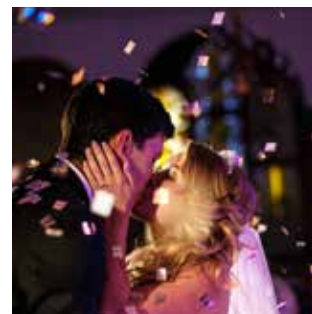


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Welcome

Firstly, many congratulations on your forthcoming celebrations.

We are delighted that you have chosen the beautiful and charming county of Buckinghamshire for your ceremony. We have over 80 wonderful licensed venues and four marriage rooms within our Register Offices conveniently located throughout the county offering you great flexibility and choice.

This publication has been created to help guide you through the legal formalities and personal choices in planning your special day.

Our experienced and professional staff will do everything they can to ensure that your ceremony is everything you would wish it to be and becomes a lasting and wonderful memory for you and your guests.

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Buckinghamshire

a great place to celebrate

Whatever the occasion, be it a wedding, civil partnership, renewal of vows or a naming ceremony, Buckinghamshire is sure to offer a location to suit you, your family and friends. You could choose a small intimate venue in a tiny hamlet or a grand stately home or manor house with sweeping grounds and ornate gardens steeped in history.

Buckinghamshire is a county of contrasts with an abundance of history and heritage, culture and countryside.

In the south of the county, the Thames Valley meets the Chilterns. This delightful area is within the metropolitan green belt, and Metroland is immortalised in the poetry of John Betjeman. The River Thames attracts many visitors to Marlow with its independent shops and cafes; and yet it is only a stone's throw from unspoilt Chiltern landscape, with rolling hills, beech woods and red kites soaring in the skies above. High Wycombe, historically a chair making town, has a wonderful shopping centre and many facilities for residents and visitors alike.

The award-winning Chiltern Railway line serves Beaconsfield, High Wycombe, Princes Risborough and Haddenham en-route to London, Bicester and Birmingham, whilst the Aylesbury line passes through Latimer, Amersham, Great Missenden, Wendover and Stoke Mandeville. The beautiful views through the carriage window are a delight to the eye.

With excellent motorway links and easy connections to airports, travel in Buckinghamshire could not be easier.

The county is blessed with an extensive network of footpaths, bridleways and cycle paths. The Ridgeway Path passes through the county affording fantastic views from many points. The Wendover and Aylesbury arms of the Grand Union Canal historically provided transportation through Buckinghamshire but are now mainly used for leisure and are havens for wildlife.

The county has many National Trust properties, all of which have strong links with historical figures and events. There are sports centres, garden centres and golf courses galore, but for those who prefer a slower pace of life Buckinghamshire provides the habitat for many wild species of plants and animals, some of which are protected.

These include bats and the edible dormouse or glis glis. Roman snails, also edible, can be seen on the chalky slopes of the Chiltern Hills along with glow worms and many wild flowers such as orchids and wild marjoram. The bluebell woods in the Spring often provide inspiration for the many artists and photographers who live in the county.

In the north is the former county town of Buckingham, once famous for lace making and now home of Britain's only independent university. The villages in the Vale of Aylesbury have a character of their own and offer a variety of venues. Florence Nightingale and Benjamin Disraeli both lived in Buckinghamshire, as have many actors, politicians and pop stars.

So come and celebrate in beautiful Buckinghamshire, you will not be disappointed.



Notley Abbey



The Dairy Waddesdon



Stoke Park



Grovefield House Hotel



The Sefton Barn



A civil ceremony can take place at a venue licensed by the local authority or in a Register Office of your choice.

In Buckinghamshire, we have over 80 licensed venues to choose from, providing beautiful and stunning settings for civil marriages, civil partnerships and celebratory ceremonies.

Preparing for your wedding day is exciting with so many choices available. You may just want a small wedding with a simple ceremony, or you may want a theme to take account of the history and architectural style of the venue you have chosen. Perhaps you see yourself dressed in 18th Century style or maybe you see your guests enjoying the reception on the terrace of a country house. Once you have chosen your venue and made a provisional booking you need to contact us to check the Registrars are available on the day and at the time you want. It is essential you do this before making any other arrangements.

Our Ceremonies Team can take bookings as far ahead as you wish to book. Contact the team by calling **01494 475092** or email ceremonies@buckscc.gov.uk

Please note - you will need to make payment at the time of booking. You can marry or enter into a civil partnership on any day of the week, but we do not work on Christmas Day, Boxing Day or New Year's Day.

Before you can marry or enter into a civil partnership there are certain formalities which are required by law. You must both attend the Register Office in the district in which you live to inform them of your intention to marry or enter into a civil partnership. This is called giving notice (see page 6). A Notice of Marriage or Civil Partnership may be given up to 12 months in advance of the day.

Plan Your Wedding



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*"Lovely wedding ceremony,
thank you so much"*

Notice of Marriage & Civil Partnership

You will each be required to attend in person to give an individual notice. If you both reside in Buckinghamshire then you can attend our Aylesbury, Buckingham or Beaconsfield Old Town offices to give notice. If you reside in separate registration districts, each of you will be required to give notice in the district in which you live. We are happy to advise you further on any of these matters.

Giving notice means declaring that you are both free to marry each other or enter into a civil partnership. You will need to provide certain documents at your appointment. You may give notice up to one year before the date of your ceremony. You will need to make an appointment at the Register Office in the district in which you live. If you live in Buckinghamshire you can book your appointment on line at www.weddings.buckscc.gov.uk/plan-my-wedding/notice-of-marriage-and-civil-partnership or by calling **01494 475092**.

In Buckinghamshire a booking fee will be charged for your notice appointment, which will convert to the notice fee when you attend your appointment.

When you give notice the Registrar will ask questions about you and your partner. If you are not a British or EEA citizen, legislation will apply, so please contact us before you book your appointment.

At the time of booking your notice appointment, we will advise you which documentation to bring to your appointment. If you don't bring the correct documentation we will not be able to take your notice and a further appointment will need to be booked and a further fee paid.

To give a notice of marriage or civil partnership, you and your partner must have lived in England or Wales for at least seven clear days immediately before you give notice. If you are creating a residency, in this country you must give your respective notices to the Register Office before either of you leave the address where you have created your residency, be it in the same or different districts. It does not matter if either of you then move to a different address after this time. You must have been resident for seven clear days before giving notice.

After giving notice you must allow at least 28 clear days (or 70 days for some non-EEA nationals) before you can marry or enter into a civil partnership. Your marriage or civil partnership must then take place within 12 months of the date you gave notice, at the venue specified on the notice.

If you are under 18, you will need proof of your parents' or guardians' consent. They will need to complete a form which we will supply.



“A personal service.

The Registrar was fabulous and professional at all times”



The Marriage Ceremony

This is your special day and there is no need to be nervous or worried about the ceremony; the Registrars are there to help and guide you through all you have to do. There are words prescribed by law which you must say, these words declare you are free to marry and contract your marriage.

There are three choices of the declaratory words and contracting vows. You will be asked to choose one set of words from each list below before the day. You cannot mix these words with any others.

If you would like to make extra vows to each other, we are happy to discuss this with you. We can provide you with examples of extra vows or you may wish to create your own. Please ensure the Registrar has seen these words before the ceremony. Any personal words or vows cannot be religious or have any connection with a religious marriage ceremony.

During the ceremony the Registrar will record the marriage in the marriage register which you and your witnesses must then sign. The Registrars will then sign the register and the marriage certificate will be presented. The ceremony will last for around half an hour.

When thinking about the number of guests that you will invite, please consider the size of the room and check that everyone will be able to hear the Registrar. We want all guests to be able to enjoy the ceremony and if you think that this may be a problem, please speak to your venue about this.

DECLARATORY WORDS

“I do solemnly declare that I know not of any lawful impediment why I, (your full name), may not be joined in matrimony to (your partner’s full name)”,

or

“I declare that I know of no legal reason why I, (your full name), may not be joined in marriage to (your partner’s full name)”,

or

by replying **“I am”** to the question

“Are you, (your full name) free lawfully to marry (your partner’s full name)”?

CONTRACTING VOWS

“I call upon these persons here present to witness that I (your full name), do take thee, (your partner’s full name) to be my lawful wedded wife/husband”,

or

“I, (your full name), take you (your partner’s full name) to be my wedded wife/husband”,

or

“I, (your full name), take thee (your partner’s full name) to be my wedded wife/husband”.

*“Thank you so much
for a perfect wedding”*

Civil Partnership & Civil Partnership Conversions

Whilst marriage is now available for all couples, here in Buckinghamshire we are delighted to offer civil partnerships. We are able to offer you a fantastic selection of over 80 licensed venues in which to form your partnership and while it is not a legal requirement to have a ceremony, we would be delighted to celebrate with you and create a ceremony which is special and personal to you both. Please note, civil partnerships are only available to same sex couples. Legislation may be subject to change.

Couples are now able to convert their existing civil partnership to marriage, provided they registered it in England and Wales, or overseas in a consulate or armed forces base where the civil partnership was registered according to the laws of England and Wales.

The process for converting a civil partnership to a marriage is as follows:

- The couple will need to attend a Register Office of their choice in person
- The couple will need to provide evidence of their identity and address (passport or birth certificate, current utility bill or bank statement) and their legal civil partnership certificate
- The civil partnership becomes a marriage when the couple sign a declaration. The declaration confirms that you have not dissolved your civil partnership and that you both wish to convert your civil partnership to a marriage.

The conversion to a marriage will be registered and marriage certificates will be issued for which there is a charge. If you are in a civil partnership and are considering converting this to a marriage, please contact us for more guidance and information.

Couples don't need to go through a marriage ceremony to complete the conversion. However, couples can choose to have a non-official ceremony after the conversion at a place of their choice. We have created a conversion ceremony containing lots of choices to make it personal and meaningful to you.



Outdoor Weddings

All of us at Buckinghamshire Registration Service know how important your special day and ceremony is to you and your family and friends. We will do all we can to ensure that it lives up to your expectations.

The law of this country has restrictions on having a ceremony take place outside. All the legal requirements of a ceremony must be held within a permanent, immovable structure, with a fixed solid roof and solid floor.

This needs to be large enough to accommodate the couple, two Registrars, two witnesses and a table to prepare the paperwork.

Here in Buckinghamshire we recognise that couples want more flexibility with their ceremonies so we are able to offer wedding and civil partnership ceremonies which ensure your marriage or civil partnership is legal but also for you to have a ceremony where and how you want.

We offer a range of different packages providing freedom of location, time and design, in order to give you the ultimate choice for the most important day of your lives. If you want a ceremony in a particular venue that isn't licensed for a legal marriage, it is possible to have a brief legal ceremony in the Register Office, combined with a wedding celebration in the venue of your choice conducted by a professional Registrar. Visit www.weddings.buckscc.gov.uk to find out more about our packages.

If you have chosen a licensed venue but would like to have a ceremony in an unlicensed area or outside, we are happy to try and accommodate this. Please contact our Ceremonies Team at ceremonies@buckscc.gov.uk

Outdoor ceremonies can only take place between 1st March and 31st October, weather permitting.

Whatever you would like, please call our Ceremonies Team on **01494 475092** to discuss what is possible and we will do our best to achieve this for you.

Please do remember, the weather does have its part to play on the day, so whilst we can all plan to be outside, arrangements would also need to be made to hold the ceremony indoors as a contingency.



Weddings at The Horse Trust



Sefton's Barn is a unique wedding venue, set within 200 acres in the heart of the Chiltern Hills at The Horse Trust.

The Grade II listed building is ideal to host a simple and intimate celebration in a tranquil and stunning location; providing an unforgettable civil ceremony or civil partnership for you and your guests.

The venue is available to hire from 11am to 2pm. This is the perfect opportunity to hold your ceremony in this exquisite setting followed by drinks, canapés and photos.



Prices for 2019 start from £1500 ceremony only

If you are looking for something unique, we have added new packages to our collection.

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Why not add a beautiful horse drawn carriage to make your day extra special?

For more information please contact The Horse Trust's wedding coordinator

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www.horsetrust.org.uk

The Horse Trust, Slad Lane, Speen, Princes Risborough Bucks HP27 0PP

Wedding Packages in Licensed Venues

In Buckinghamshire we offer diverse packages designed for every style, budget and location. Each package represents a unique and individual offer that meets the needs of every couple as well as providing more choice and flexibility for ceremonies at licensed venues both inside and outside.

Diamond



Diamond package really is what it says - an exciting, top-flight gem of a package which enables couples to create the day of their dreams built around a legal ceremony combined with a celebratory ceremony.

- Diamond package gives couples the flexibility to legally marry as well as having a ceremony outside (weather permitting of course). The legal part could take place in the Register Office, followed by a celebratory ceremony outside at a licensed venue, a day or two afterwards. Alternatively, the legal part could take place with just the couple and their witnesses in a licensed room within the licensed venue and then move outside for their celebratory ceremony with their guests
- Buckinghamshire Registration Service can consider outdoor ceremonies between 1st March and 31st October. To ensure the ceremony can go ahead regardless of the weather, we ask that all licensed venues and couples make plans for an alternative indoor room which can accommodate the number of guests, bride and groom plus the two Registrars
- The team work to ensure the ceremony takes place exactly how the couple wants. The Registrar will meet with the couple well ahead of the day itself, to discuss ideas and priorities so that they can design a totally bespoke ceremony built around individual needs and requirements
- The ceremony will be written and led by a Registrar who understands exactly what is wanted
- Couples choose their legal declaratory words and contracting vows and can also add personal vows and ring promises which can be picked from a selection offered or written by themselves. The Diamond package includes readings chosen by the couple
- Couples may choose their own music - live or recorded - to create the perfect atmosphere for their ceremony
- A personalised copy of the marriage ceremony can be given to the couple to keep forever.

Diamond package is the ultimate solution for couples who want a legal and tailored ceremony. The wedding can take place on any day of the year apart from Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day and up to 7.00pm in the evening.



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Ruby



Ruby package is the ideal choice for couples wanting an exceptional event in their chosen licensed venue. With over 80 different venues throughout Buckinghamshire, couples are spoilt for choice.

- The Registrar will contact couples in advance to introduce themselves and to ensure that the ceremony is personal and includes the preferred order of ceremony
- All Registrars write their own ceremonies, to ensure the couple enjoy an individual ceremony at the time and licensed venue of their choosing
- On the wedding day, two Registrars will arrive at the venue at least 30 minutes before the ceremony time to meet the couple and ensure that everything is in order
- The Ruby package provides a personal 30 minute ceremony where the couple choose their declaratory words and contracting vows (from a list of legally-required options), as well as additional personal vows and ring promises
- It offers a choice of readings (which need to be approved in advance) and also a formal 'giving away' if required
- Couples may choose their own music - live or recorded - to create the perfect atmosphere for their ceremony
- This package provides time and opportunity for photography before, during and after the ceremony, so the couple can be sure that every special moment of the day is captured.

Ruby package combines maximum choice and flexibility at the couple's choice of licensed venue available on any day of the year apart from Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day and up to 7.00pm in the evening.

Wedding Packages in Register Offices


Sapphire



Sapphire package offers flexibility with choices of times, vows, music and readings in our Register Offices. We welcome as many guests as the room of your choice allows, and is available every day in the Disraeli Room at Beaconsfield, Monday-Saturday in the John Hampden Room at Aylesbury, and Friday/Saturday/Sunday and Bank Holidays in Midsomer Court at Beaconsfield.

- With this package, couples can arrive at the Register Office together or separately, for a ceremony which can last up to 25 minutes depending on what they want to include
- Couples can choose their own declaratory words and contracting vows from a selection of legal options. They can also exchange additional and, if desired, personally-written vows and ring promises
- A Sapphire ceremony allows couples to supply their own choice of music and the option of being formally given away should they wish
- A Sapphire package includes one or two readings which need to be approved in advance of the ceremony and also provides the opportunity for photographs.


Emerald



Emerald package gives couples a choice of Register Office ceremony rooms in three locations - Aylesbury, Beaconsfield Old Town and High Wycombe. Emerald package is available on Monday mornings (10.00am & 10.45am) in Beaconsfield, Tuesday mornings (10.00am & 10.45am) in Aylesbury and on Wednesdays (11.00am & 3.30pm) in High Wycombe.

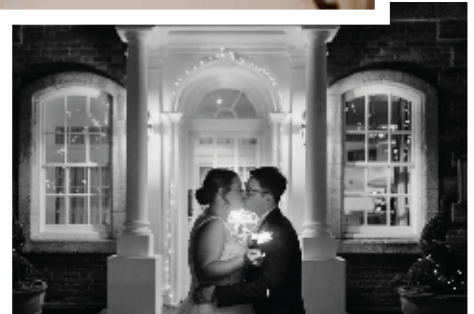
- The package comprises an intimate ceremony which lasts around 20 minutes and allows up to 10 guests including two witnesses
- Couples can arrive together or separately, and can choose their own declaratory words and contracting vows from a selection of three different legal options. They may also exchange rings with ring promises selected from three different choices
- The package offers music if required but does not include readings or additional vows.

Pearl

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- Pearl package is a statutory Register Office ceremony
 - Pearl is offered on selected Tuesday mornings in Aylesbury and is subject to availability
 - The only attendees are the couple and their two witnesses.

Weddings at The Kings Hotel


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Organising Your Big Day

Whether you choose a Register Office or one of our licensed venues, there are many ways in which we can help to make your day special and personal.

Here are a few ideas you may wish to consider:

- **You may wish to follow the tradition of not seeing one another before the ceremony**
- **You may wish to be escorted into the ceremony room and/or formally given away by a person of your choice**
- **You may like to be attended by bridesmaids, flower girls and pageboys**
- **You may like to say additional vows to each other after the legal contracting words**
- **The marriage may be sealed by the giving and receiving of rings.**

We can provide music for ceremonies in our Register Offices. Alternatively you can provide us with music which has special meaning for you and your partner. The music may be live, on a CD or mobile device. Music can be played while your guests are arriving, as you walk into the room, when you are signing the register and at the end as you lead your guests from the ceremony room.

You may need to nominate someone to operate the music system. If you are getting married at a licensed venue please discuss your music requirements directly with them.

Another way to make a ceremony more personal is to include readings. You may have up to two readings during the ceremony and you may wish to ask one of your guests or a family member to do this for you. The Suggested Order of Ceremony on page 16 shows where readings could be included.

You may use your own poetry or prose but for legal reasons, this, as with any music played, must not have any religious content or connotation. If you would like to include any of the ideas mentioned above, or if you have ideas of your own please contact us directly. Please ensure you complete your online options form at least two months before your ceremony at

www.weddings.buckscc.gov.uk

Any outstanding fees for the ceremony are to be paid online four months before the date of your wedding or civil partnership at

www.weddings.buckscc.gov.uk

To help plan for your perfect day, visit

www.weddings.buckscc.gov.uk

search our directory, showcasing a choice of excellent local wedding suppliers.

*"We were given a lovely service
- Thank you"*



Order of Suggested Ceremony



A ceremony usually lasts around 30 minutes depending on the music, readings and poetry you include. Dependent on the package you chose, you may have up to two readings in your ceremony. Our suggested order of ceremony below shows the best places where these can go.

Please note, you cannot have any religious words, hymns or religious connotations in any part of your ceremony.

Pre-arrival music

(approximately 15 minutes)

Entrance music

(up to 2 minutes)

Arrival of processional party

Welcome & Introduction

You could have a reading option here

Legal statements

Declaratory words

You could have a reading option here

Contracting vows

Additional vows

Giving/exchanging of rings

You could have a reading option here

Signing of register with music

(approx 10 minutes)

Photographs

Presentation of the certificate

Couple lead out

Exit music (approx 5 minutes)

the day of *Your Ceremony*

We recognise that your ceremony is very special to both yourselves and your guests and we will always endeavor to provide the best possible service to reflect this. We may be performing a number of ceremonies on the same day and would ask for your co-operation to ensure that your ceremony starts punctually. This enables us to organise and perform your ceremony without the need to hurry and provides us with sufficient time to travel to the next ceremony.

Prior to your ceremony you will be greeted by the Registrar for a brief meeting. This takes place to ensure that all your information previously given to the Registrar is up to date and correct on the day of the wedding. These details are recorded in the register and on your certificate(s).

If you are late arriving this may affect the amount of time we can devote to you, or even delay your ceremony until later in the day or an alternative day.

The ceremony is attended by two Registrars; one to conduct the ceremony; the other is responsible for entering the marriage or civil partnership details into the register and ensure the information is correct.

We have to meet with both parties immediately before the ceremony to re-check the information you gave during your Notice of Marriage or Civil Partnership - this is a legal requirement.

Additionally, the Registrar will ask each of you to give your father's full name and occupation. This can be your natural, legally adopted or step-father (if your step-father is, or has been married to your mother). These details will be recorded in the register and on your marriage certificate.

The Registrars will be happy to answer any last minute questions you may have about the ceremony or any of the other arrangements.

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Contacting you before the ceremony

If you are marrying in a licensed venue, the Registrar conducting the ceremony will be in touch during the week leading up to your big day to talk through your ceremony with you, offer advice and answer any questions.

Arrival of Registrars

If your ceremony is in a licensed venue, the Registrars will arrive at least 30 minutes before the time of the ceremony.

Seating

Please check with your venue the maximum number of people allowed in the civil ceremony room under their fire regulations.

Please note that the couple and two Registrars should be included in this number. Your Usher/s should arrange and direct your guests to any reserved seating.

Confetti

Some venues may have restrictions on throwing confetti and we would ask that you check with them directly. Where possible please use biodegradable options.

Witnesses

You will need to ask two people, who may be friends or relatives, if they will witness your marriage ceremony. Your witnesses must be at least 16 years old, speak English and be able to understand the ceremony and their role in it. They will also have to sign the register.

Photos, Videos and Drones

Your guests are more than welcome to take photographs before, by arrangement during, and after the ceremony. If you would like someone to make a video recording, please let the Registrar know so a suitable position can be agreed. For safety reasons we cannot allow extra lighting and all the recording equipment must run on batteries. Drones are not permitted during the ceremony.

Mobile phones and devices

Please ask your guests to turn mobile phones off or to silent, before coming into the ceremony room.

Food and drink

Please also be aware that food and drink are not permitted in any of the ceremony rooms before or during the ceremony.



Weddings and civil partnerships in a licensed venue

Couples seeing each other before the ceremony or arriving together - we would ask that you are both available to see the Registrars at least 30 minutes before the ceremony start time.

Couples not seeing each other before the ceremony - one party must be available to see the Registrars at least 30 minutes before the ceremony start time. The other party must be available to see the Registrars at least 15 minutes before the ceremony begins.

Weddings in the Register Office

Couples seeing each other before the ceremony - should arrive with your guests at least 20 minutes before the ceremony start time.

Couples not seeing each other before the ceremony - one party should arrive 30 minutes before the ceremony start time and the other party at least 15 minutes beforehand.

The Registrar or Usher will greet you on your arrival.

Register Office Ceremony Rooms

Our ceremony rooms, situated across the county, provide a wide-ranging and cost effective choice for couples who wish to get married in a Register Office.

The John Hampden Room and Dashwood Room are situated within busy town centres. There is no parking on site for either office but ample public parking is available close by.

The John Hampden Room Aylesbury HP20 1XF

The John Hampden Room is on the ground floor of the iconic County Hall building in Aylesbury within the Buckinghamshire Register Office. Located in the town centre of Aylesbury, this room has excellent accessibility. County Hall, a stone's throw from the historic Market Square, is home to the Register Office and our ceremony room, the John Hampden Room. This Grade II listed building, with its prominent stature provides a unique setting for your ceremony.

If you are searching for a town centre venue with a choice of local eateries and hotels for your celebrations, then the John Hampden Room may be the right choice for you. There is ample public parking available close by.

The John Hampden Room has seating for 50 people and this figure includes the couple, two Registrars, photographers/videographers, live musicians and babies. These numbers cannot be exceeded due to fire regulations. The couple and guests are able to be dropped off outside the building, with public parking available close by.

Couples seeing each other before the ceremony should arrive with your guests at least 20 minutes before the ceremony start time. For couples not seeing each other before the ceremony, one party should arrive 30 minutes before the ceremony start time and the other party 15 minutes. Please wait in the reception area for someone to collect you.

The John Hampden Room



The Dashwood Room High Wycombe HPI 1 2DH

The Dashwood Room is situated on the mezzanine floor in High Wycombe library in the Eden Centre.

This ceremony room is ideal for a small and intimate ceremony. The room can seat 17 people and this figure includes the two Registrars. These numbers cannot be exceeded due to fire regulations. Ceremonies here are held on Wednesdays only. Parking is available in Eden Centre and other town center car parks. Toilet facilities are available in the library.



Both Midsomer Court and The Disraeli Room are set in the beautiful and characterful Beaconsfield Old Town and are in a conservation area. Parking is free in Beaconsfield but it can be busy, particularly at weekends and Tuesday which is market day, so please ensure your guests are aware of this so they arrive in plenty of time for your ceremony.

The Disraeli Room Beaconsfield Old Town HP9 2JJ

For those who want a more traditional setting, we offer the Disraeli Room. This room has been sympathetically restored and undergone extensive refurbishment with original features being exposed, such as the beautiful high vaulted ceiling, which is wood panelled with intricate carving complete with two stunning chandeliers. The old and the new have been brought together to create a warm and inviting ambience.

The intimate room provides an excellent space for any couple who can choose to celebrate with up to 25 people including the two Registrars. These numbers cannot be exceeded due to fire regulations. The Disraeli Room is available everyday throughout the week.

The Disraeli Room is situated on the ground floor level with good access and general facilities. Outside, the courtyard is planted and there is an arbor where photographs can be taken.



Midsomer Court Beaconsfield Old Town HP9 2JJ

Our popular ceremony room in Beaconsfield Old Town, Midsomer Court holds up to 60 guests including two Registrars in a simple yet elegant setting for any ceremony. This light, airy room has been refurbished and decorated with tasteful simplicity providing ample natural light. Prior to its new role as a wedding venue, the building was used for filming the television series Midsomer Murders.

Midsomer Court is situated on the ground floor level with good access and general facilities. Outside, the courtyard is planted and there is an arbor where photographs can be taken.

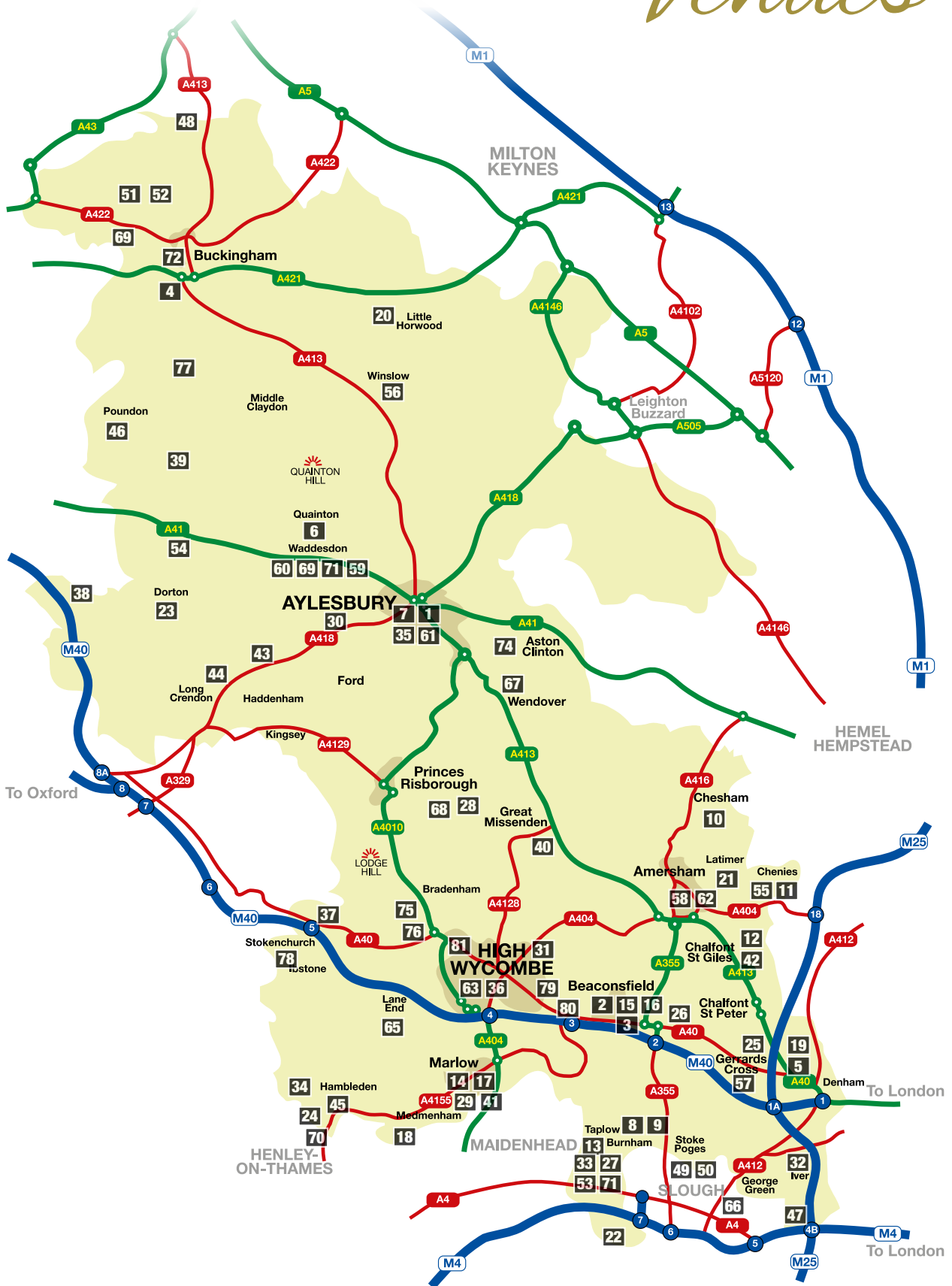
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When thinking about the number of guests that you will invite, please consider the size of the room and check that everyone will be able to hear the Registrar.

We want all guests to be able to enjoy the ceremony and if you think that this may be a problem, please speak to your venue regarding amplification.

Please note that this ceremony and any commemorative certificates have no legal status.



Commitment Ceremonies

A Commitment Ceremony gives couples an opportunity to celebrate their commitment to each other, without entering into a legally recognised marriage or civil partnership.

These ceremonies provide an opportunity for couples to make a public declaration of their life-long commitment and love for each other. The occasion can be shared with family and friends, or the ceremony can be held privately without guests and at any venue of your choice.

You can make your ceremony personal to you, and may like to consider showing your commitment by reflecting on your life

together by making heartfelt and meaningful vows to each other and exchanging rings and/or gifts. You could also include readings, music, speeches by guests and acknowledge and include your children.

You will receive a commemorative certificate as a keepsake of the ceremony.

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Renewal of Vows



These celebrations are for couples at any stage of marriage or civil partnership wishing to renew their vows in a unique ceremony. They are often linked to special wedding or civil partnership anniversaries, but are equally appropriate for newly-weds wishing to celebrate with family and friends after a marriage abroad or couples wishing to renew their commitment to each other.

The ceremony will give an opportunity for the special people in your lives to take part, including your children, guests who were present at the original ceremony and other friends and family.

Your Registrar will happily assist you as you consider your selections to create a unique ceremony reflecting your personal commitment to one another.

Your ceremony provides for an introduction and welcome, readings and music, an acknowledgement of any children of the marriage, the renewal of your vows, giving of new ring(s) or gifts, or you may wish to choose to rededicate your original rings.

The ceremony will then conclude with your chosen words.

It may be that you or a guest may wish to reflect on your life together or the memories of your original ceremony. You may choose to select witnesses to sign the commemorative certificate which we will give to you as a reminder of the day.

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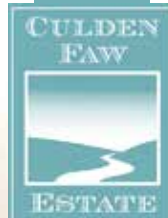
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Whatever the reason, our Registrars will offer you a professional and personal service, and our aim is always to make your ceremony truly memorable and meaningful, ensuring a perfect occasion. You may like to consider combining a naming ceremony with a wedding or a renewal of vows ceremony.

Every ceremony allows you to choose readings and the promises made by the parent and guiding adults/mentors. You may also wish to involve grandparents, present a gift to your child and mention guests who are unable to attend.

Perhaps you would also like to involve friends or family who wish to specifically express their hopes and wishes for your child's future. There will be opportunities for music and reflection and the ceremony provides a unique opportunity for everyone to feel involved, as they pledge their love and support for the family and particularly for your child.

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Ceremonies in Buckinghamshire are held in central Aylesbury on most Tuesday afternoons. A Registrar leads the ceremony with a short welcome and is followed by a speech from the local dignitary who speaks on behalf of the local community and the Queen. Each citizen must then take the Oath and Pledge of Allegiance. They may swear or affirm the oath depending on personal wishes and religious beliefs.

Each citizen is presented with a Certificate of Naturalisation by the local dignitary, the National Anthem is played and the new citizens are given a welcome pack from the Home Office.

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Once you have both completed and signed the form and submitted a copy of your marriage or civil partnership certificate to us, we will process the application and contact you to book an appointment to make the re-registration.

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Only one parent needs to attend the re-registration appointment and there is no charge for this service. The only charge you will incur is if you wish to purchase a new full birth certificate for your child which you will need for official purposes, e.g. passport application.

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You need to complete a PD2 form and this can be downloaded from www.gov.uk/changing-passport-information

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