

Weddings and Ceremonies

A photograph of a wedding ceremony setup. A bride in a white dress and veil and a groom in a brown suit are kissing in the center. They are surrounded by wooden folding chairs arranged in a semi-circle. The area is decorated with greenery and flowers, including a large floral arrangement in the foreground and hanging branches above the couple. The background features a rustic wooden structure with vertical slats.

**RYEDALE
FOLK
MUSEUM**

Unique • Memorable • Intimate

Ryedale Folk Museum is an exceptional and romantic setting. With its characterful historic buildings and serene countryside location, a ceremony at Ryedale Folk Museum is a memorable way to say, "I do".



Our dedicated and friendly team will help you every step of the way to make your civil ceremony, civil partnership or vow renewal an unforgettable occasion. We welcome traditional, non-traditional and historical ceremonies. Whether we are hosting your wedding day, or helping you to celebrate your continuing love, we promise a unique and personal experience.



Ceremony Locations

Ryedale Folk Museum is a place where history is brought to life, through its incredible buildings and collections. The Museum is at the heart of the picturesque village of Hutton-le-Hole, in the truly beautiful countryside of the North York Moors National Park. There are 9 unique ceremony locations at the Museum, each presenting an individual and characterful space.

When you choose to have your event with us you can make use of the Museum's extensive grounds, pretty gardens and historic buildings as stunning backdrops in your photos.



Manor House

Our stunning thatched 16th century building, with its original wooden cruck-frame construction, makes an impressive setting for your ceremony.






CEREMONY SIZE: up to 58 guests

AVAILABILITY: all year

HIRE PERIOD: 2½ hours

SEATING PROVISION: use of wooden chairs



This location is truly versatile and can be set to create a cosy ceremony for a few of your nearest and dearest, or comfortably accommodate larger gatherings. With exposed original oak beams and stone floor, the Manor House can be styled traditionally with a centre aisle, but can also lend itself to a more informal and intimate layout.

Stang End

Our 18th century cottage, Stang End, is a charismatic option for smaller groups. With its traditional thatched roof, feature fireplace and leadlight windows, this location offers a relaxed setting for your ceremony.

CEREMONY SIZE: up to 8 guests

AVAILABILITY: 1 June - 31 August

HIRE PERIOD: 2 hours

SEATING PROVISION: use of wooden pew-style benches or wooden chairs



The Pavilion



A wooden clad space with a vintage feel, The Pavilion could easily be dressed to suit several styles. It's perfect for a traditional afternoon tea or a 1940's-themed party. This ceremony location can also be used to host the reception packages we offer, so it is an ideal choice if you really want to go to town with a particular theme, or to allow extended celebrations on your special day.

CEREMONY SIZE: up to 28 guests

AVAILABILITY: all year

HIRE PERIOD: 2½ hours (negotiable)

SEATING PROVISION: use of wooden chairs

Pickard's Cottage

Affectionately known as the 'white cottage', this charming, thatched building is a firm favourite with our visitors. A much-loved family house for generations, you get a real sense of home and comfort here. With the open fire aglow, the cottage kitchen presents an atmospheric, Victorian-esque setting.

CEREMONY SIZE: up to 3 guests

AVAILABILITY: all year

HIRE PERIOD: 2 hours

SEATING PROVISION: use of wooden chairs



The High Shop



Adored by visitors young and old, our 1950's village store is a small, but perfectly formed option for those seeking a nostalgic and notable ceremony choice.

CEREMONY SIZE: up to 2 guests*

AVAILABILITY: all year

HIRE PERIOD: 2 hours

SEATING PROVISION: room hire only

no seating provided due to this location's layout



Iron Age Roundhouse

The Museum's Roundhouse is a reconstruction of an Iron Age dwelling, presenting a truly distinctive setting for your ceremony. The curved walls, natural materials and central fire create a relaxed and rustic feel.



We think it affords the perfect setting for adding a 'tying the knot' or handfasting element after your ceremony. Summertime provides a particularly beautiful backdrop to this ceremony location, with the Roundhouse situated next to our traditional and colourful cornfield.





CEREMONY SIZE: up to 28 guests

AVAILABILITY: 1 April - 31 October

HIRE PERIOD: 2 hours

SEATING PROVISION: use of low wooden benches or wooden chairs



Crofter's Cottage

This cottage is a carefully created reconstruction, built and furnished to represent a humble abode inhabited by a Medieval crofter, complete with central fire. There's a real countryside charisma to this ceremony location; with its silver thatch, earth floor, shuttered windows and attractive cottage garden.

CEREMONY SIZE: up to 10 guests

AVAILABILITY: all year

HIRE PERIOD: 2 hours

SEATING PROVISION: use of low wooden benches or wooden chairs



Undertaker's Office



A remarkable and inimitable location, the Undertaker's Office can only accommodate the most micro of ceremonies. A quirky choice, not for the faint hearted!

CEREMONY SIZE: up to 2 guests*

AVAILABILITY: all year

HIRE PERIOD: 2 hours

SEATING PROVISION: use of wooden chairs

Daylight Photographic Studio

The oldest surviving example of such a studio in England, this building was originally the workspace of photographer William Hayes and used to host his own wedding reception in 1904.



A traditional portrait backdrop and wall of glass (constructed from photographic slides of course!) have been used to capture the memories of many couples' nuptials. Why not continue the tradition and create a record of your love story here too?

CEREMONY SIZE: up to 10 guests

AVAILABILITY: all year

HIRE PERIOD: 2 hours

SEATING PROVISION: use of wooden chairs

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CEREMONY SIZES

Each ceremony location has a maximum ceremony size, indicated by the number of 'guests'* - this includes any provision for photographers, videographers, musicians etc.

This number does not include the happy couple; the Registrars; nor a member of the Museum Team, who must be in attendance throughout the ceremony. For example, if your chosen location states a ceremony size of 'up to 58 guests', you could have 56 of your friends/family, plus a photographer and videographer in attendance at your ceremony.

*Due to the layout of The High Shop and Undertaker's Office, your photographer or videographer, if applicable, would be able to attend in addition to the number of guests indicated by making use of an adjoining room (which would also be closed to the public for the duration of your ceremony).

SEASONAL AVAILABILITY AND HIRE PERIOD

Your chosen ceremony location will be closed off to the public for the duration of the hire period (see each ceremony location for details), but the Museum will remain open to the general public. Don't be surprised to receive an additional congratulatory cheer and round of applause from our team and visitors!

Hire periods can be booked between the hours of 9am and 5pm from 1 April to 30 September (latest ceremony time 4pm) and between the hours of 9am and 4pm from 1 October to 31 March (latest ceremony time 3pm). Please note there are some seasonal restrictions for some ceremony locations.

Access to the whole Museum site is included for the duration of your time with us. You can enjoy a romantic walk through the orchard; travel through time from the Iron Age to the 1950s; or admire the cottage gardens and visit the animals. The opportunity to explore the buildings and exhibits provides a great option for entertaining your guests when they arrive, or whilst you have your photographs taken. Museum activity packs are available to keep the little ones amused too.



EXCLUSIVE USE - AVAILABLE ON FRIDAYS FROM 2022

Bookings which provide exclusive use of the Museum buildings and grounds are a fantastic option if you have a longer guest list; if you wish to use your chosen ceremony location and other areas for a reception; or you just fancy a bit of exclusivity.

Availability: all year (but please refer to seasonal restrictions for each ceremony location)
Hire period: 9am to 5pm from 1 April to 30 September (latest ceremony time 4pm) 9am to 4pm from 1 October to 31 March (latest ceremony time 3pm).

ADD TO THE CELEBRATIONS - AVAILABLE FROM 2022

Our informal reception options can be added to any wedding or ceremony booking.

For smaller gatherings we can provide use of Bright Raven's (up to 25 people), while larger parties (booking The Pavilion or the Manor House as a ceremony location) may be accommodated in The Pavilion (up to 32 people).



CHEERS!

We can serve your guests a drink or two after the ceremony.

Whether you want to make a speech, or just raise a glass to the one you love, we can help you start the celebrations!

Take a look at our Price List for the latest choices of alcoholic and dry drinks.



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CUT THE CAKE!

If you fancy combining one of the celebratory drink options with a slice of your wedding cake, we can help with that too.

After you have posed for pictures and cut your cake, a member of the Museum team will portion and serve it, so you can focus on your family and friends. We supply lovely mis-matched traditional china, cake forks and napkins.



THE PERFECT PAIR!

Whether you are a lover of tea, or a connoisseur of coffee; a cuppa pairs perfectly with cake!

We can portion and serve your wedding cake, along with a refreshing brew of Yorkshire Tea, or a locally roasted, freshly ground coffee. We will use our traditional china collection of colourful mis-matched designs — and provide cake forks and napkins. This relaxed reception is an excellent way to extend your celebrations, offering an opportunity to spend some quality time with your guests.

OTHER RECEPTION OPTIONS

Alternative reception options are only available when booking *Exclusive Use*. If the Museum's unique atmosphere is inspiring you to arrange a banquet fit for a Tudor in the Manor House; a '40s tea dance in The Pavilion; or a hog roast in the Iron Age Roundhouse, let us know! We are happy to discuss the possibilities and practicalities of working with your external suppliers or wedding planners.





WE CAN HIGHLY RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING SUPPLIERS:

ANGELA WAITES PHOTOGRAPHY: angelawaitesphotography.co.uk

PICKED AT DAWN: pickedatdawn.co.uk

BRIDAL RELOVED: bridalreloved.co.uk

CELTIC FUSION DESIGN: celticfusiondesign.com

DANDY THREADS: dandythreads.co.uk

THE RURAL CHAUFFEUR: ruralchaffeur.co.uk

CELEBRATE COUNTRY CAKE DESIGN: celebrate-countrycakedesign.co.uk

MY BILLET DOUX: mybilletdoux.com

JO BAGSHAW JEWELLERY: jobagshaw.co.uk



If you would like to discuss your ideas or arrange a visit to see our ceremony locations please contact our wedding team:

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