

Ryedale Folk Museum – Weddings and Ceremonies

Frequently Asked Questions

Do your charges include the Registrar/Council fees?

No, the charges outlined on our price list do not include Registrar attendance or registration fees if you are having a legal wedding or Civil Partnership here. These must be booked and paid for directly with our local council. There are full details on their website: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/marriages-and-civil-partnerships>

Can we have photographs taken or video filmed within in the Museum grounds?

Absolutely! If booking one of our ceremony locations, you are free to use the Museum's characterful buildings and six acres of grounds for photography or videography (for personal use) on the day of your ceremony. If you are not booking *Exclusive Use*, we ask you to please respect other visitors and ensure they are not in any of your photos/films.

Can our photographer/videographer visit in advance?

Of course. We appreciate that a reccy could be extremely useful, due to the unusual nature of our ceremony spaces. Once your booking is confirmed, they can meet you at the Museum to look at options or get in touch with us to arrange a suitable date and time to visit (please ensure they book in advance to ensure access is available).

Can we use a drone to take photographs or film?

We are unable to allow you use a drone at the Museum while the site is open to general visitors. If you wish to use a drone during an *Exclusive Use* booking, please discuss this with us as restrictions apply, and evidence of adequate insurance required.

Is there any wiggle room with the maximum guest numbers listed for each location?

No, sorry. This forms part of the conditions of our wedding licence – numbers are limited for everyone's safety and comfort. You don't need to include yourself or your partner, the Registrars, or any children under 2 years of age (babe-in-arms or toddler who'll sit on adult's knee during the ceremony/reception) in your guest number.

Can we bring the dog(s)?

Yes, the Museum is a dog-friendly venue and dogs are allowed within the buildings. Dogs must always be kept on a lead and under control. It is worth noting that we have our own animals on site.

Can we dress the location we have selected for our ceremony?

We offer a *Dressed* service in the Manor House and individual elements can be hired for use in other ceremony locations – please see the Price List for details. The Manor House or Iron Age Roundhouse can be dressed by you/your supplier instead if preferred, but there are restrictions to ensure we're protecting our collections and additional charges for longer hire periods apply. Feel free to get in touch to discuss your ideas.

Can we have confetti?

Generally, we do not allow the use of confetti on site. Exceptions may be granted for natural and biodegradable options used during ceremonies booking *Exclusive Use* of the Museum. We do not allow the release of balloons or sky lanterns on site. Bubbles are fine!



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Can we light candles?

No lit candles are permitted on site, unless used within the Iron Age Roundhouse fireplace. Battery-operated candles are allowed in all locations. Sky lanterns are not permitted.

Do you offer any evening reception options?

No – your hire period at the Museum must finish by 5pm (4pm in March/October). There are plenty of evening reception options locally – feel free to ask for more information.

Can we bring electrical items?

Some of the ceremony locations have little or no electrical provision, so it is essential we discuss your plans to ensure they are feasible and can be carried out safely.

Where can guests park?

The Crown Inn car park is immediately next door to the Museum and the North York Moors National Park car park is a 300m walk away. Both options are pay-and-display car parks/ Please see the [Visit](#) page on our website for up-to-date information regarding charges.

Is the Museum accessible?

Please see our [Access Information](#) for full details and feel free to ask if you have questions.

Can we live stream our ceremony?

No, sorry, but Hutton-le-Hole can provide escapism for those that wish to turn off their mobile phones and ignore their email and app notifications! There is barely any mobile telephone signal in the village and we don't have Wi-Fi in our ceremony locations.

Is smoking or vaping allowed?

There is a strict no smoking policy across the whole of the site including all outdoor areas. Anyone in your party wishing to smoke, vape or use e-cigarettes must leave the Museum site to do so. Anyone breaking this rule will be asked to leave immediately, with no return.

Do the ceremony / reception locations have heating?

No. None of the ceremony locations have any form of heating. Only one of our reception locations, Bright Raven's, has heating – in the form of electric wall heaters. Outside of the warmer summer months, we advise it's best to dress as if you'll always be outside.

Are there toilets in the ceremony / reception locations?

No. Toilets are located at the main entrance, and another at the opposite end of the site. If not booking *Exclusive Use*, you will be sharing use of the facilities with our general visitors.

Can we choose our own suppliers?

Although we provide a list of recommended suppliers, you are welcome to choose others. However, to meet our own insurance obligations, we ask that they have adequate (relevant to activity/risk) public liability insurance cover and evidence of this must be provided. We may also request a copy of their risk assessment for certain activities.

Please email weddings@ryedalefolkmuseum.co.uk or call 01751 417367 if you have any questions that are not covered here. We are happy to help!



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