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WELCOME

Welcome to Cumberland, we hope you enjoy reading through our brochure.

Cumbria is the third largest county in England by size but is also one of the most sparsely populated. This can be seen by the unspoilt and natural beauty of the county.

There is something here for everyone from history and heritage, with lots of lovely market towns and the city of Carlisle, to a beautiful and rugged coastline including the Marina in Whitehaven. There are magnificent mountains and of course the world renowned Lake District National Park.

To have your special ceremony against such a beautiful backdrop is a dream for any couple and in the midst of this natural beauty you can celebrate your big day in exactly the way you dreamed of.

Many Approved Venues and hotels can host not just the ceremony, but also your reception.

Whether you chose a ceremony at our Registration Office or an Approved Venue, in Cumberland we can offer some of the best venues in the country.

With a wealth of Approved Venues to choose from, including stately homes, historic buildings, first class hotels, rustic barns or our beautiful Register Office, all of which provide charming settings for civil weddings or your celebration ceremonies.

More and more people are choosing to be married or form a civil partnership outdoors. Legal ceremonies are now allowed to take place outdoors or in a temporary or moveable structure, such as marquees, boats and more, providing they are on approved licensed premises.

Our staff will be happy to discuss any ideas that you have to make your ceremony unique to you.





Wherever, and however, you decide to celebrate your special day, from traditional and stylish to themed or more unusual, you will be guaranteed the ultimate venue and spectacular backdrop.

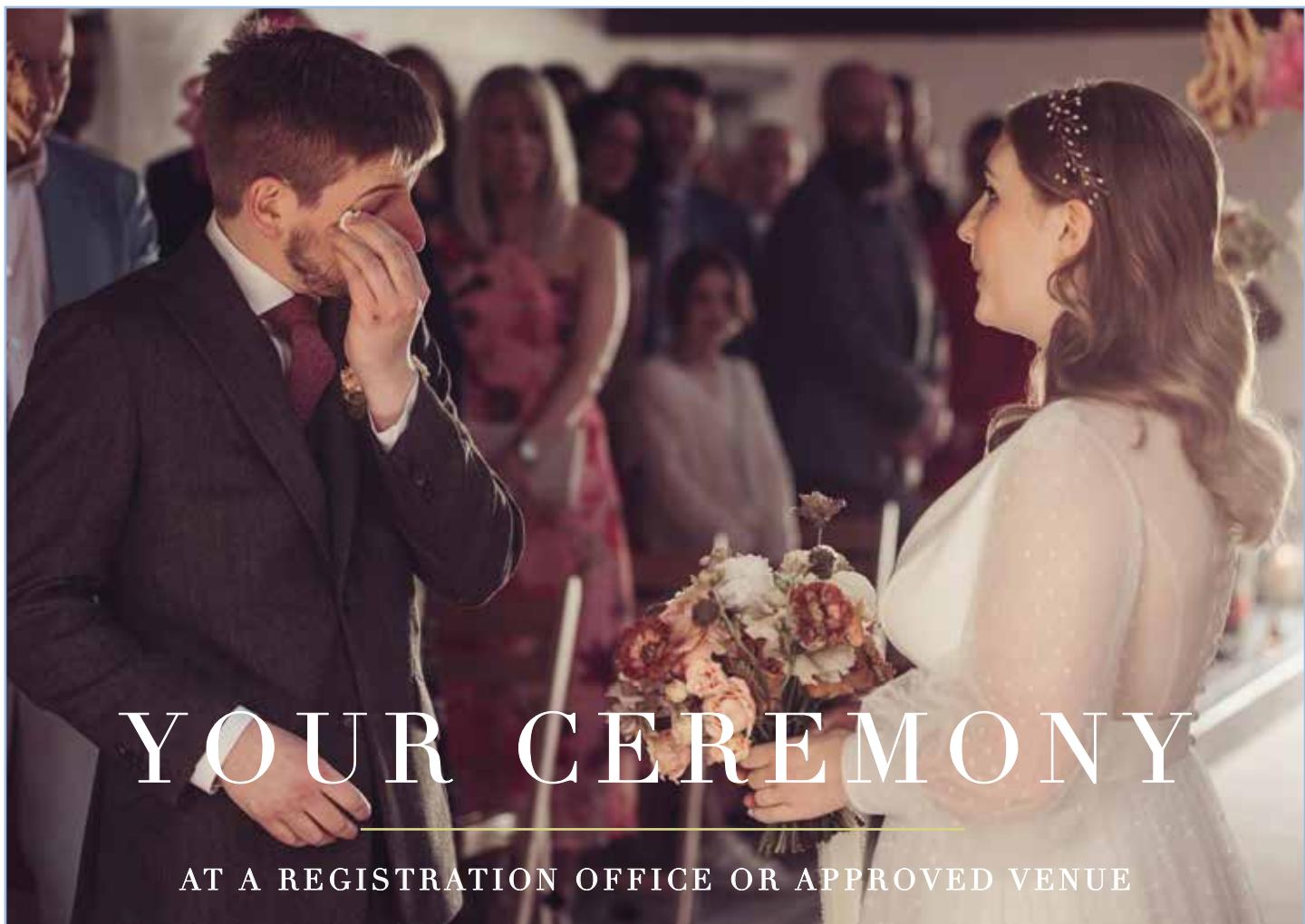
You can stay at large, luxurious hotels and cosy, family-run B&Bs, to well equipped camping and caravan parks and self-catering cottages. Whatever your choice you can be sure of a warm welcome, great service and picturesque surroundings.

Not only is Cumberland the perfect place for your wedding but also your honeymoon. Reflect on your big day surrounded by beautiful lakes and mountains. The perfect location to enjoy your first happy days of married life together, with memories that will last a lifetime.

We will guide you through the processes and help you to make your ceremony special whether you want to be unique, traditional, or simple and sincere.

Our team of ceremony staff are passionate about providing an experience you will treasure.

Cumberland
Ceremonies
Team



YOUR CEREMONY

AT A REGISTRATION OFFICE OR APPROVED VENUE

The first step on your ceremony journey is to decide what type of ceremony you would like and where you would like it to be held.

We can offer Civil Marriages and Civil Partnerships either in our beautiful Register Office or in one of our Approved venues. If you have an idea for an alternative venue please discuss it with us as more than likely we will be able to accommodate you in one of our Bespoke ceremony packages.

Your booking with us ensures that two registrars are secured to attend your ceremony and conduct a civil ceremony which is recognised by law. If this is in our ceremony room at our registration office or in our gardens, the use of the venue is included in your fee.

If you are choosing to hold your ceremony in an approved venue it is the couples responsibility to make arrangements and bookings with the venue for the use of their premises and services.

In a civil marriage there are certain words prescribed by law, which you must say, known as declaratory and contracting words. In a civil partnership, it is optional whether these words are said out loud.

There are various ways of personalising your ceremony, such as additional vows or readings by guests, you also have the option to exchange a ring or rings

You must provide two witnesses, who may be either friends or relatives. It is advisable that they should be over the age of 18, and are able to understand English as well as the significance of the ceremony they are witnessing.

They will be asked to sign the marriage schedule or civil partnership schedule at the end of the ceremony.

All of our couples receive a lovely commemorative certificate at their ceremony as a keepsake of their special day signed by the registrar and your witnesses. Legal Marriage or Civil Partnership certificates are available to order after the ceremony has taken place.

Please note that should you be considering the use of a Celebrant they cannot legally marry you or form a civil partnership nor can they deliver a ceremony in which they declare you as husband and wife.

Any ceremony conducted by a celebrant is a “celebration” and should take place following a marriage or civil partnership which has been legally formed.

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Have you ever wanted to have a ceremony by a lake, under the stars or in a private garden?

For those couples who want something a little bit different or more personal, our Bespoke Ceremony options are the perfect choice.

SAY I DO YOUR WAY

WITH OUR BESPOKE CEREMONIES

Our friendly team will advise of the options available to allow you to create a personalised ceremony to take place at a venue or location of your choice, whilst ensuring that all the legalities of a Civil Marriage Ceremony or Civil Partnership are met. We are happy to lend our experience and expertise to create your own special day and turn your ceremony dreams into a reality, this can include:

Outdoor Ceremonies

Twilight Ceremonies

Themed Ceremonies

Woodland Ceremonies

Lakeside Terrace Ceremony

Marquee in a private garden

Please note: if the ceremony is to take place anywhere other than an approved venue, the location must have public liability insurance in place and may need to be inspected before a ceremony can be approved.

What is included in a Bespoke Ceremony?

Our Bespoke Ceremony Planner will work exclusively with you from 8 weeks prior to your ceremony, to advise and personalise your ceremony and turn your wedding day ceremony dreams into a reality.

Your ceremony package will include:

- Your legal Marriage ceremony or Civil Partnership
- Options available for your Marriage ceremony or Civil Partnership - in our beautiful ceremony room or garden at Lady Gillfords House, or at a venue of your choosing
- A personalised ceremony script including 'your love story', readings, personalised vows, ceremony gestures such as ring warming, hand tying and inclusion of children, parents or friends
- A longer ceremony time of up to 60 minutes
- Regular contact with your bespoke ceremony planner in the month leading up to your ceremony to ensure everything runs smoothly.
- A meeting with your ceremony officer prior to the ceremony
- A copy of your script presented hand tied with a ribbon matching your colour scheme

- A commemorative certificate signed by your witnesses presented to you as a keepsake of your special day.

Not included:

Statutory fees payable for the legal preliminaries for Notice of Marriage, Civil Partnership or Legal Certificates.

What if my chosen venue doesn't have a licence to hold weddings?

Our Bespoke Ceremony options allow for a legal Ceremony to be carried out at a register office either on the same day or on an alternative day by a unique celebration event at another venue such as a private garden, your favourite bar, in a museum, on a boat or even in a beach hut.

How do I book?

Please call us on: **0300 373 3730** to discuss your requirements.

Or email us: **registration.service@cumberland.gov.uk**

You can also visit our website - use the QR code or the web address at the top of this page.

PLAN AHEAD

Our team can take booking up to 24 months in advance.

All booking fees are non-refundable and any change to your ceremony date or venue will incur an administration fee.

It is your responsibility to ensure your notices of intent to marry or form a civil partnership are completed within 12 months of your ceremony date.

We welcome you to personalise your ceremony with music choices, vows or readings but please note these must not be offensive or contain any religious connotations.

Professional photography and videography is permitted and encouraged and we are more than happy to make announcements to guests, asking them politely to put their phones away and enjoy the ceremony and to respect your wishes in terms of social media posts.

Want your furry friend to take part or an owl to deliver your rings? Providing the venue are in agreement we are more than happy to allow animals and birds to be part of your ceremony at approved venues.

If you're late we may not wait! Our registrars often have more than one ceremony to conduct in a day so timing is very important. Please ensure all guests and the groom or partner 1 arrive at the venue 30 minutes prior to the ceremony start time. The bride or partner 2 should be ready to meet with the registrars 15 minutes prior to the ceremony.

Should you require the use of an interpreter or you have any other special requirements please discuss this at the time of booking.



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CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

IN CUMBERLAND

Civil Partnerships were extended to all couples from December 2019. Civil Partnerships are available to both same-sex couples and opposite sex couples. Whereas a marriage is formed by vows, a civil partnership is formed by the signing of a civil partnership document.

Registering a civil partnership will give your relationship legal recognition. This will give you added legal rights and pension benefits, as well as responsibilities.

You can celebrate the formation of your civil partnership in any of our licensed premises or registry office in Cumberland. You can choose a very simple ceremony with no spoken vows and just two witnesses or you can have a more meaningful ceremony with ring exchange and guests - the choice is yours.

How far in advance can I make a booking?

A legal notice of the formation of a civil partnership is valid for twelve months. However, in Cumberland you are able to make a provisional booking for the formation of your partnership, up to two years in advance. Please note that there is a non-refundable deposit payable at the time of booking.

If you are in a same sex Civil Partnership and would like to convert this to a Civil Marriage, please call us to discuss arrangements for a Civil Partnership Conversion.



Legal Preliminaries

Before you can form your civil partnership, there are certain formalities which are required under law. You must both attend the Register Office in the district in which you live to inform them of your intention to form a civil partnership. This is called giving notice and you must attend in person. You will each be required to give an individual notice.

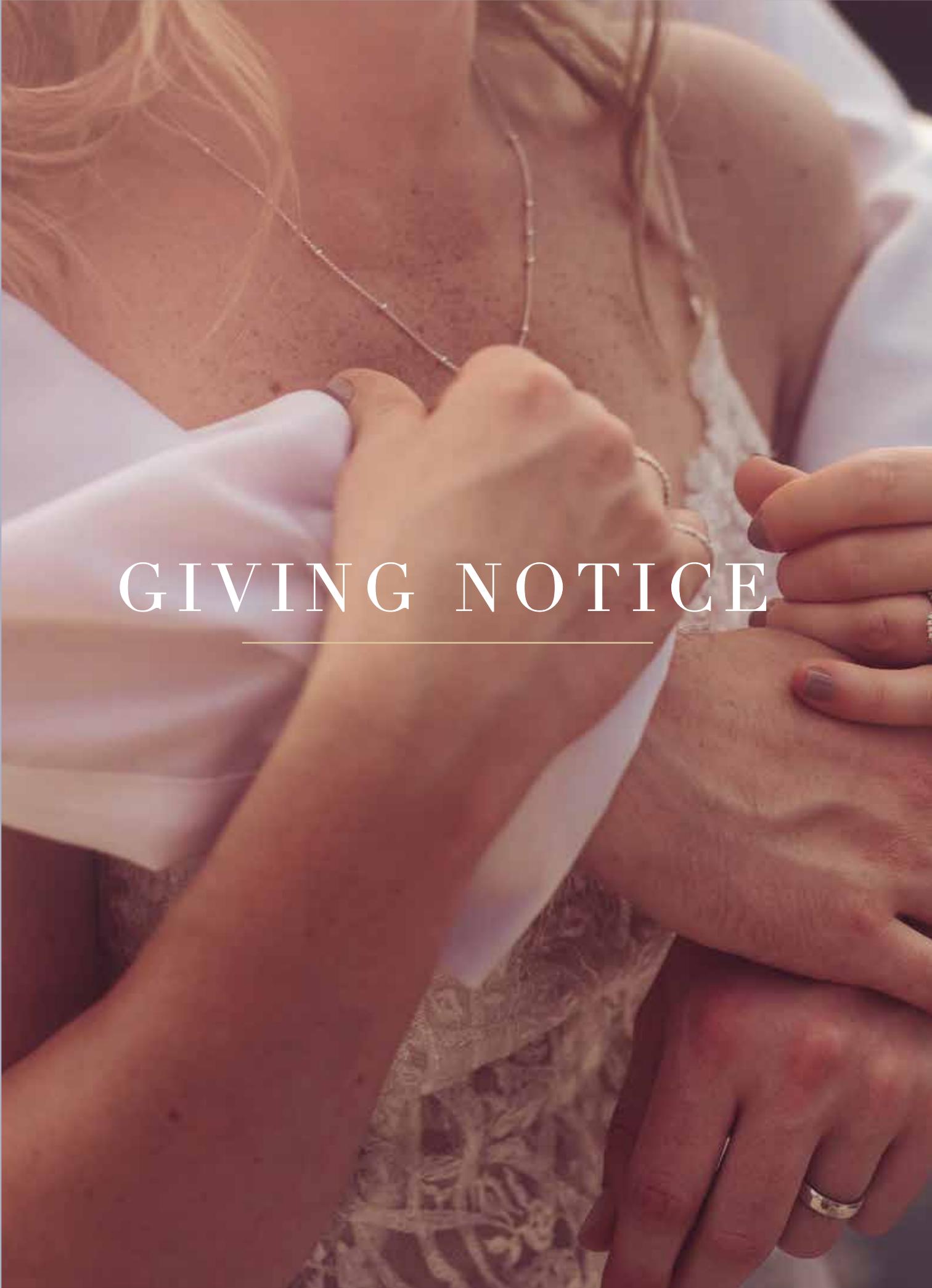
After giving notice you must allow at least 28 clear days before the formation can take place. Your civil partnership formation must then take place within twelve months of the date you gave at the notice.

Fees and charges

Fees are dependent on the day of the week. Please see our website - use the QR code or the web address at the bottom of this page.

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GIVING NOTICE
