

Ryedale Folk Museum – Weddings and Ceremonies

Frequently Asked Questions

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

You are free to use the Museum's buildings and grounds for photographs on the day of your ceremony. Please respect other visitors if the Museum is open.

Can our photographer/videographer visit in advance?

Of course. We appreciate that a reccy could be extremely useful, due to the size and unusual nature of the 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 to visit.

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 visitors. If you wish to use a drone during an Exclusive Use event, please discuss this with us.

Is there any wiggle room with the ceremony sizes listed?

Sorry, there isn't. The ceremony size for each location is strictly enforced – if forms part of the conditions of our wedding licence, which we must adhere to. The numbers are limited for everyone's safety and comfort.

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 groomers, sitters and walkers.

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 dress the location we have selected for our ceremony?

We cannot deny that 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 ambitions.

Can we light candles?

No lit candles are permitted on site – there can be no exceptions to this, due our insurance terms. Battery-operated candles are allowed (we use them successfully at our own events). Sky lanterns are not permitted.

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 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 ask us 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 seasonal parking restrictions on this road.

Do you provide a wedding planner or coordinator?

There will always be an appointed member of the RFM Team available on the day of your ceremony; on hand to help your day run smoothly and assist the Registrars.

Prior to the day of your ceremony, the RFM Team will work with you to arrange site visits and to discuss all the possibilities and practicalities of creating the look and feel you desire for your big day. 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.

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 regard to ceremony locations, this is applicable to Pickard's Cottage and the Daylight Photographic Studio.

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 – 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 no mobile telephone signal.

For those in need of connectivity or hoping to live-stream their ceremony, please get in touch so we can advise you of the restrictions.

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 grounds 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 obligations we ask that any of your suppliers who will be working within the Museum premises have:

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

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