



BLACKTON GRANGE ESTATE

A space to let your
imagination run free

A guide to your wedding



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INTRODUCTION

Exclusive, unique and entirely your own. Welcome to County Durham's newest wedding venue - Blackton Grange Estate.

Make your celebrations as unique as you are. No packages, no corkage and 100% flexibility.

Set within 11 acres of Designated Dark Skies wilderness, in the heart of an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, your dream venue just landed.

After searching high & low for our own wedding venues a few years ago, we realised in most places you are committed to having food you probably wouldn't choose if you really had the freedom to do so, OR, you find the perfect meal options only to find out it's going to break the bank. The "bring your own bottles" element you are so excited to have found actually leaves you paying an extortionate fee for "corkage" when you are quite capable of opening a bottle yourself!

These, among some other reasons, are what have inspired us to offer a new "dry hire" approach to weddings at Blackton Grange Estate & really allow you the freedom to do as you wish.

We want to say a huge Congratulations on such a lovely time in your lives & happy planning

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OUR APPROACH

At Blackton Grange Estate, we want you to make the most of this exciting time. With that in mind, if you choose to book the accommodation package, we won't kick you out the next day to get ready for another wedding, instead you have exclusive access to the whole estate for 2 or 3 nights (depending on the option you choose). This includes the 8 bedroom luxury Farmhouse which sleeps 18 guests, the wedding barn and access to the surrounding land where you can have your perfect photographs taken.

There is also the option for barn only hire if you do not require a prolonged celebration or accommodation onsite.

We are fully licensed to hold wedding ceremonies in our purposefully renovated barn where we have designated spaces for the ceremony, drinks reception, wedding breakfast and party. However, as much as we have planned these spaces with certain things in mind, you can use the space as you see fit for your wedding / celebrations.

Our approach means we provide the space & you bring your ideas to life. You are free to choose whichever caterers tickle your fancy & whatever tipples you desire. You can choose to hire a quirky bar or simply provide your own drinks to keep cool in the fridges provided (no corkage charge in sight.)

The barn can accommodate a ceremony with up to 70 guests, seating 70 for a meal & evening party for up to 90. You can choose to have the whole celebration in the barn or spill out into the grounds of Blackton Grange Estate, it really is up to you.

We want you to have full creative freedom & for your wedding dreams to become reality at Blackton Grange. With that in mind, we supply information of recommended suppliers which you can find later in this brochure. We are also just an email or phone call away for any questions, queries or second opinions.

Please note, we are offering a DIY style venue however, included with the hire is a dedicated Wedding Co-ordinator who will be on hand for all things planning & who will blend in seamlessly on the event itself to ensure everything runs as smoothly as possible.

THE DETAILS

With our 2 and 3 night package option, you can get married at Blackton Grange on a Saturday or Wednesday between the months of March & December. You are free to do whatever you wish on the days & evenings leading up to & following your ceremony. This applies to both the barn & the farmhouse, however we do ask that the number of people in the farmhouse does not exceed 22 at any time (overnight capacity is 18).

The Farmhouse accommodation hire is for the evening before your ceremony and the day of. If choosing the 3 night package, the accommodation hire is the evening before, the evening of and the evening following your ceremony.

We have a whole host of concierge services available for guests such as a private chef if, for example, you would like a family meal the evening before your big day. All of this information will be provided upon booking.

A 2 or 3 DAY CELEBRATION

ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE - SATURDAY CEREMONY

For a Saturday wedding, you can arrive from 12pm on the Friday to access the barn to begin putting your touches on the space.

Access to the Farmhouse will be available from 3pm. Check out is 12pm on the day of departure.

ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE - WEDNESDAY CEREMONY (2 night package only)

For a Wednesday wedding, you can arrive from 12pm on the Tuesday to access the barn to begin putting your touches on the space.

Access to the Farmhouse will be available from 4pm. Check out is 12pm on the Thursday following your wedding.

BARN HIRE ONLY

This option is available for a Saturday or Wednesday ceremony only. The barn only option is for couples just looking to hire the celebration barn for their special day without access to the farmhouse & accommodation.

On occasion, we can be flexible with barn hire so please get in touch if you plan to have your ceremony on a different day & we will try our best to accommodate.

ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE

Access to the barn will be available from 7am the day of your ceremony to put your personal touches on the space. Celebrations finish at 11pm the day of your ceremony with the barn and site cleared no later than noon the following day.

THE DETAILS

SUPPLIERS

For both the 2 & 3 night hire options, suppliers can arrive from 12pm the day before your ceremony. There will be a staff member there to greet them & show them to the appropriate area if needed. If choosing the barn only option, suppliers can arrive from 8am the day of your ceremony.

THE SPACE

The barn is a stunning canvas for your wedding with great spaces that we have zoned for particular activities throughout the day. You have the main barn area which tends to be where the ceremony takes place, the enclosed conservatory (typically for the wedding breakfast) the snug / drinks area as well as the vast outside space. It really is a beautiful blank canvas for you to use as you see fit however, the example usage above is how we feel works best to create the best flow to your day.

FOOD & DRINKS

There are no food and drinks packages at Blackton Grange. You can choose whichever caterers you fancy but they must be suitably insured & fully self-contained. As for drinks, you can choose to bring your own and keep them cool in the fridges provided. We don't charge any corkage fees for this option. If you choose to hire a mobile bar, again, we will need to see they are suitably insured and self-contained. Please refer to our suppliers page if you are looking for some recommendations and ideas.

MUSIC & SOUND

The music of course is your choice, DJ, band or do it yourself with your own playlist. All we ask is that any amplified music is reduced at 11pm but the party can continue until 12am. No music can be played outside the barn at anytime with the exception of "ceremony music" if you choose to get married outdoors.

FACILITIES

In the wedding barn, there are male and female toilets as well as an accessible toilet for guest use throughout the day & evening. Tables and chairs are provided for both your ceremony and wedding breakfast.

We provide a "bar" area with two fridges to use as you see fit.

There is also an integrated speaker system.

GOOD TO KNOW

We do not provide any glassware or crockery. This is up to you to organise. You can either buy your own (some guests have opted for plastic or paper cups too) or use a hire company if you do require this service. However, if choosing a bar service from our suppliers list, glassware is provided by them.

The chef option also provides crockery for your meal service.

THE CLEAR UP

The site (both barn & land) are to be fully cleared from any waste no later than the time of check out.

There are bins provided for this (located at the main entrance when entering the reservoir). If the site fails to be cleared & left in reasonable condition, we reserve the right to withhold your security deposit.

If choosing to hire the barn only, you have until 12pm the day following your ceremony to ensure the site is fully cleared.

THE DETAILS

SECURING YOUR DATE

A 25% deposit along with a written agreement of our terms & conditions document is required in order to secure your date. Your final balance is due 12 weeks prior to your wedding date or immediately if your chosen date is 12 weeks or less. An additional security deposit of £1,000 is also required 1 week before your arrival date. This deposit is fully refundable upon leaving the site in a satisfactory condition and should reach your account no longer than 7 days after departure. The monies (including deposits & final payments) will be taken in the form of a bank transfer to which you will receive written confirmation once it's received into our account.

CANCELLATION

In the event of the Client cancelling, any deposit that has been paid will not be returned to the Client by Blackton Grange Estate.

If the Client cancels within the 12 week period prior to the event, the full amount will not be refunded.

INSURANCE

It is strongly advised that any couples booking a wedding take out Wedding Insurance for as little as £20.00. It is well worth the money and covers lots of unfortunate and unexpected eventualities. Comparison websites offer a wide choice of insurance providers.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- There is CCTV in operation outside of the barn and the farmhouse. This is for security and insurance purposes.
- It is your personal choice if you would like to charge out the cost of the Farmhouse accommodation between your guests however, we require full payment directly from the person booking the estate.
- The hire contract is between Blackton Grange Estate and the wedding couple.
- Nothing from the main house can be moved to the barn & used during your wedding. This includes but is not limited to, blankets, towels, glasses, cutlery, seating etc.
- No fireworks are permitted anywhere on the premises due to us being in close proximity to protected species.
- No additional structures are to be erected anywhere within the grounds.
- At the earliest opportunity, couples must make a provisional booking with the Superintendent Registrar of Durham County Council as soon as the booking with Blackton Grange is made. The booking with BG will not be fully confirmed for a ceremony until he/she has received notice from the Superintendent Registrar that he/she can attend to conduct the ceremony on that particular day.
- There is also an additional charge for conducting your ceremony made payable to Durham County Council. More information can be found here:
<https://www.durham.gov.uk/article/22655/Ceremony-fees>.

PRICING

The pricing package for both 2 & 3 night options includes hire of the 8 bedroom luxury home, the wedding barn & surrounding 11 acres for the duration of 2 or 3 nights.

Included in the barn hire is seating for your ceremony, tables & chairs for your wedding breakfast, two drinks fridge, simple lighting, electricity & toilets.

3 night wedding celebration

March- December

Weekend (Saturday ceremony only)

£9,250

2 night wedding celebration

March - December

Saturday ceremony

£8,250

2 night wedding celebration

March - December

Wednesday ceremony

£5,750

Barn Hire only

(Saturday or Wednesday only)

March - December

Saturday - £5,000

Wednesday - £3,500

Additional Night Hire

Add an extra nights accommodation to any 2 or 3 night wedding package for £795

The additional night hire refers to the house accommodation only. Access to the barn remains as per your chosen package stipulations.

*Please note, we do not host weddings in the months of January and February and the beginning of March due to possible adverse weather conditions

*Please note, all charges may be subject to an increase of no more than 10% (2025) 12.4% (2026)

RECOMMENDED SUPPLIERS

We have searched high & low to find the best local businesses to help make your occasion that extra bit special. Please be assured with any of these suppliers you will be in safe & professional hands.

FURNITURE & ENTERTAINMENT

BOUTIQUE EVENT HIRE

www.boutiqueeventhire.co.uk

Boutique Event Hire offers complete event planning services and event solutions & pride themselves in creating bespoke packages for any and all events, small or large. Whether you need pop-up bars or food traders or even simply some benches and chairs, they have you covered to ensure your event is unique.

The dedicated team will walk you through all of the options available that best meet your needs. From Tipi's to rent, to lighting, sound systems & entertainment, this company provides it all. With more than 26 years of experience in event catering, bars and party design, the team at Boutique Event Hire have become well-known for planning and executing outstanding events. They work with the best suppliers to cover all elements required, so if they don't have a item, they know the people that do.

Their experienced event planning team is well-equipped to deliver a flawless and charming wedding that will be sure to impress all.

VENUE DECORATOR & PROP HIRE

FEATHER AND FERN EVENT HIRE

www.featherandferneventhire.co.uk

Affordable, luxury wedding décor hire for across the North East.

Amie is a self-confessed DIY fanatic, and since 2019 she has been hand-making bespoke and unique wedding décor to help bridge the gap between budget and high end, creating those Pinterest worthy weddings whilst sticking to affordable budgets. Amie offers everything from macramé arch ways to donut walls, antique doors to prosecco walls as well as the smaller touches such as chair sashes & centre pieces. All she asks is for a minimum spend of £140 & packages are also offered to help make your Pinterest wedding dream even more affordable.

WEDDING CO-ORDINATOR

LUSH WEDDINGS AND EVENTS

www.lushweddings.co.uk

Lush Weddings & Events is an innovative full-service wedding planning company. They deliver luxurious and contemporary wedding design and event management services around the North East. With over eight years of experience, they have established an impressive network of suppliers and vendors that are as passionate as they are about creating lasting memories for their clients. Together they can offer a broad range of event services and wedding packages, including full and partial planning, on-the-day coordination, full concept style, and floral design.

RECOMMENDED SUPPLIERS

A FLORIST WITH A DIFFERENCE

Wild & Wonderful Wedding Flowers Grown in the Heart of Teesdale

PINKS FLOWER FARM

Tel: 07796 890467

www.pinksflowerfarm.co.uk

heidi@pinksflowerfarm.co.uk

Just a few miles from Blackton Grange Estate, nestled in the heart of the Teesdale countryside, is Pink's Flower Farm – a haven for beautiful, fragrant British blooms, all sustainably nurtured from seed, raised with love and available for a select number of weddings each year.

If you're looking for flowers and foliage that reflect you and your wedding day dreams, Pink's can make it happen. Think thoughtful colour combinations and blooming natural beauty, curated especially for you by a friendly family team.

However small and intimate or grand and opulent your plans, however fixed or fluid your ideas, and whether you would like to do everything yourself or have it all taken care of, Heidi would be delighted to work with you.

Pink's will help you match ideas with seasonally available fresh or dried blooms, so that your wedding flowers make you happy – not just on the day but each time you look at your photos for years to come.

What they Offer:

- 1.All In ~ Pink's will take the strain and create and deliver all that you need, from bouquets and buttonholes to ceremony and venue flowers and more.
- 2.Let's Share ~ let Pink's do the more complex floral pieces whilst you enjoy the fun, freedom and creativity of using cut flowers however and wherever you wish.
- 3.All Yours ~ Pink's will cut and deliver colour co-ordinated blooms and foliage and then it's over to you and your team of helpers to arrange things just the way you want.

"Because you and your floral requirements are unique, each wedding is quoted individually. It is a huge help to have an indication of your budget, which we use as a guideline to give you what you want, not as a goal; if we can provide your floral vision for less, we will.

Please get in touch for a no obligation consultation – we'd love to hear from you."

RECOMMENDED SUPPLIERS

FOOD OPTIONS

THE MOVEABLE FEAST

www.themoveablefeastuk.com

The Moveable Feast is a family run Catering Service with a passion for all things cheese, charcuterie and grazing. Providing all of your favourites and using fresh ingredients sourced as locally as possible, they make real food for real people and can adapt to all budgets. Whether you are interested in picky grazing options, full wedding tables or anything in between, they've got you covered.

For your next event, choose them and enjoy a delicious and beautifully put together feast. Their aim is to take your celebration to the next level. No event is too big or too & they are sure to wow your guests. Forget your same-old canapés, this is creative catering for the cool.

SCOOPS AND SMILES

enquiries@scoopsnsmiles.uk.com

Telephone: 07876-595-624

Add a touch of vintage class to your wedding by inviting Scoops n Smiles. If you are looking to add something very special & very yummy to your BIG day, trust us your guests will LOVE the ice cream & cotton candy served from the most photogenic vehicles. It will definitely keep them all talking about your amazing wedding day.

THE CROWN AT MICKLETON

crownmickleton@gmail.com

thecrownatmickleton.co.uk

Restaurant quality mobile catering offering bespoke menus for whatever tickles your fancy. Great staff & great food, what more could you want?

HENYS KITCHEN

www.hennyskitchen.co.uk

yum@hennyskitchen.co.uk

Heny's Kitchen can cater for weddings of any size. From canapes & fine dining to street food, they can certainly whip you up something extra special. All menus change seasonally and can be altered to your taste or event. Check out their website for some examples of recent weddings they have catered for and give them a call to discuss further.

RECOMMENDED SUPPLIERS

DRINKS OPTIONS

FIZZ ON THE TYNE

fizzonthetyne.co.uk

Fizz On The Tyne, mobile Prosecco Bar offers an exciting and unique mobile Prosecco on tap & fine Italian lager bar all custom built within a vintage Italian style van (it's so cute yet stylish). They love designing and offering tailor made packages to suit your individual needs, just let them know & they will take care of the rest. They offer cash bar options as well as other packages depending on which approach you would like to take for drinks.

EI TRAGO - CONVERTED CARAVAN BAR

Contact Megan

El trago is a converted caravan bar designed to be a part of hen party's, stag do's & weddings for groups of 10 -110.

They work with the host to plan & create signature drinks and offer a variety of ideas to add the wow factor to any party.

The greatness of El Trago is that they are very versatile. They can be a classic cocktail bar one day & a fun Prosecco party the next. A glamorous gin bar by day or a bachelor beer party by night.

They aim to work with the host to create the best possible party they can!

They can also provide cocktail master classes, bottomless brunches and party drinking games.

If you have any special requests please don't hesitate to contact them as they would love to get on board with your crazy ideas and make your party dreams come true.

HAPPY BARISTA

www.happybarista.com, hello@happybarista.com

For an after dinner or morning after coffee, The Happy Barista has a great coffee pod that can be brought to site for all your coffee needs. Hand roasted in small batches for the best coffee around.

ENTERTAINMENT

AMV LIVE MUSIC (DJ & BAND HIRE)

www.amvlivemusic.com

AMV Live Music offer the largest selection of bands, musicians and DJs to hire from the North East. Browse artists, via their website, listen to their tracks, select your favourites and make an enquiry & they'll take it from there.

THREESIXTY SOCIAL

threesixtysocial.co.uk @threesixty.social

At ThreeSixty Social we offer a unique video experience, the latest craze in party entertainment. Step on to the platform and let the camera revolve around your guests to create a 360-degree slow motion movie. Guests can then share their videos on to social media, instantly.

RECOMMENDED SUPPLIERS

DRIED FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

DRIED AND WILD BY BERRI - MAE

Email: www.driedwildflorist.com Tel: 07472 251022

Berri specialises in dried and preserved flowers, All of her arrangements are totally bespoke to you, so no two are the same. She works with only the highest quality blooms, and hand dry a lot of the flowers herself, this means that she can ensure that every single piece she makes will last you the longest time possible.

Bridal flowers is a massive passion of hers. after all, you want to cherish your big day for years to come, so who says you can't do that with your wedding flowers? From bouquets to buttonholes, to hair accessories and centrepieces she has you covered.

She pours her heart and soul into every single thing she does at Dried Wild, and she has a whole host of testimonials to support that. From having your initial consultation, finding out exactly what your vision is, to delivering your arrangements she is there for you every step of the way.

Any questions or if you would like to book in for a free consultation, she would love to hear from you.

ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATION

There are lots of additional accommodation options off site too in the neighbouring villages of Romaldkirk (less than 5 miles away) as well as Mickleton, Middleton in Teesdale and Barnard Castle. Please see some links below:

- Self catering holiday accommodation at westhurycottages.com
- The Rose and Crown at Romaldkirk www.rose-and-crown.co.uk
- The Crown at Mickleton thecrownatmickleton.co.uk/accommodation
- Booking.com & Air b n b etc have a whole host of accommodation in Romaldkirk which is the closest village to Blackton Grange as well as Barnard castle:
www.booking.com/city/gb/romaldkirk www.booking.com/accommodation/city/gb/barnard-castle

RECOMMENDED SUPPLIERS

TRANSPORT

VW SPLITTY VAN HIRE

www.vwsplittyweddinghire.co.uk

A perfect opportunity to make memories in a classic 1964 VW Campervan. Fully renovated by the top craftsmen and engineers in the UK, this is a real head turner. They offer a chauffeured service with a friendly and professional driver for you to enjoy your ride to Blackton Grange Estate.

Sit back and enjoy your special day with a leisurely drive to your venue. Stop en route should you wish to take a selection of photographs. It can carry up to 3 passengers & accommodating multiple journeys if needed.

PARKERS EXECUTIVE CHAUFFERS

www.parkerschauffeurs.com

Parkers Executive Chauffeurs are a multi award winning Chauffeur Company based in the North East, working throughout the UK. They regularly transport celebrities, music artists, footballers, TV and film stars as well as many corporate and private clients.

Established more than 20 years ago, the company has developed its presence and reputation as the leading executive travel provider in the North of England. They own an extensive range of luxury vehicles & some classic options for your wedding day.

They are proud to be carbon neutral by offsetting their entire carbon footprint by planting trees within a Government assured scheme. A great and trustworthy company for any transport requirements for your special day.

MININIBUS HIRE

privatecoachhire.co.uk

If your guests are all coming from a similar location, you may decide a minibus is a good option for the dropping off and collection of guests. You could arrange a central meeting place that is easy for all your guests to get to and a minibus could then collect & drop off from there (Barnard Castle, Durham, Newcastle, Sunderland city centre for example) or your guests could organise this themselves. Private Coach Hire is one of the leading suppliers of Minibus Hire in the Barnard Castle area. Including 8 Seater Minibuses, 12 Seater Minibuses, 16 Seater Minibuses, 19 Seater Minibuses, 20-24 Seater Minibuses and many more

HODGSONS TAXIS

www.hodgsonstaxis.com Tel: 01833 630730 Email: taxis@hodgsonsgroup.com

Ask your guests to book pickups and collections in advance to ensure the booking.

Other taxis companies are also available from Middleton in Tessedale.



Thank you so much for considering to have your special day(s) at Blackton Grange Estate. By choosing us as a venue, you are helping make our dreams come true so please know, we will do absolutely everything in our powers to make yours happen too.

Any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch & once again congratulations, it's a very exciting time.

Stella & Jodi

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