



# Weddings



# Congratulations!

May we congratulate you on your engagement.

Thank you for considering Dorset Museum & Art Gallery as the venue for your wedding. It is the home of 250 million years of Dorset's history, and the perfect venue for your special day.

Offering hire of its wonderful and unique space and facilities, it can create the perfect setting tailored to your needs.

The Events Team is experienced in managing a variety of occasions, from small intimate events to larger celebrations, and is available to assist in making your special day perfect.

# History

Situated in the heart of Dorchester's town centre, Dorset Museum & Art Gallery was founded in 1845.

The Museum was set up by William Barnes, Charles W Bingham and Henry Moule to protect threatened local archaeological sites and natural history. Now we look after and home an incredible four million objects, spanning over 250 million years of Dorset's history.

A building designed by George Crickmay became the Museum's home in 1883, and in the 20th century was expanded to fit the growing collections. In 2021, the Museum re-opened after the Tomorrow's Museum for Dorset project, with a dramatic extension, state-of-the-art collections store, four new galleries and a Learning Centre.



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# Victorian Hall

At the heart of the Museum is our magnificent Victorian Hall. Designed by G. R. Crickmay in 1884, it is the perfect venue for ceremonies and receptions. With its Roman mosaic flooring and stained-glass rose window, this masterpiece of neo-gothic architecture will help make your day one to remember.

**Capacity** | Ceremony 120 Reception 120







# Roman Town House

The Roman Town House in Dorchester is the only example of a fully exposed Roman Town House in the country. Located in the grounds of County Hall, with beautifully preserved original wall paint and Roman mosaic floor, this venue offers a one of a kind ceremony experience.

**Capacity** | Ceremony: Inside 10, Outside 40-50





# Testimonials

“Thank you so much to the whole team at Dorset Museum & Art Gallery for helping us make our wedding day the best day of our lives. The day was even better than we could have ever imagined and we have the whole Events Team to thank for making it run smoothly. Our guests still talk about how beautiful the venue was and what an amazing day they had and we can’t thank everyone at Dorset Museum enough! We would do it all again in a heartbeat and would recommend the venue to anyone!”

## **Laura and Mark**

“The Dorset Museum was such a quirky and attractive venue for our wedding! The grand architecture of the Victorian Hall, with its beautiful stained-glass rose window and stunning mosaic floor, added a touch of uniqueness and charm. From the moment we decided to hold our whole day there, the Events Team were great. The wedding went smoothly and the team were always on hand if anything needed helping with and on our special day, they went above and beyond.”

## **Beverley and Tom**

“Our special day was exactly as we had envisaged and went smoothly thanks to the staff at the museum who were professional, warm and relaxed throughout.”

## **Tara and Glenn**



**Impress yourself**

Mark a moment in time in Dorset by leaving your impression in the pin wall. All the pins are made of plastic. See and feel the shape your hand makes as it presses into the pins. Then try with your arms or legs.



# Dorset Museum & Art Gallery

The cost of your wedding hire includes access for you and your guests to visit a gallery of your choice for extra special photos. Choose to come face to face with the dinosaurs of the Jurassic Coast, uncover the archaeology of ancient Wessex, discover the tales of Thomas Hardy or be inspired by the creativity of Dorset's artists.

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Our Wedding Package includes the support of our Events Team to help co-ordinate your day. They will be on hand leading up to and on the day of your wedding to assist with your needs.

There are additional spaces available for hire, for example to prepare, or even to host your drinks reception.

# Our Wedding Package



We include some extra features to complement your day: fairy lights, stage, dance floor, PA and AV systems, tables with napery and standard decorations, dressed chairs and gallery photo access.



# Finishing Touches



# Wedding Checklist

## Starting out

- Choose a preferred date
- Book ceremony venue and Registrar
- Book reception venue
- Decide bridal party and groomsmen
- Decide on guest list
- Send out save the dates

## Wedding Extras

- Transport for bridal party and groomsmen
- Flowers
- Wedding cake
- Catering/Bar
- Wedding favours
- Table plan
- Photographer/Videographer
- Set up gift registry
- Accommodation bridal party and guests

## Dress Code

- Arrange bride's dress, shoes and accessories
- Arrange groom's suit, shoes and accessories
- Buy wedding rings and have engagement ring polished
- Arrange bridal party dresses, shoes and accessories
- Arrange groomsmen's suits, shoes and accessories
- Arrange hairdresser and makeup artist
- Decide on dress code for guests



# What's Next?

You've spent hours looking for the perfect wedding venue and then you found us! After booking your appointment and viewing Dorset Museum & Art Gallery, you have fallen in love with our iconic venue.

So, what happens next?

- 1 Check your date - most couples book their venue a year or two in advance, so it is important to check your preferred date(s) with us and the Registrar to ensure they are available.
- 2 Your date is available - you've booked your Registrar and confirmed the date and space with us. We'll invite you in to go through all the details and will compile a Reservation Proposal & Contract for you to review and, once signed, your reservation is confirmed.
- 3 Make it official - you're happy with the Reservation Proposal & Contract, you've signed it, so all that remains is to please pay the deposit.

Congratulations, you've booked your wedding!

For all enquiries please contact the Events Team at **[bookings@dorsetmuseum.org](mailto:bookings@dorsetmuseum.org)**.



# Local Suppliers




The Dorset Museum & Art Gallery has a range of Suppliers to help bring your wedding dreams to life. Each one is known to us either by reputation or has supported our clients and all are able to work to a variety of budgets.

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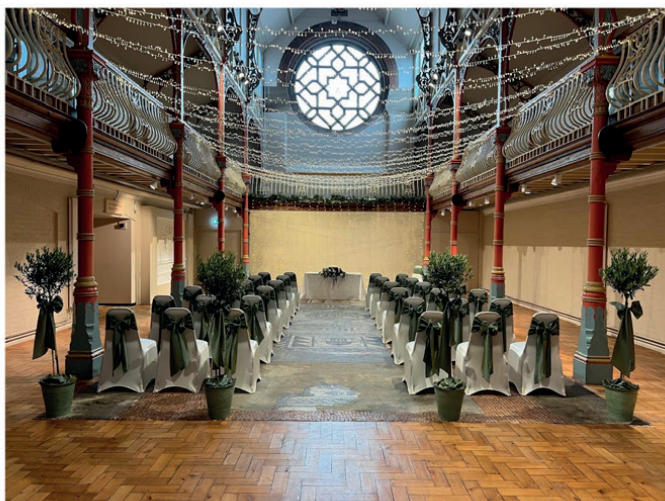
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# Kate Eliza Hair



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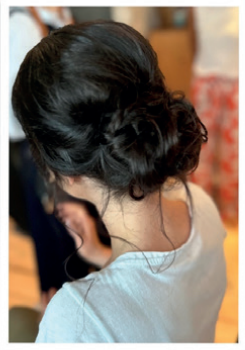
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