

YOUR CEREMONY IN

# Shropshire



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An aerial photograph of a town in Shropshire, featuring a prominent church spire and rolling hills in the background. The sky is blue with some clouds.

# Shropshire county

Shropshire is recognised as an incredibly beautiful county, the largest inland county in England, no less.

The county is steeped in a rich and fascinating history, playing its parts in the 'Wars of the Roses' and has been fought over in the North by the Welsh and English. Our county has hosted the English parliament and is rich in heritage left by the Romans, not to mention its association with the modern Olympic Games. Some even believe that the court of Camelot was in Shropshire.

We are pleased to be able to offer a wide choice of attractive venues in beautiful locations for ceremonies. Shropshire is home to some stunning scenery, set on a backcloth of patchwork fields, wooded valleys, picturesque rivers and rolling hills leading into the Welsh mountains.

We are sure that you will find the perfect place to celebrate your special day in Shropshire.

Whatever you envisage, a simple, intimate affair or a splendid gala occasion, we want to ensure that your special day is all that you want it to be. We want your celebration to run smoothly and successfully and leave you with memories to treasure.

We hope this guide will answer all your questions but if you have any others, we will be pleased to answer them. Alternatively please visit [www.shropshire.gov.uk](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk) or call us on 0345 678 9016.

We look forward to sharing with you the joy and happiness on your special day.

If you can read this but know someone who can't, please contact us on 0345 678 9016 so that we can provide this information in a more suitable format such as large print, Braille or audio, or translate into another language.

Welcome to the Shropshire Registration and Celebratory Services guide to ceremonies in Shropshire.

You will find information about naming ceremonies, getting married or forming a civil partnership and re-registering as well as details on related services and other ceremonies. We will guide you through the legal formalities and provide you with information about venues that are licensed for marriages or civil partnerships in Shropshire.

# Naming Ceremonies

Our naming ceremonies are warm and happy occasions, unique to individual families.

A civil naming ceremony provides the perfect opportunity for a child or new born to be welcomed into a family. This ceremony can be used by step-families or for adopted children. The idea is to mark a rite of passage of the parents and the child, to acknowledge a change in responsibilities for new parents, and to give grandparents and other adults or siblings the opportunity to pledge their support to all.

A naming ceremony is not a religious ceremony and like a christening has no legal standing. The naming ceremony can include readings, music, promises by parents, grandparents, sisters and brothers and other adults who will play important roles in the life of the child. It is truly a family occasion.

Shown below is the usual format of a naming ceremony, although this format can be changed to suit:

## **Opening words**

## **Reading**

## **Naming of the child**

## **Parents promises to the child**

## **Promises of chosen adults**

## **Promises of Grandparents**

## **Signing of the Ceremony record**

## **Presentation of the certificate**

## **Closing words**

Some popular readings used at naming ceremonies can be found on page 15 to assist you in making your selections.

Ceremonies can be held at any of the ceremony rooms around the county and in any of the approved venues, it may be possible to hold them in other venues subject to an appropriate risk assessment. This may incur an additional cost.

Most of all  
they are  
**warm**

## **Coming soon**

Our online service will allow you to book and manage your ceremony.

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ONLINE**

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# happy occasions...

*Just a few things  
you need to know...*

- We will need to see the child's birth certificate during the booking stage
- More than one child of the same family can be named at the same time
- There is no age limit for the ceremony
- A naming ceremony can be held immediately after a marriage or civil partnership
- We offer a range of commemorative certificates to mark your special day
- A non returnable deposit is taken on booking.

Bookings can be made up to two years in advance, call 0345 678 9016, or email: [registrars@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:registrars@shropshire.gov.uk)





# Congratulations

You've made one of the most important decisions you'll ever have to make – you're getting married or forming a civil partnership.

Whether you are planning a small, quiet ceremony or a larger celebration we can promise you a special day.

We understand how important it is that your ceremony is personal to you and if your ceremony is being held at an approved venue, it is possible to personalise your ceremony with readings and music and even personalise the ceremony by adding personal vows.

We will work with you, within our legal boundaries, to make your ceremony as individual as you are.

We will also ensure your marriage or civil partnership is carried out in accordance with the law and will guide you through the legal formalities before and on the day of your marriage or civil partnership.



**MARRIAGES**  
and  
**Civil Partnerships**



# THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW...

## Legal Requirements

In order to be married or form a civil partnership there are a number of legal requirements which must be observed. These requirements will vary dependent on where the marriage or civil partnership is to take place.

It is vital that one of the first decisions which you should make is where the ceremony will take place, as the place of marriage will determine under which piece of legislation the marriage or civil partnership will fit, if any.

Preliminaries for civil marriage and civil partnership are similar, they require the couple to 'give notice' (the civil equivalent of Banns for a Church of England ceremony). Under normal circumstances notice can only be given 12 months before the date of the ceremony. After notice has been given you must wait a minimum of 28 days.

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## Your Marital Status

If either party have previously been married or in a civil partnership, it is necessary to provide evidence of the marriage or civil partnership ending either by death, divorce, dissolution or decree of nullity.

**Death of former spouse** – Produce a certified copy of the death certificate.

**Divorce** – Produce a decree absolute bearing the original seal of the court (a coloured stamp)

**Decree of Nullity** – Produce the document issued by the court bearing its original seal (a coloured stamp)

**Dissolution** - (Civil Partnerships) - Produce the Dissolution document bearing the original seal of the issuing court (a coloured stamp).

If your divorce or dissolution was granted outside of the UK you will be required to pay a non-refundable statutory fee for the consideration of the validity of the document.

If any of these documents is not in English you will need to provide a translation of the document, the translation should be done by a third party and should include the full name, address and contact details of the translator.

Please ensure that all official stamps are translated also.

## Immigration Requirements

Where neither party is subject to immigration control: Each party to the marriage or civil partnership should arrange to give notice to the registration service for the district in which they live.

Where one party or both parties are subject to immigration control: Both parties must attend together at a 'Designated' Register Office (full list available at [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk).)

When giving notice each party must provide evidence of the following:

Name • Age • Nationality • Address

In most cases a current passport is the documentary evidence required to provide evidence of Name, Age and Nationality. Other documents are acceptable but the list is very prescriptive. Please check registrars web pages on the Council's website [www.shropshire.gov.uk](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk) for a full list of acceptable documentary evidence.

## Residency

You will be asked to provide evidence to show that you have lived at your current address for more than 7 days.

This can be either:

A utility bill (Gas, Electric, Water, Broadband only) dated within the 3 months prior to your appointment

Your most recent Council Tax bill, dated within the 12 months prior to your appointment

A bank statement, dated within a month of your appointment – Please note statements produced via online banking must be stamped with the branch stamp to validate them.

This list is not exhaustive and requirements may change, please check the registrars web pages on the Council's website [www.shropshire.gov.uk](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk).





# Legal Matte

## Important points:

- Make sure you know where your marriage or civil partnership will be taking place before giving notice
- If you are intending for your ceremony or formation to take place in an approved venue, a register office or a council ceremony room outside your district of residence, you will need to have checked the availability of the venue and the registration service who will attend at the ceremony before giving notice
- A fee is charged for the giving of notices and this fee is set by the Government. A complete list of fees and charges for Shropshire Registration Service can be found by visiting [www.shropshire.gov.uk](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk)
- For a marriage ceremony to be legal, certain words have to be said, however, where the ceremony is taking place at one of our approved venues or council ceremony rooms, but not in a registrar's office, it is possible to include personal vows or even have a bespoke ceremony. For couples interested in this option please contact the Registration Service.
- Couples where one or both parties are subject to immigration control have to give notice at a special register office called a 'Designated Register Office'. A full list is available by visiting [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk). Couples not subject to immigration control should give notice to the registrar for the district in which they live. Most registration offices will require that you make an appointment to give notice. If you reside in the Shropshire Council area you may make an appointment to give notice of marriage by calling 0345 678 9016 or online by visiting [www.shropshire.gov.uk](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk)
- If either party is under 18 years of age, consent may be required – please contact the Registration Service for clarification
- Notices have to be given in person – No one can give notice on behalf of any other person
- Any inclusion in a ceremony cannot be religious and inclusions are allowed at the discretion of the Superintendent Registrar who is responsible for ensuring that you have a valid marriage or civil partnership.



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We will guide you through the legal requirements to ensure everything is within the law and make sure your ceremony is a truly happy and memorable occasion.



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## Fees and other information

There are legally set fees for giving notice of marriage or civil partnership and the consideration for divorce or dissolution documents from outside the UK.

These fees are separate to those for the attendance of Registrars to conduct and register your ceremony. A deposit is needed in order to make a booking, and for ceremonies more than 12 months into the future an additional charge separate to any other applies.

Full details of fees and charges and booking terms and conditions can be found on the registrars web pages at [www.shropshire.gov.uk](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk), or are available on application from a member of the registrars team.

Deposits and/or booking fees are not refundable in the event of a cancellation.

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# Choose a Venue



## Booking your venue

We will accept provisional bookings up to 2 years in advance of the intended ceremony. A non refundable booking fee is required to reserve a date for a ceremony more than 12 months and up to 2 years in the future. This fee is completely separate from any other fee which may be required by the Registration Service.

If you are booking a ceremony within 12 months of the date, a non refundable deposit will be required at the time of booking, this fee is deductible from the ceremony fee which the Registration Service will charge.

All couples having ceremonies at an Approved Venue are encouraged to personalise their ceremonies by including readings and music.

A selection of readings and poems are included in this brochure to help you with your choices.

An inclusion in a ceremony cannot be religious and inclusions are at the discretion of the Superintendent Registrar who is responsible for ensuring that you have a valid marriage or civil partnership.

Our full terms and conditions of booking are available on our website [www.shropshire.gov.uk](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk)

## Civil Marriages in Shropshire

In Shropshire, we have a wealth of beautiful venues in which to hold a civil marriage or civil partnership, or indeed any other of our ceremonies, such as a naming or a renewal of vows.

We have everything from castles and stately homes, to council buildings and registrars offices, to hotels large and small, country pubs and everything in between. We are confident that there will be a venue suitable for all tastes and all budgets.

We always remember that every ceremony will be a unique event. You've probably already made plans and have many ideas on how your ceremony will be part of the best day of your life.

We will look after every detail of your ceremony making sure that it becomes a memorable family occasion.

## Religious venues

The law is different if you want to hold your civil partnership or marriage in a religious building.

It is not possible for a civil partnership or a marriage of a same sex couple to take place in a church of the Church of England.

Civil partnerships and marriages can take place in churches but these have to be registered or licensed for this purpose. Therefore it should be understood that for a civil partnership or a marriage of a same sex couple to take place in a church of any religious denomination, that church must have opted in to this provision.

When arranging for a marriage or civil partnership in any religious building please speak to the local registration service first. There are a number of legal requirements which have to be satisfied in order for a marriage to take place. In all churches of any faith other than Church of England your legal preliminaries will need to be done with the registration service and the legislation will require that a number of provisions have to be met before the legal preliminaries can be done.

For marriages in the Church of England, some vicars will ask that couples give their notices to a registrar instead of the Banns being read. In 2015 changes in the law require those people who are subject to immigration control wanting to marry in the Church of England to give their notices to the Registration Service and the provision for banns removed.

# Don't panic!

We know how excited and nervous you can be on your special day. Do not worry, we will look after you, and tell you what you need to do and say as the ceremony goes along.

There is nothing for you to remember to do on your own. You will never be asked to repeat large numbers of words; we will break down the sections into small bite size pieces and help you all the way through.



The following are examples of ceremony itineraries and wording. Although there are words that are legally required to be said, we can adapt some wording to suit your style.

Music can be played for the entrance of either or both parties to the marriage (If required, subject to the approval of the Superintendent Registrar).

# Ceremony Wording

## Introduction

This place in which we are met has been duly sanctioned by law for the celebration of marriages.

You are here to witness the joining in matrimony of (Partner 1) to (Partner 2).

Would the partners please stand?

May I formally check your names please?

To Partner 1: Is your full name (Registrar states Partner 1's Name)?

Partner 1 replies: Yes

To Partner 2: Is your full name (Registrar states Partner 2's Name)?

Partner 2 replies: Yes

If any person here present knows of any lawful impediment to this marriage he should declare it now.

(Partner 1) and (Partner 2), before you are joined in matrimony, I have to remind you of the solemn and binding character of marriage.

Marriage according to the law of this country is the union of two people voluntarily entered into for life to the exclusion of all others.

The purpose of marriage is that you may always love, care for and support each other through the joys and sorrows of life and that love may be fulfilled in a relationship of permanent and continuing commitment.

## Reading

**(APPROVAL REQUIRED BY SUPERINTENDENT REGISTRAR)**

### Declaratory Words

TO BE REPEATED BY BOTH PARTNERS IN TURN  
AFTER THE REGISTRAR:

Either:

"I do solemnly declare that I know not of any lawful impediment why I (Name) may not be joined in matrimony to (Name)"

Or

"I declare that I know of no legal reason why I (Name) may not be joined in marriage to (Name)"

Or

by answering "I am" to the question "Are you (Name) free lawfully to marry (Name)".

Couples currently in a civil partnership are able to convert their relationship to a marriage.

For more information please contact us through Customer Services on

0345 678 9016 or check the registrars' web pages at

[www.shropshire.gov.uk](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk) or alternatively search for information on [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk).

# Reading

(APPROVAL REQUIRED BY SUPERINTENDENT REGISTRAR)

## Contracting Words and Exchange of Rings

And now, the solemn moment has come for these two persons to contract their marriage before you their guests and witnesses.

Would you all please stand? Traditionally, a ring has been given as a symbol of love and as an outward sign of the promises you are making to each other.

Who has the rings? (Person with rings steps forward and hands the ring to the Partner 1 to give to the Partner 2)

To the Partner 1: Please take (Partner 2's Name) ring and place it on the third finger of her left hand and repeat after me.

TO BE REPEATED BY BOTH PARTNERS IN TURN  
AFTER THE REGISTRAR:

Either:

"I call upon these persons here present to witness that I (Name) do take thee (Name) to be my lawful wedded Wife/Husband"

Or

"I (Name) take you (Name) to be my wedded Wife/Husband"

Or

"I (Name) take thee (Name) to be my wedded Wife/Husband"

Followed by the following vow or others you may have selected or written yourself (which need to be approved by the Superintendent Registrar):

"I give you this ring as a sign of our marriage and I promise to care for you, to give you my love and friendship, support and comfort you and to respect and cherish you throughout our lives together".

## Concluding Words

(Partner 1's Name) and (Partner 2's Name) you have both made the declarations prescribed by law and have made a solemn and binding contract with each other in the presence of your guests and witnesses here assembled, and it gives me great pleasure to declare that you are now Husband and Wife/ Husband and Husband/Wife and Wife together.

Music played for the signing of the Register (if required, subject to the approval of the Superintendent Registrar).

## Presentation of Certificates

The Registrar will ask the couple to sign the Marriage Register, followed by the witnesses.

Ladies and Gentlemen, will you please be upstanding for the (Couple's Names) or Mr. and Mrs. (Last Name).

## Formal Exit



# Ceremony Wording

## for Civil Partnership

The following are examples of ceremony itineraries and wording.  
It is anticipated that Civil Partnerships will be retained with the introduction of Equal Marriage. These will only be available for same sex couples.

We can adapt some wording to suit your style.  
Music can be played for the entrance of the partners (If required, subject to the approval of the Superintendent Registrar).

### Introduction 1

Ladies and Gentlemen we welcome you here today on this very special occasion of deep significance for Partner 1 and Partner 2.

Today this couple will affirm their love and publicly declare their commitment to each other.

Partner 1 and Partner 2 have chosen to pledge themselves to each other by committing to a legally binding contract. Their partnership will enable the love and respect that they have for each other to develop into a deep and lasting relationship.

Partner 1 and Partner 2 we who are witnessing your civil partnership, hope that despite the stresses available in any life, your love, trust and understanding of each other will increase your contentment, and heighten your joy in living.

### Introduction 2

(APPROVED VENUES ONLY)

Words you have written

### Promises

Partner 1 and Partner 2 turn and face one another and Partner 1 would you repeat after me please:

#### Option 1

I ..... (Partner 1) // pledge to share my life openly with ..... (Partner 2) // ..... (Partner 2) these are the promises // that I make to you today // I promise to cherish // and tenderly care for you // to honour and encourage you // I will respect you as an individual // and be true to you // through good times and bad // to these things // I give you my word.

Partner 2 would you repeat after me please:

I ..... (Partner 2) // pledge to share my life openly with ..... (Partner 1) // ..... (Partner 1) these are the promises // that I make to you today // I promise to cherish // and tenderly care for you // to honour and encourage you // I will respect you as an individual // and be true to you // through good times and bad // to these things // I give you my word.

#### Option 2

(Partner 1) I choose you // above all other // to share my life with me //

I promise to honour this pledge // as long as I live.

(Partner 2) I choose you // above all other // to share my life with me //

I promise to honour this pledge // as long as I live.

#### Option 3

(APPROVED VENUES ONLY)

Words that you have written (repeated for both partners).

# Declaration

## (optional)

I ..... (Partner 1) declare that I know of no legal reason why we may not register as each other's civil partner. I understand that on signing this document we will be forming a civil partnership with each other.

I ..... (Partner 2) declare that I know of no legal reason why we may not register as each other's civil partner. I understand that on signing this document we will be forming a civil partnership with each other.

## Signing of Schedule and Commemorative Certificate

Both partners and witnesses to sign the schedule and commemorative certificate.

## Presentation of the Commemorative Certificate (optional)

..... and ..... you are now Partners in the eyes of the law and it is with great pleasure that I present you with a commemorative certificate to remind you of this day.

## Reading

Guests to stand.

## Concluding Words

Ladies and Gentlemen to close the ceremony I would like to say something to Partner 1 and Partner 2 and I am sure that these sentiments are echoed by all of us here today.

Everyday that you live, learn how to receive love with as much understanding as you give love. Find things within yourself, then you can share them with each other. Do not fear this love. Have an open heart and a sincere mind. Be constant and consistent in your love. From this will come security and strength.

Now that the ceremony is over and the experience of living day by day as legal partners is about to begin go and meet it gladly.

Ladies and gentlemen please join with me in offering your congratulations to ..... (Partner 1) and ..... (Partner 2) as they celebrate their partnership.

## Concluding Words 2

You have the choice of using words that you have written (which need to be approved by the Superintendent Registrar).

## Formal Exit

## Exchange of Tokens (optional)

The giving of a token signifies the promise of a love that is everlasting and is a public affirmation that the contract between ..... (Partner 1) and ..... (Partner 2) will be honoured.

### Token Option 1

..... (Partner 1) this (type of token given) is a token of my abiding love // and is an outward sign // of the promise I make to you today.

..... (Partner 2) this (type of token given) is a token of my abiding love // and is an outward sign // of the promise I make to you today.

### Token Option 2

Words that you have written (repeated for both partners). These need to be approved by the Superintendent Registrar.

## Reading



## Yes I'll Marry You

(Pam Ayres)

Yes I'll marry you, my dear,  
And here's the reason why;  
So I can push you out of bed  
When the baby starts to cry,  
And if we hear a knocking  
And it's creepy and it's late  
I hand you the torch you see,  
And you investigate

Yes I'll marry you, my dear  
You may not apprehend it  
But when the tumble drier goes  
It's you that has to mend it  
You have to face the neighbour  
Should our Labrador attack him  
And if a drunkard fondles me  
It's you that has to whack him

Yes, I'll marry you  
You're virile and you're lean,  
My house is like a pigsty  
You can help to keep it clean.  
That sexy little dinner  
Which you served by candlelight,  
As I do chipolatas,  
You can cook it every night

It's you who has to work the drill  
And put up curtain track,  
And when I've PMT it's you  
who gets the flak,  
I do see great advantages  
But none of them for you,  
And so before you see the light  
I do, I do, I do!

## Extract from Les Misérables

(Victor Hugo)

You can never give without loving, but  
you can never love without giving. The  
great acts of love are done by those  
who are habitually performing small  
acts of kindness.

We pardon to the extent that we love.  
Love is knowing that even when you  
are alone, you will never be lonely  
again. And great happiness of life is the  
conviction that we are loved.

Loved for ourselves.  
And even love in spite of ourselves.

## Readings

Ceremonies at our approved venues can be personalised with a verse or prose, a selection can be found over the next few pages. This may be read by you or one of your guests. Should you wish to choose a reading which is not found in this booklet, please send in a copy for approval by the Superintendent Registrar (within a month of the ceremony date) - note for legal reasons, no religious material may be used.

- suitable for a marriage ceremony
- suitable for a partnership ceremony
- suitable for a naming ceremony
- suitable for a renewal ceremony

## Apache Blessing

(Anon)

May the sun bring you new energy by day  
May the moon softly restore you by night  
May the rain wash away your worries  
And breeze blow new strength into your being  
And all the days of your life may you walk  
Gently through the world and know its beauty

## I Wish for You One Thing, and That is Love

(William Byrd)

I wish for you one thing, and that is love:  
Love for life, and pure, unfettered joy  
At being here upon this vivid earth.

May great pleasure come from giving pleasure,  
And love that streams out from your burning heart  
Light the darkened world and make it bloom.

I wish you to be loved both well and long  
By all those whom you love; that these be many,  
Among whom, not the least, might be yourself.

May you love the beautiful and good,  
And always act with honesty and justice,  
Being what you would that others be.

But most of all, I wish for you a love  
Into which your love might plunge and drown,  
An ocean in which you might live and breathe.

## A Mother's Wish

I hope my child looks back on today  
And sees a parent who had time to play.  
There will be years for cleaning and cooking  
But children grow up when you're not looking.  
So settle down, cobwebs; dust, go to sleep  
I'm cuddling my baby, and babies don't keep.

## Desiderata

(Max Ehrmann)

Go placidly amid the noise and haste and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly and listen to others, even the dull and ignorant, they too have their story.

Avoid loud and aggressive persons, they are vexations to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain and bitter, for there will always be greater and lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans.

Keep interested in your own career, however humble. It is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time. Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery. But, let this not blind you to what virtue there is. Many persons strive for high ideals and everywhere life is full of heroism.

Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love, for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment, it is as perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune, but do not distress yourself with imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness. Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself.

You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars. You have a right to be here. And, whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.

Therefore, whatever your labours and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace with your soul. With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be careful. Strive to be happy.

## Give Lavishly! Love Abundantly!

The more you give, the more you get,  
The more you laugh, the less you fret,  
The more you do unselfishly,  
The more you live abundantly...  
The more of everything you share  
The more you'll always have to spare –  
The more you love the more you'll find  
from day to day that life is good and friends are kind.....  
For only what we give away, enriches us.

## What is love?

Sooner or later we begin to understand that love is more than verses on valentines and romance in the movies. We begin to know that love is here and now, real and true, the most important thing in our lives. For love is the creator of our favourite memories and the foundation of our fondest dreams. Love is a promise that is always kept, a fortune that can never be spent, a seed that can flourish in even the most unlikely of places. And this radiance that never fades, this mysterious and magical joy, is the greatest treasure of all.

## Love is Giving

(Anon)

Love is giving, not taking,  
mending, not breaking,  
trusting, believing  
never deceiving,  
patiently bearing  
and faithfully sharing  
each joy, every sorrow,  
today and tomorrow.

Love is kind, understanding  
but never demanding.  
Love is constant, prevailing,  
it's strength never failing.  
A promise once spoken  
for all time unbroken,  
A lifetime together,  
Love's time is for ever.

## Where there is Love

(Helen Steiner-Rice)

Where there is love  
The heart is light,  
Where there is love  
The day is bright,  
Where there is love  
There is a song  
To help when things  
Are going wrong.  
Where there is love  
There is a smile  
To make all things  
Seem more worthwhile.

Where there is love  
There's quiet peace,  
A tranquil place –  
Love changes darkness  
Into light  
And makes the heart  
Take 'wingless flight'.  
Oh, blest are they  
Who walk in love.



# Readings

## Wedding Joys

(after Auden)

Ring all the bells, blow loud the horn,  
Allow the children to laugh and shout in the early morn.  
Play the flute and beat the drum,  
Bring out the couple, let all the celebration come.

Let skylarks soar, spiralling high overhead,  
Singing on the wind the message, They Are Wed.  
Scatter the confetti, petals fall where they stand,  
Toss high the posey to the happy clapping hands.

You are my North, my South, my East and West,  
My working week and my Sunday rest.  
My noon, my midnight, my talk, my song,  
I know love can be forever if deep and strong.

The stars are all wanted now, alight every one.  
Uncloak the Moon and raise high the Sun,  
Said across the wide oceans, run through the green woods,  
Enjoy the celebration, life has proved to be good.

## Sonnet 116

(William Shakespeare)

Let me not to the marriage of true minds  
Admit impediments, love is not love  
Which alters when it alteration finds,  
Or bends with the remover to remove.  
O no! It is an ever fixed mark,  
That looks on tempests and is never shaken;  
It is the star to every wandering bark,  
Whose worth's unknown, although his height be taken.  
Love's not Time fool, though rosy lips and cheeks  
Within his bending sickle's compass come,  
Love alters not with his brief hours and weeks,  
But bears it out even to the edge of doom:  
If this be error and upon me proved,  
I never writ, nor no man ever loved.

## Infant Joy

(William Blake)

'I have no name:  
I am but two days old.'  
What shall I call thee?  
'I happy am,  
Joy is my name.'  
Sweet Joy befall thee!

Pretty Joy!  
Sweet Joy, but two days old.  
Sweet Joy I call thee.  
Thou dost smile, I sing the while,  
Sweet Joy befall thee!

## The Question

(Karla Kuskin)

People always say to me  
"What do you think you'd like to be  
When you grow up?"  
And, I say "Why,  
I think I'd like to be the sky  
Or a plane or train or mouse  
Or maybe be a haunted house  
Or something furry, rough and wild...  
Or maybe I will stay a child."



## Arrival and Meeting the Registrar

On the day of your marriage it is necessary for you both to be interviewed immediately before your ceremony by the Registrars to check that all of the personal information which will be recorded in your marriage record is correct. This interview can take place with you both together or we will see you separately, you will have indicated your preference when you have returned the ceremony planner information to us beforehand.

It is extremely important that you and your guests arrive in plenty of time for the ceremony. It is very likely that your Registrars will have other ceremonies to attend on the same day as a result of which we are unable to delay the start of your ceremony. If your ceremony start time runs late and the Registrars are legitimately concerned that these delays may result in another couples ceremony running late, they have no option but to leave. To avoid any disappointment please ensure that you have allowed enough time to get ready and arrive at the venue calmly and promptly. The requirements of the Registrars override those of your photographer or videographer.

# On The Day

## Witnesses

The law requires that you bring along at least two other people to act as witnesses to your ceremony and they will be expected to be seated close to the front, where they can see what is happening during the ceremony and also hear clearly the words being spoken throughout the ceremony. Your witnesses can be friends, relatives or colleagues who are able to understand English and understand what is taking place before them.

## Number of Guests

In addition to your witnesses you may wish to invite family and friends to your celebration. Each ceremony room will be licensed for a particular number of guests and you must adhere to these numbers as these will be part of the fire regulations. If you know that you will be having small children at your ceremony you should consider what action you would like taken should a child become restless or upset during the ceremony. Please let your Registrars know of these arrangements so that they know what action if any you expect them or others to take.

## Recording the Event

We realise how very important your wedding album or video will be.

The full photography/videography policy features on page 32 and we ask that you ensure that your photographer or videographer is shown this in advance of the ceremony in order that they have an understanding of what is and is not permissible. We will work with your photographer and videographer in order to ensure that they are able to get good images and that these are obtained within the bounds of the policy.

## Interpreter

It is vital that you both as a couple fully understand the content of your ceremony and the legal statements which you will be making. Any language barriers will have been noted at the time you completed your legal preliminaries (notices of marriage or civil partnership) and you will have been asked to provide an interpreter if the Registrars felt that there was any possibility that one or both would not understand fully the words spoken in the ceremony. An interpreter can be one of your guests, it is preferable that they are not a relative, one party to the marriage cannot interpret for the other. The person acting as interpreter will be asked to repeat the words which are being spoken in your own language although your responses have to be made in English. An interpreter should provide photographic id and evidence of address to the registration officers and they will also be expected to sign as a witness.



# FAQ

## What if I make a mistake with my words in the ceremony or start to laugh or cry?

Please do not worry about any of these scenarios. Registrars are well practised, they are not there to make you feel embarrassed or look foolish, in the event that you forget your words, they will remind you, as for laughing or crying, your guests and sometimes your Registrar will probably join in!!

## Can we write our own vows?

There are certain words which have to be spoken during your ceremony, but we have no problem with you writing your own additional words, you will however have to submit them for approval by the Superintendent Registrar. Don't forget that you can't have words which are normally used in religious ceremonies or have religious connotations.

## What about my signature when I sign the register, do I use my new one?

The answer is a big fat NO. Use your normal signature in the name in which you are marrying or having a civil partnership, there is plenty of time after your ceremony to change your signature for your other business.

## Can we have a ceremony in our back garden?

The law requires that a legal marriage or civil partnership has to take place in a building licensed by the local authority for that purpose. In Shropshire our licenses last for 3 years and temporary licenses are not issued. There is nothing to stop you from having your legal ceremony and then having a celebratory ceremony like a renewal of vows at a venue which is not licensed for marriage or civil partnership.

## Can I change my name on my passport before the ceremony?

Yes, you can apply to change your name on your passport up to 3 months prior to the date of your ceremony. You will need a form PD2 which you can get from your post office or which you can download from [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk). Once you have this form please follow the instructions. You will need to submit it to the Superintendent Registrar who will be conducting the ceremony for completion. Please remember that you will need to be certain that your passport has the name on it in which your holiday arrangements have been made, if they are different you may be refused the right to board an aircraft or refused entry into another country.

## Can we write our own ceremony?

Yes, providing all of the prescribed elements are included, for help with this please contact the Superintendent Registrar.

## Can our guests sing a song as part of the ceremony?

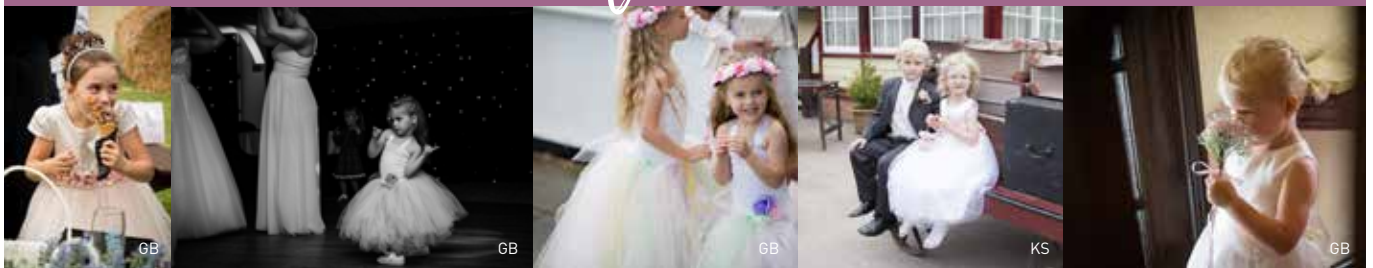
Yes, no problem as long as it is not a Hymn and it has been approved by the Superintendent Registrar beforehand as being suitable.





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## Re-Registration



The law requires that a child's birth will have to be registered again when the natural parents enter into a marriage or civil partnership after the birth of their child.

This procedure is known as re-registration.

There are only two ways in which a birth can be re-registered the way described above and where a couple have not been married but no father's details were entered into the original birth registration and subsequently the couple wish to include these.

After marriage the parents of the child need to fill in a form LA1 which is available from your local registrars or by visiting [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) and downloading a copy.

Once the form has been completed and signed you should take or send it via the post to your local registrar's office including your marriage certificate and the birth certificate of your child.

For more than one child you will need to complete a form for each child. You should then wait to be contacted by your local registration service who will invite one of you in to complete the details for the new birth record.

If the original birth was registered elsewhere in England or Wales you can still give the information to your local registrars who will then pass on the details to the office who hold the original birth entry. Any certificates issued after your child has been re-registered will be issued from the new entry. If you were married abroad this process may vary so before doing anything please make contact with your local register office.

After civil partnership, this process is different, the General Register Office authorises all re-registrations of children born to same sex couples, and you will need to call and speak to them on 0300 123 1837 (option 1) to begin the process.



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## Renewal of Vows

### Why renew your vows?

There are many reasons why couples choose to hold a renewal of vows ceremony, here are just a few:

Those who have married abroad, choose to have a renewal of vows ceremony in order that they can share their experience and joy with their family and friends who were not present at their marriage ceremony.

Couples who are nearing a milestone anniversary choose these ceremonies to renew their vows to each other and celebrate their special day with family and friends.

Couples who have suffered some difficulties and have overcome these choose to renew their commitment to each other and seek to strengthen their bonds either privately or with close family and friends.

Couples who may not have been in a position to have an extravagant day when they had their marriage or civil partnership, choose to do it all again in style.

Family members also arrange these ceremonies as a surprise for their loved ones to mark some special milestone, or if you know someone close to you and you want to help them celebrate a wonderful occasion, there is no better way to celebrate that special anniversary than by having the happy couple renew their treasured marriage vows before having a great party.

These ceremonies follow a similar format to a marriage ceremony and are tailored to meet the individual circumstances of the couple. Couples can choose to include readings and music, exchange new rings or their original ones, include children or other family members. To assist you we have included some readings and poems which have featured in ceremonies on the previous pages in this publication.

A commemorative certificate is signed at the ceremony and there are a range of other commemorative certificates which can be purchased to mark the occasion. It is also possible to purchase invitations and confetti in advance from the Registration Service.

Ceremonies can be held at any of ceremony rooms around the County and in any of the approved venues, it may be possible to hold them in other venues subject to additional costs and suitable risk assessment.

A non returnable deposit is taken on booking.  
Bookings can be made up to 2 years in advance.

Bookings can be made by calling 0345 678 9016, by email, [registrars@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:registrars@shropshire.gov.uk) and will shortly be able to be made on the internet, by visiting [www.shropshire.gov.uk](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk)



Our

See overleaf for our featured venues

Venues





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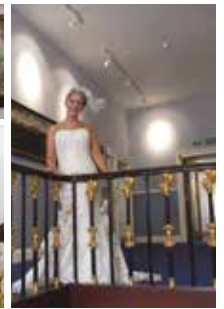
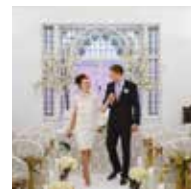
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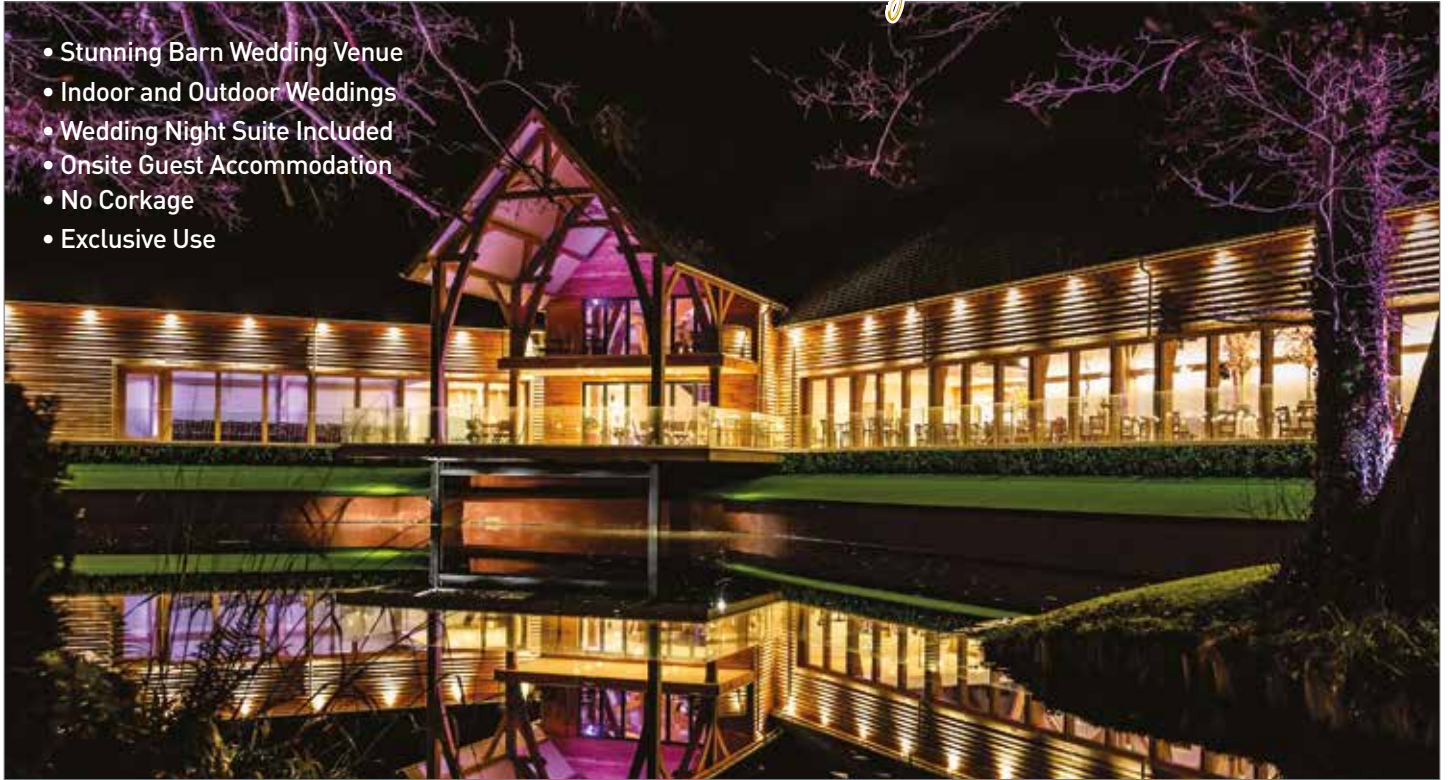


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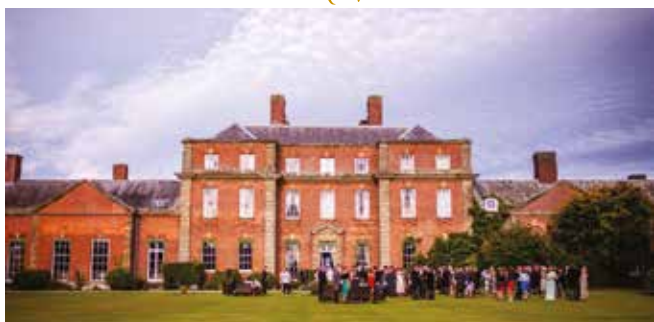
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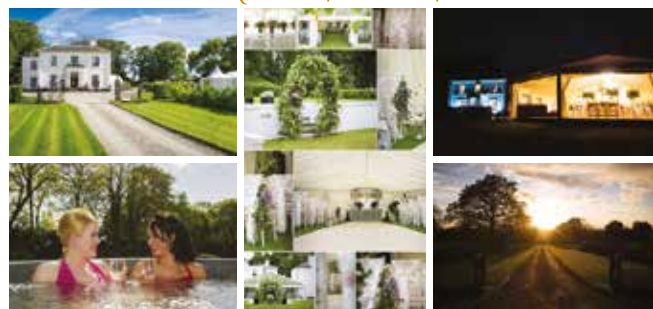
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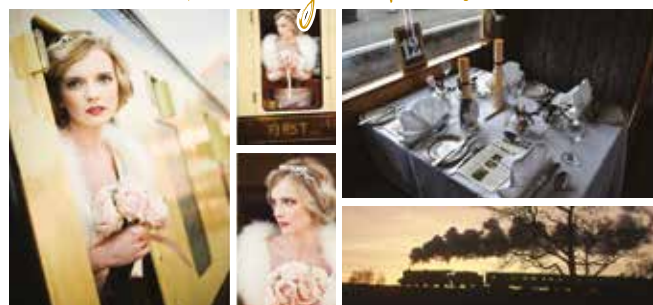
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Being incredibly passionate about wedding photography, our goal is to capture your day in an enjoyable, stress-free manner that will tell your story for decades to come.

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## Photo and video policy for Marriage and Civil Partnership Ceremonies



# Your Day

**Subject to the assurance that any photography or videography will not intrude into the fabric of the ceremony or compromise the dignity or the legality in anyway, we will permit the following:**

### Photography

Photographs of the entrance of both or either of the parties in to the ceremony room, by the professional photographer and all guests.

Candid photography without the use of a flash throughout the ceremony; by the professional photographer or by a chosen family member or friend.

Photographs of the couple and their witnesses and or other family members participating in a mock signing of the Register/Schedule at the end of the ceremony. Where a professional photographer has been employed family and friends may photograph when he/she has finished.

Photographs of the couple leaving the ceremony room, by the professional photographer and all guests.

#### **We request that:**

Photographs during the ceremony are taken from the back or side of the ceremony room.

That the photographer does not move around the room indiscreetly whilst the ceremony is in progress.

Any individual requirements are discussed with the Registration staff first to ensure that there are no misunderstandings.

#### **We will not allow:**

Photographs of the contents of the marriage Register or Schedule.

Posed photographs during the actual signing of the Register or Schedule.

Any photography that will intrude in the actual Marriage or Civil Partnership ceremony itself.

### Video

A maximum number of three video cameras recording from the front/side of the room at any ceremony.

Unlimited informal video by seated guests.

The filming of the marriage ceremony in its entirety.

The positioning of the video camera and its operator in a very good vantage point to maximise the quality of the film taken.

The placing of discreet microphones on the ceremony table or in such a position that allows sound to be recorded to enhance the film.

#### **We request that:**

Any filming done during the ceremony is done sympathetically, does not intrude nor restrict either the smooth running of the ceremony itself or compromise the Registration staff in attendance.

That persons using video cameras do not move around the room indiscreetly whilst the ceremony is in progress.

Any individual requirements are discussed with the Registration staff first to ensure that there are no misunderstandings.

#### **We will not allow:**

The use of arc lights or any other heavy duty lighting that may be distracting for the couple or the celebrant.

The filming of the contents of the Register or Schedule.

The filming of the actual signing of the Register or Schedule.

The use of the mains electricity supply where the ceremony takes place in either the Register Office or one of the local authority ceremony rooms in the district.

The video or videographer to be intrusive or restrictive during the ceremony.



# Approved civil ceremony venues

## CENTRAL AREA

Abel's Harp Bromlow Minsterley Shrewsbury SY5 0EA 01743 892873	Leighton Hall Leighton SY5 6RN 01952 211466	Mytton & Mermaid Hotel Atcham Shrewsbury SY5 6QG 01743 761220	Shrewsbury Castle Shrewsbury SY1 2AT 01743 358516	The Lion Hotel Wyle Cop Shrewsbury SY1 1UY 01743 353107
Adcote Hall Adcote Little Ness Shrewsbury SY4 2JY 01939 262921	Lord Hill Hotel Abbey Foregate Shrewsbury SY2 6AX 01743 232601	Netley Hall Dorrington Shrewsbury SY5 7JZ 01743 718339	Shrewsbury Town Football Club Oteley Road Shrewsbury SY2 6ST 01743 289177	The Music Hall Shrewsbury Museum & Art Gallery The Square Shrewsbury SY1 1LH 01743 258885
Albright Hussey Manor Hotel Ellesmere Road Shrewsbury SY4 3AF 01939 290571	Mecure Albrighton Hall Hotel Albrighton Shrewsbury SY4 3AG 01939 291000	Pimhill Barn Lea Hall Harmer Hill Shrewsbury SY4 3DY 01939 291310	Stanford Farm Halfway House Shrewsbury SY5 9DW 01743 885342	The Shirehall Abbey Foregate Shrewsbury SY2 6ND 0345 678 9016
Four Crosses Holyhead Road Bicton Shrewsbury SY3 8EF 01743 850258	Morrells Wood Farm Leighton Shrewsbury SY5 6RU 01952 510273	Rowton Castle Halfway House Shrewsbury SY5 9EP 01743 884044	The Buttermarket Howard Street Shrewsbury SY1 2LF 01743 281750	The Wroxeter Hotel Wroxeter Shrewsbury SY5 6PH 01743 761256

## SOUTH AREA

Bishop's Castle Town Hall High Street Bishop's Castle SY9 5BG 01588 630023	Fishmore Hall Fishmore Road Ludlow SY8 3DP 01584 875148	Ludlow Library & Museum Resource Centre 7-9 Parkway Ludlow SY8 2PG 0345 678 9016	The Castle Hall West Castle Street Bridgnorth WV16 4AB 01746 762231	Walcot Hall Lydbury North SY7 8AZ 01588 680570
Bridgnorth Library Listley Street Bridgnorth WV16 4AW 0345 678 9016	Haughton Hall Haughton Lane Shifnal TF11 8HG 01952 468300	Ludlow Mascall Centre Lower Galdeford Ludlow SY8 1RZ 01584 873882	The Engine House Station Road Highley WV16 6NZ 01746 862387	Wilderhope Manor YHA Longville in the Dale Much Wenlock TF13 6EG 01694 771363
Bridgnorth Town Hall High Street Bridgnorth WV16 5DX 01746 762231	Henley Hall Henley Ludlow SY8 3HD 01584 875328	Kinlet Hall Kinlet Bewdley DY12 3AY 01299 841285	The Mill Barns Allum Bridge Alveley Bridgnorth WV15 6HL 01746 781041	Ye Olde Punchbowl Inn Ludlow Road Bridgnorth WV16 5NQ 01746 763304
Davenport House Worfield Bridgnorth WV15 5LE 01746 716221	Hundred House Hotel Bridgnorth Road Norton Shifnal TF11 9EE 01952 580240	Near Gatten Farm Ratlinghope Shrewsbury SY5 0SN 07828 785219	The Old Vicarage Hotel Worfield Bridgnorth WV15 5JZ 01746 716497	
Delbury Hall Diddlebury Craven Arms SY7 9DH 01584 841267	Ludlow Castle The Beacon Rooms Castle Square Ludlow SY8 1AY 01584 873355	Rudge Hall Rudge Road Pattingham WV6 7EA 01902 701290	The Park House Hotel Park Street Shifnal TF11 9BA 01952 460128	

## NORTH AREA

Barnutopia Tanycoed Farm Llansilin Oswestry SY10 9BS 01691 791624	Hawkstone Park Weston-under-Redcastle Shrewsbury SY4 5UY 01948 841700	Lion Quays Hotel & Spa Moreton Oswestry SY11 3EN 01691 684300	Sweeney Hall Hotel Morda Oswestry SY10 9EU 01691 652450	Weston Pools Fishing Village Weston Lane Oswestry SY10 9ER 01691 671812
Community Hub Library Castle View Arthur Street Oswestry SY11 1JR 0345 678 9016	Hill Valley Hotel Tarporley Road Whitchurch SY13 4JH 0344 879 9049	Moreton Hall Weston Rhyn Oswestry SY11 3EW 01691 773671	Tern Hill Hall Hotel Tern Hill Market Drayton TF9 3PU 01630 638310	Whitchurch Library High Street Whitchurch SY13 1AX 01948 662238
Ellesmere College Ellesmere SY12 9AB 01691 622321	Lilleshall National Sports & Conferencing Centre Lilleshall Newport TF10 9AT 01952 603003	Shooters Hill Hall Shrewsbury SY4 5PP 01939 220675	The Old Rectory Hotel Lowe Hill Road Wern SY4 5UA 01939 233233	Whittington Castle Castle Street Whittington Oswestry SY11 4DF 01691 662500
Goldstone Hall Goldstone Market Drayton TF9 2NA 01630 661202		Soulton Hall Nr Wern Shrewsbury SY4 5RS 01939 232786	The Navigation Inn Maesbury Marsh Oswestry SY10 8JB 01691 672958	Wynnstay Hotel & Spa Church Street Oswestry SY11 2SZ 01691 655261



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**British Citizenship Ceremonies**

**Ceremony Planning**

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## Registration Service Points

Shropshire Registrars currently have offices in the following towns:

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Ceremonies can be conducted in local authority ceremony rooms, seating up to 35 people.

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