



Plush Manor - Wedding FAQ

Plush Manor is an unforgettable place to celebrate your wedding day with friends and family.

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CEREMONY

What are the options for a wedding ceremony at Plush Manor?

Plush Manor is licensed for civil ceremonies in two locations:

The Drawing Room is an elegant space for a ceremony with up to 20 guests. French doors open onto the kitchen courtyard, and the windows look out over the garden.

The Folly is a beautiful 17th century dove house, with a small pond in front and romantic borders on either side – the long sweeping lawn towards the folly creates the perfect entrance for the bride. This can accommodate up to 120 guests, depending on how you choose guests to sit or stand.

You may of course choose any part of the gardens and grounds for a wedding blessing, if you're not having a civil ceremony.

What do I need to do to arrange a civil ceremony at Plush Manor?

To apply for a civil ceremony, you will need to contact the Dorchester registry office at the West Dorset District Council - all the information you need is here. You may also need to inform your local council.

Can I get married in the Church?

As the church is deconsecrated, couples cannot get married in the church, but it is a fantastic and flexible venue for readings and music, and dinner and dancing as part of your reception.

How many people can I have for a ceremony at Plush?

The drawing room can have parties of up to 20, the folly groups of up to 120.

Is there power in the folly for my ceremony?

There is no power in the folly, but you could organise an extension lead to run from the courtyard if required.

Can we use confetti?

You may use dried petals or flowers as confetti or anything biodegradable, but no plastic, paper or rice please.

RECEPTION

What are the options for my wedding reception at Plush Manor?

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The landscaped gardens offer many options for your reception and party, from large marquees and bell tents on the main lawn, to intimate chill out areas.

The main options for marquees and tents:

- The main lawn (space for up to 120)
- The kitchen courtyard (smaller tent for up to 40)
- The rosemary garden (tent for up to 70)

The Church serves as a unique and spectacular setting for celebrations, accommodating groups up to 120 people (110 for dinner). Just a short walk across the gardens from the house, it is framed by yew trees and the sweeping hills of an untouched Dorset valley.

Converted into a flexible space that can host dinners, DJs, bands and dancing, it even has a pulpit you can use for wedding speeches! Outdoor fire pits, tents and bars can also be set up in front of the church for added festivities.

Can I decorate the church?

Yes, you may decorate the church to tailor it for your wedding, provided decorations do not damage the walls, windows or paintwork.

How big is the church?

- The church is approximately 7m by 13m
- The stage is approximately 4m by 4m

What time can weddings go on until?

Weddings can go on until 1am, which is our strict cut off point. We ask that any taxis and transport arrive by 1am with guests ready to leave then, to manage noise and traffic through the village.

Can I bring a band or DJ, and are there any noise limitations?

You can certainly bring a band and/ or DJ. We ask that the volume - and the bass in particular - are not played at full volume to manage noise within the village.

CATERING & BAR

Do I need to work with one of your preferred caterers?

No - we are happy to recommend caterers who have previously worked with us at Plush Manor, but you are very welcome to bring your own preferred caterer for your wedding.

Can I bring my own alcohol and is there a corkage fee?

You can bring your own alcohol, and we do not charge a corkage fee.

Can I have a paid bar?

Please discuss this with us directly, if this is a requirement.

Can I have a bar inside the church?

While wine and drinks can be served in the church during lunch or dinner, we ask that all bars are set up immediately in front of the church and not inside the church itself. We recommend a small capri style marquee and seating/ chill out area and find that this works well.

Do you provide tables and chairs?

We do not provide tables and chairs, but your marquee company or caterer will be able to advise.

FACILITIES**Do you provide toilets?**

No - toilets will need to be organised and brought in for every wedding. Only those guests staying in the Manor may use the toilets there - I'm afraid we restrict this as we cannot accommodate all wedding guests.

We recommend using DP Marquees who can also provide loos, or Dorset-based VIP Toilet Hire.

What power is provided, and what will I need to organise?

There are several sockets in the front and back of the church; and two sockets outside the church.

If you require catering by the church, you will need to organise a generator to provide sufficient power, and we recommend that this is situated in the arena. This can be organised via your marquee company.

What lighting is provided and what will I need to bring in?

Basic lighting is provided in the Church, and along the driveway. You will need to bring in additional lighting for your reception at night, both for the church and for outside - we recommend talking to your marquee company who should be able to supply this and run this off a central generator.

Is there heating in the Church?

There is some basic heating in the Church, but for winter weddings, you will need to bring in additional heating. Your marquee company should be able to advise.

Are there chairs that we can use for a ceremony or reception?

We can provide up to 20 folding wooden chairs for your ceremony. Additional tables and chairs for the ceremony, dinner and receptions will need to be brought in as we do not provide those.

What other facilities do you provide for weddings at Plush?

We can also provide the following if needed:

- 8 flares leading from the gardens to the church
- A small fire pit outside the church

How many cars can park at Plush Manor?

Parking in paddock by the house for around 25-30 cars, with additional parking for 15 cars in the arena, and 5 by the house.

Do you have ladders we can use?

We have an step ladder that you can use, although this is done at your own risk!

Can you recommend any local B&Bs or hotels for guests?

Yes. The Brace of Pheasants pub and B&B in Plush has 8 lovely B&B rooms. There are additional B&Bs and hotels in Piddletrenthide, Piddlehinton and Cerne Abbas close by.

Are there any restrictions at Plush Manor for my wedding?

For environmental reasons, we do not allow Chinese lanterns to be set off.

We do not allow pets at weddings in Plush Manor.

Ash trays will need to be provided for smokers, and please make sure that smokers do not leave cigarette butts in the gardens and on the lawns.

Please leave the house, gardens and grounds as you find them.

We also ask that all noise after 11pm outside the Church and in the gardens is controlled, for the sake of our neighbours in the village.

Finally, the Manor itself is only for those staying at the Manor throughout the wedding weekend. We do not allow wedding guests who are not staying in the house to be there on the night of the wedding itself.