

Ryedale Folk Museum – Weddings and Ceremonies

Frequently Asked Questions

Do your charges include the Registrar fees?

No, the charges outlined on our Price List do not include Registrar fees – these must be booked and paid for directly with our local Council. There's more information about the fees and process via this link:

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/marriages-and-civil-partnerships>

Can we have photographs taken or film 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. Please respect other visitors if applicable.

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 certain restrictions apply, and evidence of adequate insurance is required.

Is there any wiggle room with the ceremony size listed for each location?

This is strictly enforced – it forms part of the conditions of our wedding licence, which we must adhere to. 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 (i.e., babe-in-arms or toddler who'll sit on adult's knee during the ceremony) in the number of 'guests'.

But you do need to include any suppliers (e.g., photographer, videographer, musician).

Can we bring the dog(s)?

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

There are plenty of good options for dog walking routes nearby, as well as local groomers, sitters and walkers.

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

There are limitations in terms of dressing the ceremony locations – we have a duty to care for and protect our museum collections, which includes the original buildings. That said, wherever possible, we will work with you to realise your vision. Do get in touch to discuss your ideas. We also 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.

Can we light candles?

No lit candles are permitted on site, unless used within designated fireplaces. Battery-operated candles are allowed in all locations. Sky lanterns are not permitted.

Can we bring electrical items?

We ask that you advise us in advance about any electrical items you may wish to plug in and use during your ceremony or time on site. 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. Electrical test certificates may be required.

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.

Can we get to you via public transport?

There is extremely limited public transport to Hutton-le-Hole, so it is unlikely the timings would be suitable (but we can, of course, provide you with the relevant details). However, pay-and-display parking is available nearby (see below) and we can provide contact details for local private hire transport options.

Where can guests park?

Guests can make use of The Crown Inn car park, which is immediately next door to the Museum. Alternatively, the North York Moors National Park car park on Moor Lane is a 300m walk from the Museum. Both options are pay-and-display car parks (please see the [Visit](#) page on our website for up-to-date information regarding charges), which can get busy at peak times.

The wedding party can drop-off/pick-up immediately outside of the Museum but please be aware of the seasonal parking restrictions on this road.

Do you provide a wedding planner or coordinator?

Prior to the day of your event, the RFM Team will work with you to arrange site visits and discuss all the possibilities and practicalities of creating the look and feel you desire for your big day. There will always be an appointed team member on the day to help your event run smoothly and assist the Registrars. Although we don't offer a planning or coordination service, we are happy to liaise with your chosen supplier, should you organise and appoint someone to provide this service for you.

Do you offer any evening reception options?

No – all your wedding/ceremony/event activities at the Museum must finish by 5pm. There are plenty of options locally if you're keen to have an evening reception nearby. There are lots of other options in the nearby towns and villages too – we are happy to provide some ideas, so feel free to ask for more information.

Things to note:

Accessibility and Facilities

Ryedale Folk Museum is an open-air Museum with historic buildings. There are a variety of floor and ground surfaces, some of which are uneven by nature.

All buildings have ground floor access but unfortunately some buildings have one or two (mostly small) steps to enter them – in terms of ceremony locations, this is applicable to Pickard's Cottage (small step) and the Daylight Photographic Studio (two large steps).

There is a gentle slope through the middle part of the site (around the main green area) and some manual wheelchair users may require assistance from a companion at that point. The Museum has manual wheelchairs and electric scooters available to borrow free of charge – we recommend reserving these in advance if required.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions regarding accessibility and please see our [Access Information](#) for further details.

Telephone Reception and Internet Availability

The beautiful village of 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 extremely limited (unreliable) mobile telephone signal. This is not the place for those hoping to live-stream their ceremony!

Smoking

There is a strict no smoking policy across the whole of the six-acre Museum site – including all outdoor areas – as per our insurance restrictions. Anyone in your party wishing to smoke would need to leave the Museum site to do so. This policy also applies to e-cigarettes and vaping devices.

Suppliers:

We are happy for you to choose your own suppliers. However, to meet our own insurance obligations we ask that any of your suppliers who will be working within the Museum premises have:

- Up to £5m public liability insurance cover
- A risk assessment for their activities

Evidence of the above must be provided to the Museum prior to your chosen ceremony date. Your suppliers are your responsibility to manage.