

Wedding Ceremonies at Papplewick Pumping Station



The Venue

Set in tranquil countryside Papplewick Pumping Station is one of Europe's great Industrial Monuments and a shining example of Victorian engineering that will provide a unique setting to your wedding ceremony.

The Pumping Station has been a wedding venue since 2009 and hosts an average of fourteen weddings a year between April and mid October. We are a seasonal venue and do not take bookings for winter ceremonies, nor can we accept bookings for Bank Holiday weekends as this is when we are in steam for the general public.

For the ceremony, most couples choose the wonderfully ornate Engine House but if required you may hire the smaller Tarbotton Room located within the Superintendent's House as an alternative location.

The Engine House can seat 30 people plus the wedding couple and two registrars on the mezzanine floor where the ceremony will be conducted; an additional 6-7 people can stand either side of the seated guests and a further 40 guests can stand below on the Engine floor. Alternatively you can opt for an all standing ceremony which allows for increased capacity on the mezzanine (max. 50). For comfort and safety our maximum guest limit is 80 people over both floors of the Engine House.

The Tarbotton Room is our smallest room and can seat approximately 12 people. It is also wheel chair accessible.

The grounds and architectural splendour of the Pumping Station can be used as a stunning backdrop for photographs, especially the Engine House both inside and out, the Par Terre lawn and the Cooling Pond.

Ceremony package

The full hire of the site for your wedding ceremony comprises the use of:

- The Engine House or Tarbotton Room,
- Exclusive two hour use of the grounds and Engine House for photographs,
- Seating with cream chair covers & ceremony table,
- Provision of disposable 125ml champagne flutes,
- Serving of beverages to your guests.

The full cost for the ceremony package is **£950**. A deposit of £475 is required to confirm your booking. Payment can be via BACS or by cheque [payable to Papplewick Pumping Station Trust](#).

Optional extras

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| - Hire of cream chair bows | £35 + VAT |
| - Hire of drinks marquee for serving beverages, canapés etc.* | £185 + VAT |

*Note: food & drink not included. The marquee is available between May & early October only.

Ceremony & Registrar

Papplewick Pumping Station is licensed only for civil non-religious ceremonies. Any music, reading, words or performance that forms any part of the ceremony must be secular. The content of the ceremony must be agreed in advance with the Registrars who will attend the ceremony.

Should you decide on Papplewick Pumping Station as your wedding venue, you should contact the *NCC Registration Service* at the earliest opportunity to discuss the legal requirements and book a Registrar to conduct the ceremony.
Tel: **0300 5008080**.

Payment for the Registrar is not included in the Pumping Station hire fee.

Some important notes

Papplewick Pumping Station is a Scheduled Ancient Monument, the highest preservation order that can be bestowed upon a building in England. The scheduling exists to protect the site and buildings for future generations and as a consequence there are certain things you must take into account when planning your wedding:

1. The flooring in some parts of the Engine House and other areas is slightly uneven; please ensure your guests are aware of this.
2. The staircase to the Packing Flat floor has patterned steps which are not suitable for certain high heeled shoes.
3. The stairs leading to the Engine House and the Superintendent's House porches do not have banisters and there is no lift access into the Engine House. Please ensure all your guests are aware of this.
4. Oil. Although we try to remove as much oil as possible, the beam engines are working museum objects. Guests must be made aware of this and are advised not to lean against the engines, exposed pump rods or handrails. Guests enter the Engine House at their own risk.

*** Please note: It is your responsibility to ensure your guests are aware of all of the above, especially section 4. The Pumping Station will accept no responsibility for damaged clothing or footwear.**

Receptions

The grounds of the Pumping Station are now also available to hire should you wish to arrange your own wedding reception. A combined ceremony and reception ground hire at Papplewick Pumping Station is £1,750. Please contact the Museum Director for further details.

Location & Parking

Papplewick Pumping Station is located on Rigg Lane just off the A60 between Nottingham and Ravenshead and is within easy reach of Junction 27 of the M1. The Station's postcode is NG15 9AJ.

There are also several brown tourist signs in the area to help direct you to the venue.

Please note that the Pumping Station is not located in Papplewick Village!

We are able to discreetly accommodate the vehicles of wedding guests on site but if necessary we do have our main car park available across the road from the Pumping Station.

With regard to wedding cars and other specialist vehicles, our main gates are able to accommodate various modes of transport and can easily accept vintage Charabangs and Routemaster buses.

For further information & booking

Terms and conditions of hire are enclosed with this information. Should you be interested in holding your wedding ceremony at Papplewick Pumping Station, it is recommended that you contact us as soon as possible to arrange an appointment to visit the venue:

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