakdown of the similarities and differences, follow the links on our website.

The partnership ceremony can take place at any register office or approved venue in our directory. You need to give notice in the same way as couples intending to marry, and provide the same identity and legal documentation. Do ask our team if you have any queries about what is needed.

You’ll need to provide two witnesses to sign the schedule. You can also personalise the ceremony in the same way as marriage ceremonies, with your own vows, exchange of rings, music and readings. Download the Pre Ceremony Check form and guidance from our website to see what options you can choose. Our team will be happy to give you guidance and support in planning the right ceremony for you both.

CONVERTING A CIVIL PARTNERSHIP TO A MARRIAGE

Couples who previously formed a partnership can now convert it to a marriage. This can either be a simple administrative process with no need for witnesses, or you can plan a full ceremony with friends and family to mark the occasion. The choice is yours. You will be treated legally as having been married from the date of the original partnership. The cost is normally the same as a simple or full marriage ceremony, as appropriate. Check our website for current prices.

The government are currently consulting on conversion options for converting a marriage to a civil partnership. We’ll update our website as soon as an announcement has been made.
CITY OF WELLS TOWN HALL

At the heart of England’s smallest city lies the City of Wells Town Hall.

With its clean classical lines and neat ashlar stone facade, this Grade II listed Town Hall presents a graceful, imposing aspect, and is a perfect setting for a wedding.

For smaller more intimate ceremonies you can take your vows in the Mayors Parlour or for larger ceremonies you can choose from the Parkes Room or the Main Hall.

For Prices and Bookings contact the Town Hall Manager
City of Wells Town Hall, Market Place, Wells, Somerset BA5 2RB
Tel: 01749 673091
Email: thm@wells.gov.uk
Web: www.wells.gov.uk

ST AUDRIES BAY

Set on the stunning Somerset coast with spectacular views, St Audries Bay is the perfect setting to get married. Whether it be a day time or evening celebration, an overnight party or a full weekend event, St Audries Bay can tailor to your needs. Their friendly professional staff will work with you to ensure an enjoyable and successful event. Call now to arrange a visit.

St Audries Bay Holiday Club
West Quantoxhead, Taunton, Somerset TA4 4DY
Tel: 01984 632515
Email: info@staudriesbay.co.uk
Web: www.staudriesbay.co.uk
ST AUDRIES PARK

St Audries Park is a stunning fairy-tale manor house set in 100 acres of tranquil deer park. Creating perfect weddings since 2003 and with a team of staff dedicated to weddings, this venue is offered to couples with 100% exclusive use for their special day. As you come over the brow of the hill you are greeted with a breath taking view of St Audries Park and the Bristol Channel beyond. The house nestles in the Quantock Hills very near Taunton and has all the ingredients to be the perfect wedding day setting.

To tie the knot your options are the bright and airy Victorian Orangery for a civil ceremony or St Etheldreda Church which also rests in the grounds. Either option allows couples to marry within the grounds and eliminates travelling time on the big day and the need for wedding transport as such.

The Banqueting Hall in the main house can seat up to 130 guests for the three course wedding breakfast and offers a stylish and elegant back drop for the meal and speeches.

The Great Hall with its amazing vaulted ceiling and roaring log fireplace welcomes guests and allows them to relax in their surroundings comfortably. The Minstrels Gallery affords a fantastic photograph opportunity and allows the happy couple to survey their guests from above!

The party room offers all the glitz and glam for your evening disco. Dazzling lights and nice big dance floor make a great space for an amazing party atmosphere! The Champagne bar and the Cocktail bar offer tantalising treats for all.

At the end of a busy and fun filled day guests are able to stay in the main house or in one of the many estate cottages. In excess of 100 guests can be accommodated overnight at full capacity. Do not dare to leave without sampling the full English breakfast with continental options the following morning!

Two day and weekend wedding packages that allow couples to enjoy the venue for longer and extend their celebrations are very popular. The perfect idea to get all those close friends and family together and allowing for everyone to awake feeling revived and refreshed ready for the special day of celebrations ahead.

St Audries Park,
West Quantoxhead, Taunton, Somerset TA4 4DS
Tel: 01984 633 633
Email: info@audries-park.co.uk
Web: www.audries-park.co.uk
WOOKEY HOLE CAVES

In caves carved by the River Axe over millions of years, you can stand within the Mendip Hills surrounded by clear pools, dramatic ancient rock formations and soft candlelight to make your vows.

If you have a special piece of music you would like played during the ceremony this can be arranged or, if you prefer live music, the acoustics are amazing! With a choice of three chambers, this is an unusual and magical venue for your wedding ceremony whether it’s a large affair or a small intimate gathering.

The experience doesn’t stop there… After your ceremony you can also hold your wedding reception in one of the two beautiful reception venues, exclusively for you and your guests. The Mill Restaurant features beautiful chandeliers, decorative mirrors, colourful drapes and a capacity to seat up to 200 guests, while the Waterwheel Suite is a light and airy space with original stonework and views onto their working waterwheel with its own private courtyard. Specially selected packages or the option of tailored catering, no wish is too big or small.

Wookey Hole Caves, The Mill, Wookey Hole, Wells BA5 1BB
Tel: 01749 672243 Email: weddings@wookey.co.uk
Web: www.wookey.co.uk/weddings-and-hire/

HOLBROOK MANOR

Combining romance, English country style and a little bit of magic, Holbrook Manor is a delightfully exclusive wedding venue set in the heart of the old Wessex countryside. This Georgian country house venue is set in 20 acres of lawned gardens and woodlands. The main house is stunning and mixes traditional manor house style with modern facilities and a breath-taking light and neutral function room.

Holbrook Manor, Wincanton, Somerset BA9 8BS
Tel: 01963 824466
Email: sales@holbrookmanor.com
Web: www.holbrookmanor.com

CROSSINGTON PARK

Set in 22 acres of beautiful grounds this historic private Somerset country estate between Glastonbury and Bridgwater on the edge of the Polden Hills and Somerset Levels is available for a very limited number of weddings each year.

You have a choice of three areas licensed for the ceremony; the Library, old-beamed Drawing Room or the ‘Propylaeum’, an open porch in the main garden. There is generous space for one or more marquees and parking within the grounds.

A Cossington Park wedding is a rare and magical occasion, tailored to your individual choice of: traditional wedding breakfast; vintage afternoon tea on the lawn with string quartet; an evening hog roast; or whatever you desire to make your special day even more memorable.

Cossington Park, Cossington, Near Bridgwater, Somerset TA7 8LH
Tel: 01278 556 595 / 0800 043 3468
Email: weddings@cossingtonpark.com
Web: www.cossingtonpark.com
PENNARD HOUSE

Pennard House is a beautiful, family-owned Manor House set in secluded gardens in rural Somerset. A flexible venue with a relaxed feel, Pennard offers a variety of unique options allowing couples to tailor make their day.

Everything is within walking distance, so the entire day can be hosted in one location. There’s an indoor and outdoor space for civil ceremonies, or alternatively the picturesque village church is just across the lawn.

Enjoy drinks and canapes on the south facing lawns, with rose gardens and Victorian lakes providing endless photo opportunities. Then move to the C18th Coach House for the wedding breakfast and festivities.

Each couple has complimentary use of the beautiful bridal suite and further accommodation is available including handmade 16ft tipis in the summer. Couples can also come the night before, making the wedding celebration a two-day affair. Pennard House is a magical, unforgettable venue while also feeling like a home away from home.

Pennard House
East Pennard, Shepton Mallet, Somerset BA4 6TP
Tel: 01749 860 700
Email: weddings@pennardhouse.com
Web: www.pennardhouse.com

NORTHOVER MANOR

Northover Manor believe that planning your wedding should be an experience that you can enjoy. Their Wedding Co-ordinator and experienced team are committed to ensuring that your wedding runs smoothly. From your first call, they will be there to create a truly unique and special occasion. You can be be sure of receiving a personal service with professional attention to detail.

Northover Manor,
Ilchester, Somerset BA22 8LD
Tel: 01935 840447
Email: weddings@northovermanor.com
Web: www.northovermanor.com/
LANES HOTEL

Lanes Hotel is fully licenced to hold your civil ceremony and wedding breakfast. Your guests will have the opportunity of enjoying the beautifully manicured gardens, whilst you can pick the perfect spot for a few photographs.

They have an extensive choice of dishes to suit all tastes and a fully licensed bar until 1am. The hotel has 30 modern bedrooms with full use of the spa and gym together with a large spacious car park for your guests.

From their years of experience, they know that every wedding is truly unique and with this in mind the Lanes Hotel have an on-site wedding coordinator to guide you through preparing for your special day. The wedding coordinator is backed up by a team of professionals to deliver every detail as per your preference.

Lanes Hotel,
High Street, West Coker, Yeovil, Somerset BA22 9AJ
Tel: 01935 862555
Email: jordan.dmorgan@laneshotel.net
Web: www.laneshotel.net

LITTLE QUARME

Little Quarme is located in the heart of Exmoor National Park with views to die for from the outdoor wedding gazebo. There are beautiful gardens, an ornamental pond, a giant BBQ, indoor barn and six cosy, comfortable cottages to accommodate 22 wedding guests.

Little Quarme offers exclusive use of their beautiful venue with the freedom and flexibility to design your own perfect wedding. Most couples are looking for a relaxed and informal day; some embrace the festival vibe with fire pits, flags and florals; others go vintage with retro props and styling. The choice is entirely up to you.

Little Quarme, Wheddon Cross,
Exmoor National Park, Somerset TA24 7EA
Tel: 01643 841249
Email: info@littlequarme-cottages.co.uk
Web: www.littlequarme-cottages.co.uk
Set in a magnificent 16th century manor house within 7.5 acres of stunning parkland, Dillington House provides the fairytale setting for your wedding.

The Ham stone house, nestled near the town of Ilminster, boasts magical woodlands, spectacular views, as well as beautiful gardens and fountains, making Dillington the perfect backdrop for those wedding photographs.

Dillington's dedicated wedding co-ordinators are on hand to help you plan every aspect and will be with you on the day to make sure everything is perfect for you and your guests.

There is a choice of having your civil ceremony in the romantic and bright Orangery with the option of having it partly outdoors, within the main house in the grand Hanning room, or in the Theatre based in the magnificent 1870s Mews building.

Dillington can seat up to 160 guests for your ceremony and wedding breakfast with capacity for up to 200 guests for the evening reception.

Dillington’s onsite chefs, who use the finest locally sourced West Country produce and seasonal ingredients, offer a wide range of delicious dishes and canapes adapted to what you would like.

At the end of a busy and fun filled day, guests are able to stay in either the main house, which boasts up to 16 traditional English country house style rooms, the 12 cosy cottage style bedrooms in the magnificent Mews, or in the 15 contemporary Boutique Hotel style bedrooms in the award-winning Hyde building. In excess 70 guests can be accommodated at full capacity.

There are various wedding packages available including midweek deals tailored for most budgets. If you would like to see for yourself what makes Dillington so special, please get in touch to arrange a show around.

Thank you to Jodie Hurd Photography and Matt Sweeting Photography for photos supplied.

Dillington House, Ilminster, Somerset TA19 9DT
Tel: 01460 258648
Email: weddings@somerset.gov.uk
Web: www.dillington.com
BEST WESTERN PLUS SWAN HOTEL

Whether it’s an intimate wedding, a large wedding reception or the civil wedding ceremony itself, the Swan Hotel which nestles in the shadows of Wells Cathedral, prides itself on providing the perfect wedding venue in Somerset.

Civil wedding ceremonies are held in the Garden Room which opens out onto a secluded Walled Garden. The Ivory Suite seats up to 90 guests for a wedding breakfast and evening receptions for up to 150 guests can be accommodated.

Best Western Plus Swan Hotel, Sadler Street, Wells, Somerset BA5 2RX
Tel: 01749 836300
Email: info@swanhotelwells.co.uk
Web: swanhotelwells.co.uk

CHARLTON HOUSE

Situated in the heart of beautiful Somerset and surrounded by the Mendip Hills, Charlton House is the perfect setting for your special day.

From small and intimate weddings, to exclusive hire of the entire hotel and its grounds, Charlton House offers bespoke packages to create your dream wedding.

‘Say I do’ in the stunning Orangery, enjoy canapes in the beautiful walled garden, followed by a delicious wedding breakfast. Then party the night away & retire to one of their 28 bedrooms.

Charlton House, Charlton Road, Shepton Mallet, Glastonbury BA4 4PR
Tel: 01749 342008
Email: events.charltonhousehotel@bannatyne.co.uk
Web: www.bannatyne.co.uk/hotel/charlton-house

WICK FARM

Wick Farm Bath is a beautifully restored 14th Century Threshing barn, set in 36 acres of outstanding natural beauty.

The barn offers the most stunning canvas for intimate weddings for up to 200 guests.

They offer inside or outside Civil ceremonies in both the beautiful hay barn or on the terrace next to their fairy lit hazel arches in the beautiful landscaped gardens.

Coming this Summer they have a sumptuous wedding night accommodation for the bride and groom.

Wick Farm, Farleigh, Hungerford, Bath BA2 7NQ
Tel: 01225 722238
Email: info@wickfarmbath.co.uk
Web: www.wickfarmbath.co.uk
GANTS MILL

Gants Mill is the most charming setting for your dream country wedding, where you can be confident of an enchanting and memorable day. You can choose your own caterers and there is no corkage charge. They try to give you as much freedom as possible. The concept is ‘as if you had a marquee in your own garden’.

Your guests can watch as you walk through the rose and clematis arches of the idyllic gardens. After the ceremony, while your guests are served canapés and drinks, you will be spoilt for choice of perfect backdrops for your wedding photographs.

As a family concern Gants Mill are committed to making your day relaxing, enjoyable and one you will remember always.

Gants Mill, Bruton, Somerset BA10 0DB
Tel: 07854 166624
Email: weddings@gantsmill.co.uk
Web: www.gantsmill.co.uk

THE MOUNT SOMERSET HOTEL AND SPA

The Mount Somerset Hotel and Spa is a stunning luxury 19 bedroom Regency country house hotel in Taunton, Somerset, set in four acres of beautiful grounds. This grand dame of a building sits high upon her mount, cradled in between the Quantock and Blackdown Hills, affording guests some of the best views in Somerset.

The Mount Somerset Hotel and Spa
Lower Henlade, Taunton, Somerset TA3 5NB
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Email: events@themountsomersethotelandspa.com
Web: www.themountsomersethotelandspa.com

GLASTONBURY WEDDING AND EVENTS

Glastonbury Wedding and Events Venue is a very quirky and unique place for couples getting married that would like a little something different. Nestled on the edge of the Somerset Levels with outstanding views of the famous Glastonbury Tor and surrounding area stands the old pre norman village church that has been restored to its former glory. The main building can be decorated to your colour choice and theme.

They can offer Civil Weddings, handfastings, celebrants, or any special occasions you wish to celebrate. With a large private car park, disabled facilities, large grass areas for marquees, toilets and in-house catering facilities for hot or cold food. They are fully licensed 365 days a year until midnight and carry a well-stocked licensed bar.

The large grass area outside can be used with picnic tables, hay bales and fire pits to create the ideal relaxing place to have a quiet drink and socialise with friends and relatives celebrating the event. Viewing is strongly recommended.

Glastonbury Wedding and Events Venue
Tel: 01458 831141 / 831600
Email: glastonburyweddingandevents@btconnect.com
RALEGH’S CROSS INN

Exchange your vows on beautiful Exmoor. Raleghs Cross is a wonderful country inn sat atop the Brendon Hills. With two licensed areas for civil ceremonies, you can choose the elegantly decorated Captains Suite or tie the knot in your own private wedding garden with wooden pagoda. Raleghs can accommodate wedding parties from 30 to 180 guests, and they offer a range of menus to suite every palate. With 17 en-suite guest rooms available for your exclusive use, your party can relax in comfort and even camp on site if the feeling takes them.

Please use the contact details below to arrange your visit.

Ralegh’s Cross Inn, Brendon Hill, Exmoor TA23 0LN
Tel: 01984 640343
Email: emma@raleghs-cross.co.uk
Web: www.raleghs-cross.co.uk
RODE MILL

Located in the picturesque village of Rode between Bath and Frome, the Mill has been sensitively restored to connect with its rich past. The function room comfortably sits 85 with over a 100 for an evening party. The venue is available for just the function room or exclusive use with 2 floors, gardens, terrace and deck with ample parking for your guests.

The Mill is licensed for the ceremony or just the reception with a traditional or bespoke theme to suit the day. Their chefs can design a simple buffet to an A La Carte menu with seasonal ingredients.

The stunning location of Rode Mill is perfect to host your celebrations, contact them to book a time where they can discuss your requirements and help with ideas.

Rode Mill,
Rode, Frome, Somerset, BA11 6AG
Tel: 01373 831100
Email: info@rodemill.co.uk
Web: www.rodemill.co.uk

CLEVEDON PIER

Make Clevedon Pier a part of your special day. The Porthole Room, a unique and intimate space for a wedding or blessing with a variety of seating options. Private use of the viewing deck for drinks reception. Non-exclusive access to the Pier for promenading and photographs. With a range of options including outside ceremonies available to suit your needs.

Clevedon Pier, The Toll House, The Beach, Clevedon, North Somerset BS21 7QU.
Tel: 01275 878846
Email: weddings@clevedonpier.com
Web: www.clevedonpier.co.uk
Facebook: @ClevedonPierGrade1
WHO IS BENJAMIN PHOTOGRAPHY

Born and raised in Somerset, Benjamin has a passion for photography and providing his clients with photos he knows they will enjoy and cherish for years to come. With careful planning, inspiration on style taken from the couple, landscapes and the surroundings and an unobtrusive approach means you can relax knowing that your photos will be unique and special.

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Web: www.whoisbenjamin.co.uk

A TALL LONG LEGGED BIRD

Let’s talk about your wedding photography!

As a local photographer (who speaks the lingo), Kerry James (aka A Long Legged Bird) will capture your wedding her way – with honesty, humour and all the feels. Mainly documentary, there’s no cheesy posing, but she will still take those important line-ups your folks want. Your photographs will stir up all those heartfelt emotions for years to come.

Get in touch if you want beautiful and colourful photographs with punch.

Tel: 07809 459478
Email: kerrywho@me.com
Web: www.atalllongleggedbird.com

REBECCA FAITH PHOTOGRAPHY

Rebecca’s style of wedding photography is natural and unobtrusive and is a calming presence there to guide and reassure you, if you need it. She believes you are at your best when you are relaxed and therefore won’t order people around or get in the way. She works her magic unobtrusively in the background, capturing photographs that tell the story of your wedding, your love, your family and your life ensuring those secret glances, the quiet tears, the crazy laughter are all captured. With a limited number of wedding commissions taken on every year, you are guaranteed to have Rebecca’s undivided attention and together come up with a plan that’s tailored to your needs.

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Email: rebecca@rebeccafaithphoto.com
Web: www.rebeccafaithphoto.com
TRIGGOLS VINTAGE CARS

Arrive in Style.

High quality GENUINE vintage cars for weddings and filming. Featured in ‘Peaky Blinders’, Downton Abbey and many more.

Triggols Vintage Cars have over 30 years experience of weddings and a wonderful variety of cars to choose from. Pay them a visit for a no obligation viewing and quote.

Tel: 07712 051 892
Email: info@vintagewedding-cars.co.uk
Web: www.vintagewedding-cars.co.uk
Facebook: @TriggolsCars
Instagram: @triggolscars

BRANCH & BLOOM

Introducing Somerset wedding florist Branch & Bloom. Artisan floristry inspired by nature, creating wild and wonderful floral designs for your big day.

Branch & Bloom use environmentally friendly methods, specialising in growing beautiful, seasonal flowers for their floral boutique in Wells.

Branch & Bloom offer a free design and consultation service and love to discuss style ideas, inspirations and visions. They offer a range of flexible services to suit you and your budget from bouquets to button holes, table arrangements and unique installations.

Friendly and always happy to help contact Becky today for more information about planning your wedding flowers.

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CAROLINE GENT EVENTS

They believe that excellent food should be enjoyed with close friends and family in relaxed surroundings. Caroline Gent and her chefs have been producing original, modern and seasonally inspired food for over twenty years and are passionate about sourcing fresh and local ingredients.

Caroline Gent Events are a committed and close knit team, who are all about creating fabulous food and providing their clients with the best possible service. Every menu is personalised and they love the challenge of working with you to design and create the perfect food for your event.

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IZZI STOCKTON BRIDAL

At Izzi Stockton Bridal they believe that every bride should have the same experience no matter what size they are or how big their budget is. They have a fabulous selection of wedding dresses for plus sized brides, from sexy fishtail gowns to sparkly princess dresses at affordable prices.

Izzi Stockton Bridal know that brides aren’t standard sizes, so they cater for all from size 10-30 in store ready to try on, as well as the largest range of flower girls and bridesmaids dresses in the area. Being in Taunton they are conveniently close to the motorway and train station.

Izzi Stockton Bridal,
48 Bridge Street, Taunton, Somerset TA1 1UD
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ABC WEDDING DRESSES

After 30 years of trading ABC is starting something new.

They now sell NEW ‘Off The Peg’ Discounted Designer Gowns from amazing manufacturers ie. Stella York, Justin Alexander, Simplicity, Rebecca Ingram, Ronald Joyce, Alfred Angelo, Ben Roberts. Plus ordering from Ronald Joyce, Victoria Jane, Hilary Morgan, Hermione and Goya of London and also a full range of up to 90 different colours of Bridesmaids dresses. Evening, Prom and flower girls dresses and accessories are also available.

Appointments only, ring 07710 985 321 for a 2 hr play or 01458 250 755 and leave a message.
ABC Wedding Dresses,
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ALEX APPLETON JEWELLERS

Alex Appleton Jewellers of Wincanton is an independent family owned business, established since 2004.

They specialise in handmade jewellery and can create your own interpretation on any piece of jewellery you may have seen elsewhere, or simply trust the artistic talents of Alex to design your own bespoke jewellery herself.

Existing items of jewellery can be redesigned and the Gold recycled, very often this is done to produce Wedding rings in varying profiles or shaped wedding bands to fit with your engagement ring.

You can also hand pick the exact gemstones from a selection to be set into your special piece of jewellery.

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LITTLE BUTTERCUP CAKERY

Little Buttercup Cakery is based in Somerset and was founded in 2016 by Tib Grieve. Tib loves creating stunning, elegant and whimsical wedding cakes adorned with beautiful handcrafted sugar flowers. She is passionate about using only the finest ingredients to ensure premium quality and delicious tasting cakes. In fact the fantastic quality of their cakes has won Little Buttercup Cakery many awards including 3 awards in Cake International Birmingham in 2017.

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SIONA STOCKEL - HARPIST AND SOPRANO

Siona is a very experienced and versatile musician with over 20 years experience in all areas of musical performance. Every special occasion is unique and Siona prides herself on providing an individual service tailored to each clients requirements.

Siona interprets a wide range of styles on the harp from classical favourites to covers of contemporary artists, and is always happy to discuss the choice of music with her clients.

Siona is also a professional singer and is always happy to incorporate separate vocal items alongside her harp playing.

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NAMING CEREMONIES

Our naming ceremonies are perfect for parents who would like to join with family and friends to celebrate the birth of a baby, or to welcome a new child to the family, in a non-religious event. There is no legal need for this kind of ceremony, so each one can be tailored to meet the unique needs and wishes of the family. We will normally include words of welcome to the new child, readings, and promises of commitment from parents, friends or family to love, nurture and protect them as they grow.

RENEWAL OF VOWS

A significant anniversary is a wonderful time to renew your vows to each other. If you married abroad, perhaps didn’t originally have the wedding day you dreamed of, or even have had a rocky period in your relationship, our Eternity Ceremony is a beautiful opportunity to pledge your love again in front of friends and family. Our team would be delighted to help you create a romantic and completely personalised ceremony. With no legal restrictions, we are free to include readings, music and personal vows to make this an occasion where you can really express how you feel.

CITIZENSHIP CEREMONIES

A citizenship ceremony is a memorable and enjoyable event which celebrates the important occasion of gaining British citizenship. It involves prospective citizens making an oath of allegiance to Her Majesty the Queen and a pledge of loyalty to the United Kingdom. The ceremony is led by one of our Registrars and a visiting dignitary such as the High Sheriff or Lord Lieutenant of Somerset. New citizens can bring one guest with them to share the experience and enjoy some refreshments after the ceremony.

We regularly hold group ceremonies free of charge, but we also offer private ceremonies for a fee where citizens can invite all their friends and family to witness the event, or if group ceremony times are not convenient.

Visit www.somerset.gov.uk for details of these special ceremonies
OUR OFFICES

You can give notice at all our offices. Simple ceremonies for you and your 2 witnesses are available in Taunton, Bridgwater, Williton, Shepton Mallet, Weston-super-Mare and Yeovil. You can have a full ceremony with guests at Taunton and Weston-super-Mare offices, as well as our partner venue Abbey Manor and all our licensed venues.

Phone 01823 282251 for all offices.

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The Old Municipal Buildings, Corporation Street, Taunton, TA1 4AQ

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The Old Court House, Jaycroft Road, Burnham-on-Sea, TA8 1LE

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Castlewood, Tickenham Road, Clevedon, BS21 6FW

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