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A Guide to Marriage and Civil Partnership Ceremonies

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Thank you for choosing to celebrate your wedding in Leicestershire...

About Leicestershire

Leicestershire, lying at the heart of the Midlands, is a vibrant and multi-cultural county, with a rich history that can be traced back to the Romans.

The landscape is vast and varied, with many idyllic, historic villages and market towns surrounded by picturesque country parks and national forest.

It is also easily accessible by all forms of transport. There are excellent motorway connections, rail links and even an international airport on the northern edge of the county.

About our service

Leicestershire Registration Service has a statutory duty to provide for the formalities of marriage (outside the Church of England and the Church in Wales) and civil partnerships, as well as the registration of births and deaths and the performance of citizenship ceremonies.

We offer civil marriage and civil partnership ceremonies in 7 Registration Offices and over 70 high quality venues across the county - ranging from manor houses to contemporary hotels and even a castle.

We understand how stressful a wedding can be and we want your ceremony (whether small or large) to be a memorable experience for all the right reasons. To make things run smoother, our staff will discuss your needs and guide you every step of the way.

About this guide

Within these pages, you will find information on what to do if you are getting married or entering into a civil partnership, as well as suggestions of local wedding services and venues.

We look forward to being part of your big day.

Amanda Bettany
(County Superintendent Registrar)
Leicestershire Registration Service

Types of Ceremonies

Marriage and civil partnership ceremonies are the legal union of two people and a hugely important institution in this country.

Please take a moment to read the following information, which explains the differences between civil marriage, civil partnership and religious marriage ceremonies.

Civil marriage and civil partnership ceremonies

Civil ceremonies take place in either a registration office or approved venue.

The introduction of the Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act 2013 legalised same-sex marriage in England and Wales.

Civil partnerships can still be performed for same-sex couples, but carry different rights, obligations and legal provisions. More information can be found in this document on the UK Government website:


Only local authority registrars can register civil marriage and civil partnership ceremonies.

For more information on civil marriage or civil partnerships, please read page 3 initially and then turn to page 4.

Religious marriage ceremonies

Religious ceremonies take place at a registered religious building.

For same-sex couples, even with the introduction of the Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act 2013, religious freedom means that you’ll need to check that the relevant religious organisation allows for the marriage of same-sex couples and that the premises have been registered for the marriage of same-sex couples.

Usually, a religious official will register a religious marriage ceremony.

If you are having a religious ceremony, there is more you need to know. Please turn to page 11 for more information.
You may hold your civil marriage or civil partnership ceremony at any registration office in England and Wales.

Our ceremony rooms

Here in Leicestershire, you have a choice of 12 ceremony rooms in 7 registration offices across the county.

Our ceremony rooms are individually styled, ranging from traditional to contemporary and are open to all. The Cedar Room, a modern ceremony room in Anstey Frith House, Glenfield, even offers DVD and webcam broadcasting facilities. Our newest addition, the gazebo, is perfect for a fairy-tale outdoor wedding.

You can find details, including photographs, of each of our ceremony rooms on pages 7-8. Alternatively, visit: www.celebrateinleicestershire.co.uk for 360º virtual tours of all our rooms.

How to book

To make a booking, call us on 0116 305 65 65. You may make a provisional booking with us up to three years in advance of your chosen date. You can also see any of the rooms prior to booking.

Pricing

We have a variety of packages available. Our higher priced packages include a longer, more customised ceremony, a prosecco toast for the couple, a personalised DVD and confetti bags.

For more information, call us on 0116 305 65 65, or visit: www.celebrateinleicestershire.co.uk

Legal Formalities

If you live in the UK, or within the EU European Economic Area

• In England or Wales, before you can marry or enter into a civil partnership, you must each give legal notice (in person and by appointment) in the district where you live (or have resided) for at least 7 clear days (prior to your appointment).

• You cannot ask a friend or relative to attend and give notice for you.

• You will need to provide evidence of your name, age, nationality, address and that you are free to marry or enter into a civil partnership.

• There is a statutory fee of £35 for each notice given.

• Your ceremony can take place after 28 clear days, and within 12 months of giving notice.

• You can give notice at the same time or on different days, but the ceremony cannot take place until 28 clear days have passed for each person.

• Once notice is given, certain information is publicly displayed at Leicestershire Register Office, Glenfield for 28 clear days. This is a legal requirement.

• After 28 days, providing all formalities have been completed, the Superintendent Registrar (for the district of the marriage or civil partnership) will be able to prepare a certificate or a schedule to enable the ceremony to take place.

If you live outside of the UK, European Economic Area or Switzerland, and/or subject to immigration control

• You cannot ask a friend or relative to attend and give notice for you.

• You must both attend a designated office to give your notices of marriage. More information can be found on the UK Government website: www.gov.uk/marriages-civil-partnerships/foreign-national

How to make an appointment to give legal notice.

If you live in (or have resided) for at least 7 clear days in Leicestershire, call us on 0116 305 65 65 to make an appointment.

Otherwise, a contact number for your local registration office can be found on the UK Government website: www.gov.uk/marriages-civil-partnerships/giving-notification-at-your-local-register-office

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Following the introduction of the Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act 2013, in England and Wales, you can now legally convert your existing civil partnership into a marriage.

You'll get a marriage certificate dated when your original civil partnership was formed.

**Converting without a ceremony**

You'll both need to make an appointment at your local registration office. You do not need to live, or have lived in Leicestershire, to have your civil partnership converted here.

Call 0116 305 65 65 to make an appointment.

You’ll need to bring your original civil partnership certificate, proof of address and payment.

**Converting with a ceremony**

Although it is not a legal requirement, you can hold a conversion ceremony. You can do this at:

- A local registration office.
- An approved venue.
- A registered religious building, providing the religious organisation and the building allows for same-sex marriages.

If you would like a conversion with a ceremony, please contact your local registration office and staff will advise what to do. Here in Leicestershire, call 0116 305 65 65.

**Pricing**

- £49 to convert your civil partnership (includes a marriage certificate*)

The cost of a conversion ceremony depends on the venue chosen. Please see pages 4 and 5 for more information.

*Additional certificates can be requested at a cost. See FAQs for more information.
**Our Registration Office Ceremony Rooms**

**Beaumont Room:**
- Level access
- Maximum capacity 12*

**Coalville Registration Office**
Stenson House, London Road, LE67 3FN

**Newbury Suite:**
- Level access
- Maximum capacity 54*

**Hinckley Registration Office**
The Atkins Building, Lower Bond Street, LE10 1QU

**Lilffe Room:**
- Lift/second floor
- Maximum capacity 12*

**Paget/Goddard Room:**
- Lift/first floor
- Maximum capacity 52*

**Leicestershire Register Office (Glenfield)**
Anstey Frith House, Leicester Road, Glenfield, LE3 8RN

**Cedar Room:**
- Level access
- Maximum capacity 80*

**Gazebo:**
- Maximum capacity 80***

**Dove Room:**
- Level access
- Maximum capacity 18*

**Charnwood Room:**
- Level access
- Maximum capacity 18*

**Loughborough Registration Office**
Southfield Road, LE11 2TQ

**Music Room:**
- Level access
- Maximum capacity 44*

**Melton Registration Office**
Parkside, Civil Offices, Station Approach, Burton Street, LE13 1GH

**Ferneley Room:**
- Level access
- Maximum capacity 44*

**Perry Gold Room:**
- Lift/first floor
- Maximum capacity 50*

**Harborough Registration Office**
The Symington Building, Adam and Eve Street, LE16 7LT

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*Maximum capacity includes 2 registrars, and the couple. **Seating capacity for 20 people. Maximum capacity also includes 2 registrars, and the couple. ˆWeather permitting. The Cedar Room will be used as a contingency, and at the registrar’s/Marriage Officer’s discretion.
Our Approved Venues

Coalville

- Appleby Park Hotel - www.applebyparkhotel.com - 01530 279500
- Breedon Hall - www.breedonhall.co.uk - 01133 864935
- Charnwood Arms - www.hungryhorse.co.uk - 01530 813644
- Donington Park Farmhouse Hotel - www.parkfarmhouse.co.uk - 01332 862409
- Langley Priory - www.langleypriory.com - 01332 853197
- The Royal Hotel - www.royalhotelasby.co.uk - 01530 412833
- Sir John Moore Foundation - www.sirjohnmoore.org.uk - 01530 273629
- Staunton Harold Hall - www.stauntonharoldcastle.co.uk - 01332 86443

Hinckley

- Badgers Mount - www.badgersmount.co.uk - 01455 848161
- Bosworth Hall Hotel - www.bosworthhall.com - 01455 291919
- Hinckley Golf Club - www.hinckleygolfclub.com - 01455 615124
- The Jury’s Inn (Hinckley Island) - www.jurysinns.com - 01455 631122
- The Meeting Centre - www.themeetingcentre.com - 01455 250555
- Millers Hotel - www.oldenglishinns.co.uk - 01827 880223
- Mythe Barn - www.mythebarn-weddings.co.uk - 01827 722200
- Royal Arms - www.royalarms.co.uk - 01455 290263
- Royal Hotel - www.royalhotelashby.com - 01530 412833
- Sketchley Grange - www.sketchleygrangehotel.co.uk - 01455 251133
- Stanton Lakes - www.stantonlakes.co.uk - 01455 283043
- Thurlaston Country Park - www.thurlastoncountrypark.co.uk - 0344 8481419
- Twycross Zoo - www.twycrosszoo.org - 0844 4741777
- The New Plough Inn - www.thenewploughinn.co.uk - 01455 615037

Loughborough

- Beaumaris Hall - www.beaumarishall.co.uk - 01509 890119
- Burleigh Court - www.burleigh-court.co.uk - 01509 633001
- Donington Manor Hotel - www.doningtonmanorhotel.co.uk - 01332 810253
- Donington Hall - www.doningtonhotel.com
- Hilton East Midlands Airport - www3.hilton.com - 01509 674000
- Kegworth Hotel - www.kegworthhotel.co.uk - 01509 672427
- The Link Hotel - www.linkhotelloughborough.co.uk - 01509 211800
- Loughborough Town Hall - www.loughboroughtownhall.co.uk - 01509 634775
- Nantpantan Hall - www.nanpantanhall.co.uk - 01509 239230

Leicester

- Leicester Marriott Hotel - www.marriott.co.uk - 0116 2820100
- The Castle Hotel - www.chefsandbrewer.com - 0116 239 5337
- Hilton Leicester - www3.hilton.com - 0116 2630066
- Rothley Court Hotel - www.rothleycourthotel-leicester.co.uk - 0116 237 4141
- The Field Head Hotel - www.oldenglishinns.co.uk - 01530 245454
Religious Ceremonies

Anglican (Church of England or Church in Wales) marriage

The church or chapel you can get married in varies depending on your circumstances (although it is usually somewhere local). You can find more information on the official Church of England website: www.yourchurchwedding.org/article/finding-a-church
Or Church in Wales website: www.churchinwales.org.uk/structure/places/churches

Once chosen, you need to contact the resident religious official (such as a vicar or bishop), who will arrange the ceremony and advise you of the legal formalities.

Usually the vicar or bishop will perform and register the ceremony. But in some cases, a registrar may need to attend - the religious official will advise what to do if this is the case.

Marriages in all other religions

You are able to marry in a religious building (that is approved for worship and marriage) if it is situated in the registration district where one or both of you reside. You may, however, be married in a religious building in a district where neither of you reside if it is the usual place of worship of one or both of you.

As well as contacting the religious official of your chosen religious building, you both need to give notice at your local registration office at least 28 days before the ceremony.

To give notice, if you live in (or have resided) for at least 7 clear days in Leicestershire, call 0116 305 65 65.

Otherwise, a contact number for your local Registration Office can be found on the UK Government website: www.gov.uk/marriages-civil-partnerships/giving-notice-at-your-local-register-office

More information on giving notice can be found on page 3.

If you live outside the European Economic Area or Switzerland, and/or are subject to immigration control.

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Frequently Asked Questions

These FAQs relate to civil marriage and civil partnership ceremonies only. Please contact your local religious official for questions relating to religious ceremonies.

Before the ceremony date

When do I pay for my ceremony?

You will be asked to pay a deposit for your ceremony when you book. For a registration office ceremony, the remaining balance is to be paid in advance of your ceremony, if the ceremony is at an approved venue, you will need to have paid the full balance at least 6 - 8 weeks before the ceremony.

I need to cancel or rearrange my ceremony - what do I need to do?

If you need to rearrange your ceremony, contact us as soon as possible to check alternative dates/times. Please note, you will be charged for this. If you want to cancel your ceremony, a detailed policy is given to you at the time of booking. Please read this to determine whether you are entitled to a refund. Either way, you will need to inform us.

Can I change my name on my passport before the ceremony?

You can apply to change your name on your passport up to three months prior to your ceremony. You will need to complete a PD2 form which you can get from a post office. The name on your passport and the name on your travel booking documents must be the same, otherwise you may be refused entry onto the plane/into another country.

Can we have a ceremony in our back garden?

The law requires that a civil marriage and civil partnership ceremony must be held at a registration office, or an approved venue, so this prevents the option to hold a ceremony at your home. However, as part of our packages, we offer the option of a bespoke ceremony at your home following a lawful ceremony.

I want an independent celebrant to perform my ceremony, will it be legal?

Only local authority registrars are able to perform legal civil marriages or civil partnerships. We offer a variety of wedding packages - including the option of a bespoke ceremony. Call us on 0116 305 65 65 and we can discuss your needs. If you still choose to go ahead with a celebrant, you must ensure that your lawful marriage takes place first.

How many witnesses will I need – can you provide them?

You will need one witness each. They can be relatives or friends, but must be able to understand the ceremony without the aid of an interpreter. If requested, an additional two witnesses can be included in the register. The registration office cannot provide witnesses for you.

Is there a minimum age for my witnesses?

There is no minimum age but any witnesses should be mature enough to understand the ceremony, understand written and spoken English and be able to potentially testify in court in extreme cases.

Can we have a ceremony outside?

We have licensed outdoor structures at several of our approved venues. We also have a gazebo at the registration office in Glenfield. If the weather is not suitable, the ceremony will be held inside instead. The registrar performing the ceremony will determine whether or not it can take place outside.

Can we have a ceremony at an approved venue?

We offer a variety of wedding packages - including the option of a bespoke ceremony. Call us on 0116 305 65 65 and we can discuss your needs. If you still choose to go ahead with a celebrant, you must ensure that your lawful marriage takes place first.

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Before the ceremony date

I want to have a religious ceremony before my civil ceremony

A religious ceremony should be held after your civil ceremony, otherwise it could cast doubt on the legality of the marriage. A change in the law means that a couple cannot contract more than one legal ceremony with each other.

Can I have a hymn, or religious reading at my ceremony?

As this is a civil ceremony, no religious connotation is permitted by law. This includes imagery such as trinity candles, crosses on the walls or religious text. Religious practices such as hand fasting and blessings or prayers are also not permitted. Your registrar will advise you on content of music and readings.

I'm 18 but my fiancée is 16. Can we still get married?

Anyone under the age of 18 who wishes to marry must have the consent of whoever is responsible for them (parent or guardian). Speak to your local registration office about obtaining the appropriate forms.

Can I bring decorative flowers to my ceremony?

For a registration office ceremony, our rooms already have flower arrangements so it isn’t necessary to bring your own. For an approved premise ceremony, please speak to the venue who will advise.

Can I bring my own music?

For a registration office ceremony* please give the CD to a registrar in advance of your ceremony, so we can make sure the player will accept it. A registrar will then play the CD on the day. For an approved premise ceremony, please speak to the venue who will advise.

Can the 28 day waiting period be reduced in any way?

It can be done in exceptional circumstances. For example, if the bride/groom or a close relative is terminally ill and not expected to recover, then it is possible for the 28 days to be reduced on authority of the Registrar General. There are other possible circumstances but these must be exceptional. Ring your local registration office and ask to speak to the Superintendent Registrar who will determine if this is the case.

Where can I get more information?

The UK Government website has lots of information, you can find it at: www.gov.uk/marriages-civil-partnerships/overview Alternatively, if you live in Leicestershire, you can visit our website: www.celebrateinleicestershire.co.uk or call 0116 305 65 65 to speak to a member of staff.

On the day, before the ceremony starts

What time should I arrive for my ceremony?

For a registration office ceremony, you and your guests should arrive 10 minutes before the time of the ceremony. You will both need to be interviewed before the ceremony and if applicable, any remaining fees paid. If one or both of you wish to make an entrance into the ceremony without having seen each other before, please make arrangements to arrive separately, but a few minutes apart. For an approved venue ceremony, the registrars will arrive at the venue 30 minutes before, and will need to see each of you separately before the ceremony can begin.

What is the purpose of the interview before our ceremony?

Registrars will need to check that all the information on the paperwork is up to date as this information will go into the marriage register. The registrar can update changes to occupations, addresses and ages. The details of your father or step-father will also be checked. For a step-father to be included on the marriage entry, he must have been married to your mother at some point. We ask these details for genealogy purposes - the best way to trace a family tree is through birth and marriage certificates.

Do we have to see each other before the ceremony?

If you don’t want to see each other, decide who will be interviewed first and arrive separately. You will still be interviewed separately whether you see each other before or not.

Can I make my entrance at my registration office ceremony with my father, friend or other relative?

Yes of course.
On the day, during the ceremony

What if I make a mistake in my vows, or start to laugh or cry?

The registrar will ask you to repeat all vows after them. If you make a mistake, they will simply repeat what you need to say. Please don’t be embarrassed, your guests are there to celebrate your big day and will understand if you make a mistake - you’re only human!

How long will the ceremony take?

At a registration office, the actual ceremony performed by the registrar can take up to 20 minutes. At an approved venue, the actual ceremony can take up to 30 minutes. The duration is usually determined by the number of readings, songs played and photographs taken. For both, the interviews beforehand take approximately 5 minutes each.

Can I bring a professional photographer / videographer?

Photographs and film are wonderful reminders of your day. However, registrars will explain to your photographer and guests who wish to take photos / video when this should take place.

Can I use an aerial drone to record at any point?

Filming / photographing any part of a registration office ceremony using an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle, otherwise known as a drone, is forbidden - this is on health and safety grounds. For an approved premises ceremony, please speak to the venue who will advise.

Are we allowed to throw confetti?

For a registration office ceremony you may throw confetti as long as it’s biodegradable, and outside only. For an approved premises ceremony, please speak to the venue who will advise.

Are animals allowed?

On animal welfare and health and safety grounds, no animals (this includes butterflies and doves), are allowed during the ceremony. Certified assistance dogs are the exception to this.

Can I have more than one marriage certificate?

You get one marriage certificate initially. Additional certificates can be requested but at a cost. You can do this online: www.leicestershire.gov.uk/registrars/copy-certificates/request-a-copy-certificate

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**Carrying the bride over the threshold**
Marriages in the Middle Ages frequently involved kidnapped women, and so the groom would often be the first to leave as he literally stole his bride away.

Many centuries ago, young women were considered the prime targets of evil spirits, particularly those lurking in the threshold of a new marital home. Likewise, superstition in ancient Rome dictated that bad luck would fall upon the couple if the bride tripped over the threshold, so the groom would carry her through to avoid any misfortune. For Medieval Europeans, this method of entering the marital home also prevented the bride from appearing too enthusiastic about losing her virginity.

**Tiered cakes**
Bread or cakes have been staple celebration foods since the Medieval period. Typically at weddings, all baked goods were stacked high until they formed a mound for the bride and groom to reach over and kiss each other. Doing so without knocking it down would supposedly guarantee them a life of prosperity. By the 1600s, a visiting French chef encouraged the use of sawn-off wooden broom handles to better stack the food, but this idea didn’t immediately catch on. The tiered wedding cake is thought to have made its first official appearance in 1882 at the wedding of Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany.

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The following English rhyme originated in the Victorian period when it was believed that if a bride included each of the following items in her wedding attire, her marriage would be blessed with good luck.

**Something old...**
represents continuity with the past and serves as reassurance that old bonds with friends and family will remain.

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**Something new...**
is a token of optimism for the newly-weds future together.

It could be... the wedding gown, lingerie, jewellery or shoes.

**Something borrowed...**
is traditionally handed down from a happily married woman in the hope that her good fortune will rub off on the bride.

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**Something blue...**
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**And a silver sixpence in her shoe...**
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The Lakeside Suite  0116 261 3320
The Link Hotel  01509 893 030
The Manners Arms  01476 879 222
Wycliffe Rooms  01455 552 295

FUNCTION VENUES
Alma Park  01435 220 800
Ashtree Farm  07725 251 790
Beedles Lake Golf Club  0116 260 7086
Birstall Golf Club  0116 267 4322
Cosby Golf Club  0116 286 4759
Forest Hill Golf & Conference Centre  01455 824 800
Greene King Stadium  01455 840 088
Hinckley Rugby Club  01455 615 010
Market Harborough Golf Club  01858 463 684
My S2dio  07917 787 273
Park Hill Golf Club  01509 815 454
The Gate Hangs Well  0116 260 9242
The Old Stables  01509 890 535

CATERING
Caffe Crema  01455 220 800
Kemp & Kemp  0800 644 4566
Sanjay Foods  0800 234 6685
The Dimblebee Catering Company  0116 283 3327
The Roasting Pig Hog Roast  0116 212 5259

VENUE DRESSING
The WOW Business  01455 857 000

MARQUEES
Covertec Structures  01455 698 565

JEWELLERY
Sunny Jewellers  0116 268 1618

WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHY
Alison Paul Photography  07769 325 155
Andy Lewis Photography  07909 801 965
Andrew Cooper Photography  07834 601 961
Ian Bursill  07881 438 911
Nick Hill Photography  01509 271 010
Rutland Photographic  01572 868 485
T Butler Photography  07989 478 184

FIREWORKS AND STAGE HIRE
Leicester Fireworks  07967 229 923

ENTERTAINMENT
Bright Stars Entertainment  01572 755 882

ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS
The Party Animals

FORMAL HIRE
Quornon Formal Hire  01509 415 537

MOBILE SPRAY TANNING
Jenna Mobile Spray Tanning  07910 757 585

TRAVEL AGENTS (Honeymoons)
Travel Counsellors  01664 898 020
Villa DeloMoore  07768 441 270

WEDDING STATIONERY & FAVORS
AntDesigns Wedding Stationery  0116 235 1414

BRIDAL
Brides of Ashby Ltd  01530 417 516
The Boutique Bridal Company  01455 553 605

WEDDING CARS
Leicester Wedding Cars  0116 239 0480
VP Princess Wedding Cars  07741 494 166

CAKES / SWEETS / CANDY CART
Gardens Cakery  01858 468 042
Love Life Eat Cake  01572 756 957

FLOWERS
Debbie’s Flower Creations  01455 697 330
Groby Road Flowers  0116 251 6863
Holywell Petals  01530 411 443
The Flower Basin  0116 251 6863
Whites Florist  01455 552 113

WEDDING CHOREOGRAPHY
My S2dio  07917 787 273

BEAUTY
Leicestershire Laser & Lipo  01455 332 010

BOUNCY CASTLES
Quadlings of Morgans Leisure  01786 576 465

GIFTS
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