



STUBTON HALL

## Getting hitched at Stubton Hall. Frequently asked questions and answers.

Stubton Hall is an elegant 19<sup>th</sup> century country house set within 24 acres of its own parkland with commanding views over the Lincolnshire countryside close to the Nottinghamshire border and the historic market town of Newark.

### Where is Stubton Hall?

The picturesque village of Stubton lies 5 miles southeast of Newark and 10 miles northwest of Grantham in Lincolnshire close to the Nottinghamshire border. We are about 120 miles north of London, 25 miles east of Nottingham, 75 miles south of Leeds and easily accessible from mainline trains to the Newark stations.

### Why get hitched at Stubton Hall?

The Hall will be exclusively yours for the day. You will be able to take over the entire house without sharing it with any other parties, guests or residents. We will tailor-make your event to your own specifications and promise not to railroad you into inflexible packages. We specialise in looking after couples who know what they want, who understand a thing or two about understated good taste and who also appreciate our own expertise in entertaining and hospitality.

Stubton Hall offers a flexible venue with overnight accommodation

- 25 individually designed bedrooms
- Choice of reception rooms & terraces
- The ability to seat 200 inside the Orangery
- 24 acres of park and gardens
- Delicious food and wines

### How much will it cost?

We're not inexpensive, but we feel that our prices are fair for the level of service and attention to detail you will find at Stubton Hall. We have a unique historic setting, expertly trained staff and a cracking chef who all look forward to giving you and your guests a fantastic wedding. Because we offer such a personalized service, we expect to sit down with you to finalise the cost of your special day, but we have drawn up some guideline prices to assist you in calculating the cost of a wedding at Stubton Hall. Our prices consist of three parts: the exclusive use venue hire fee, the price per guest and the cost of the bedrooms. Neither the venue fee nor the packages include the cost of the civil ceremony or church blessing because these charges are payable directly to the Registrar or the church. All of our prices are calculated to include VAT at 20%, so you won't have to get out your calculator to add to our published costs. It is less expensive to get married on a weekday or in the Winter, early Spring or late Autumn than in May through September when we are at our busiest. If you haven't already seen our guideline prices, please ask us for a copy or look for them on our website [www.stubtonhall.co.uk/weddings](http://www.stubtonhall.co.uk/weddings).

### How many people can attend a civil ceremony at Stubton Hall?

The Bow Room can fit up to 20 people, the Conservatory up to 50, the Music Room up to 90 and the Orangery up to 200. All rooms are easily accessible and air-conditioned

### How many people can attend a drinks reception?

The main house can easily accommodate up to 200 people for a stand-up reception. When the weather is fine, we suggest using the large terrace on the south side of the house overlooking the fountain.

### How many people can attend a sit-down meal?

The Orangery can seat up to 200 people while the Music Room or the Conservatory can seat up to 50 people. We can also make arrangements for more intimate meals.

### Will the ceremony and reception take place in the same room?

Not normally. One of the wonderful things about Stubton Hall is that we have lots of space and a variety of reception rooms. We suggest a ceremony in the Music Room followed by drinks on the terrace and a sit down meal in the Orangery. For ceremonies with more than 100 guests, please speak to us about other options.

### Can we have a civil ceremony at Stubton Hall and hold our reception elsewhere?

Hmmm, we'll have to think about that. We prioritize use of our licensed rooms for guests who plan to use our full services.

### Is there a church nearby?

Yes. St Martin's Church is at the centre of the village just steps away from Stubton Hall and St Peter's Church, Claypole is just two miles down the road. They are available for wedding ceremonies (if you are eligible) or for blessings of civil ceremonies.

### Can we get married elsewhere and have our reception at Stubton Hall?

By all means!

### What about photography?

Whatever the weather, Stubton Hall, its lake, park and gardens offer a wide variety of beautiful places for photo opportunities. You don't need to worry if the sun doesn't shine because the wedding photos taken inside the house are as spectacular as the ones taken outside. If you are looking for a photographer or videographer, we'd be happy to recommend one.

### What about flowers and decorations?

We highly recommend a few terrific local florists and venue stylists. They will be delighted to discuss colours, flower arrangements, chair covers, candles and other fun ideas for your tables with you and are also available to make co-ordinating wedding bouquets, bridal party flowers, church flowers and additional house decorations. It is also possible choose your own florist or stylist, please speak to us about this.



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### **May we throw confetti?**

Yes, but only natural petals.

### **May we decorate the tables?**

Yes, within reason and subject to prior arrangement. We particularly ask that you discuss any candle arrangements with us beforehand so that we can keep the Fire Officer happy.

### **May we bring our own wedding cake?**

Yes, you may, but there is a small charge of £30 for any cake not purchased through Stubton Hall. This fee covers storage, cake stand, knife, cutting, serving and boxing up of the cake. We have a number of cake suppliers whom we wholeheartedly recommend who will be delighted to discuss their prices with you. Sorry, but due to dreaded health and safety rules, 'cakes of cheese' must be supplied by Stubton Hall and not your own supplier.

### **May we bring our own wine or champagne?**

Sorry, this isn't possible, but we're happy to source your favourites.

### **Can you get me to the church on time?**

We have contacts for everything from limousines to horse drawn carriages, not to mention dressmakers, formal hire shops, bands, djs, photographers, makeup artists and much more. Just ask!

### **What about the kids?**

Children are welcome at Stubton Hall, provided that a parent or responsible adult looks after them. We can also recommend local babysitters. We are happy to provide meals for small kids at small rates. Meals for kids over the age of 10 are billed at adult prices.

### **Will we be sharing Stubton Hall with other bridal parties or residents?**

No way! Stubton will be yours exclusively during your wedding, so there will be no queuing for the best photo spots or worrying about your soon-to-be husband eyeing up other beautiful brides!

### **When will the party end?**

Our licence for drinking and music ends at midnight. Drinking outside of public hours is allowed for overnight hotel guests in specific areas. Out of consideration to our employees and other guests, we make no commitment to offering 'all night' bar service.

### **Can we stay overnight?**

We expect you to! Since you will be having Stubton Hall on an exclusive basis, we require that all weddings take a minimum number of bedrooms. During our less busy months or days of the week, it may also be possible to book additional nights before or after the wedding day.

### **This sounds great. Can we come to meet you?**

It is so much nicer to meet prospective clients in person than to communicate solely via email! We would be delighted to show you around Stubton Hall in person and to explain how we operate. If you decide to book, we will meet with you on a few occasions to work out the details of your wedding. We are very flexible with appointments and can normally find a time during any day of the week or during early evenings to meet you. Within reason, we can meet as many times as necessary at Stubton Hall or a convenient location to help you select your options and menus.

### **How do we go about booking Stubton Hall for our wedding?**

If you want to have a civil ceremony at Stubton Hall, you must first check the Registrar's availability by contacting the Council: Registration and Celebratory Services, Lincolnshire County Council, 4 Lindum Road, Lincoln, LN2 1NN, Tel: 01522 782244 Email/web: [regist@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:regist@lincolnshire.gov.uk) / [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk) After you have agreed a shortlist of dates with the Registrar, call us on 01636 626187 and we will pencil in one date for you and hold it for two weeks. When you have confirmation from the Register, call us and we will ask to see you in person. Sorry, we cannot confirm bookings without meeting you first - this part of our personal approach. We will also confirm with the Registrar that your ceremony date has been confirmed.

If you want to have a wedding or blessing at St Martin's or St Peter's church, please contact Sonia Barron, the rector, on [rectorclaypole5@gmail.com](mailto:rectorclaypole5@gmail.com) or 01636 626720. Again, once you have confirmation of a date, let us know right away so that we can secure the date in our calendar.

We will ask for a minimum deposit of £1,000 at the meeting after your ceremony date is confirmed. This deposit is non-refundable and non-transferable, whatever the reason, so please get your dates right the first time.

If you are not having a ceremony at Stubton Hall but wish to book a reception, please call us to fix a date. As with ceremonies that take place on site, we will ask for a non-refundable, non-transferable deposit of £1,000 to secure the date.

Everything we agree with you will be confirmed in writing or by email. This will include a list of deadlines by which we require further payments, menu & wine choices, guest lists and final headcounts.

### **How do we pay?**

Payment for weddings and receptions must always be made in advance. We accept credit cards, debit cards, bank transfers and cheques. We reserve the right to cancel, without notice, any booking for which a card transaction, cheque or bank transfer is declined, whatsoever the reason.

### **What if we need to cancel?**

At all stages in our dealings with you, we will stipulate our cancellation charges and our deposits policy. We strongly advise taking out an insurance policy to cover unforeseen cancellations.

### **Where do we go for more information?**

Visit [www.stubtonhall.co.uk](http://www.stubtonhall.co.uk) for downloads of more detailed guidelines of prices, menus, wine lists and photos. Look us up on Facebook and Instagram for lots of fun images of our food and past weddings.

Email us at [events@stubtonhall.co.uk](mailto:events@stubtonhall.co.uk) or best yet, call our Events Team during business hours on 01636626187.