



REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS DEATHS, MARRIAGES AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

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Getting married at the Register Office

Congratulations on choosing to get married at the register office. The register office remains the most popular choice for couples being married and whether you want a small or larger event or informal or more traditional type of ceremony we are here to help you make the most of what is one of the most important days in your life !

We offer three types of wedding here at the register office

1. The Statutory marriage room
2. The Council Chamber foyer
3. The Council Chamber

The following information will help you plan and understand what will happen on your wedding day. If you have any questions at all please do not hesitate to contact us.

There are photographs of our marriage facilities on our website but if you would prefer to see the facilities beforehand you can do so by a pre-arranged appointment. Three final pieces of information and advice for you

1. Please don't be late for your wedding, we often have other weddings or appointments after yours wedding. If you are late you risk it not going ahead !
2. The register office is located in the Town Hall which is a busy multi-purpose council building. If you choose to get married Monday to Friday there will be other people and events taking place in the building whilst you are with us.
3. You are unable to decorate or alter the layout of the marriage rooms.

Statutory Marriage Room

Element	Feature to this wedding
Maximum people who can attend	The couple being married and two witnesses only.
Arrival time	All to arrive together at the time of the ceremony, no need to be early.
Music	No music is used for this type of ceremony.
Photographs	The guests can take photographs but an official photographer is not permitted with this type of wedding. Only the couple and witnesses are present.
Ceremony Choices and format	Standard ceremony. No readings Choice of vows Rings can be exchanged but not needed. Ceremony takes about 20 minutes.
Parking	Parking is not provided with this type of wedding.
Other information	<p>This is a shorter and more informal style of wedding.</p> <p>Popular with couples who are also having another type of ceremony eg. a blessing or non legally binding celebrant ceremony but also couples who just want a smaller more informal wedding.</p>

The Council Chamber Foyer

Element	Feature to this wedding
Maximum people who can attend	The couple being married and 10 guests maximum (two of which are the witnesses)
Arrival time	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Couple and guests can all arrive together 15 minutes before the wedding; <u>or</u> 2. The groom and guest can arrive 30 minutes and the bride 10 minutes before the wedding.
Music	<p>You can bring your own music (CD/Phone/electronic device) or use ours. You need music for</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bride/couple walking in 2. Signing the schedule/photographs 3. Couple leaving
Photographs	One official photographer and one videographer permitted to take during the ceremony. Guests can take at the end of the ceremony.
Ceremony Choices and format	<p>Standard ceremony. 1 reading by a guest if wanted. Choice of vows Rings can be exchanged but not needed. Ceremony takes about 30 minutes</p>
Parking	2 cars can be parked on the forecourt.
Other information	A smaller ceremony but which allows key family and friends as guests and also more customs and traditions.

The Council Chamber

Element	Feature to this wedding
Maximum people who can attend	The couple being married and 68 guests maximum (two of which are the witnesses) ie. 70 people in total in the room.
Arrival time	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Couple and guests can all arrive together 15 minutes before the wedding; <u>or</u> 2. The groom and guest can arrive 30 minutes and the bride 10 minutes before the wedding.
Music	<p>You can bring your own music (CD/Phone/electronic device) or use ours. You need music for</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bride/couple walking in 2. Signing the schedule/photographs 3. Couple leaving
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Parking	2 cars can be parked on the forecourt.
Other information	A larger ceremony and which allows more guests and also more customs and traditions.