

WEDDINGS AT
SHOTTON HALL





WELCOME TO SHOTTON HALL'S
WEDDING BROCHURE



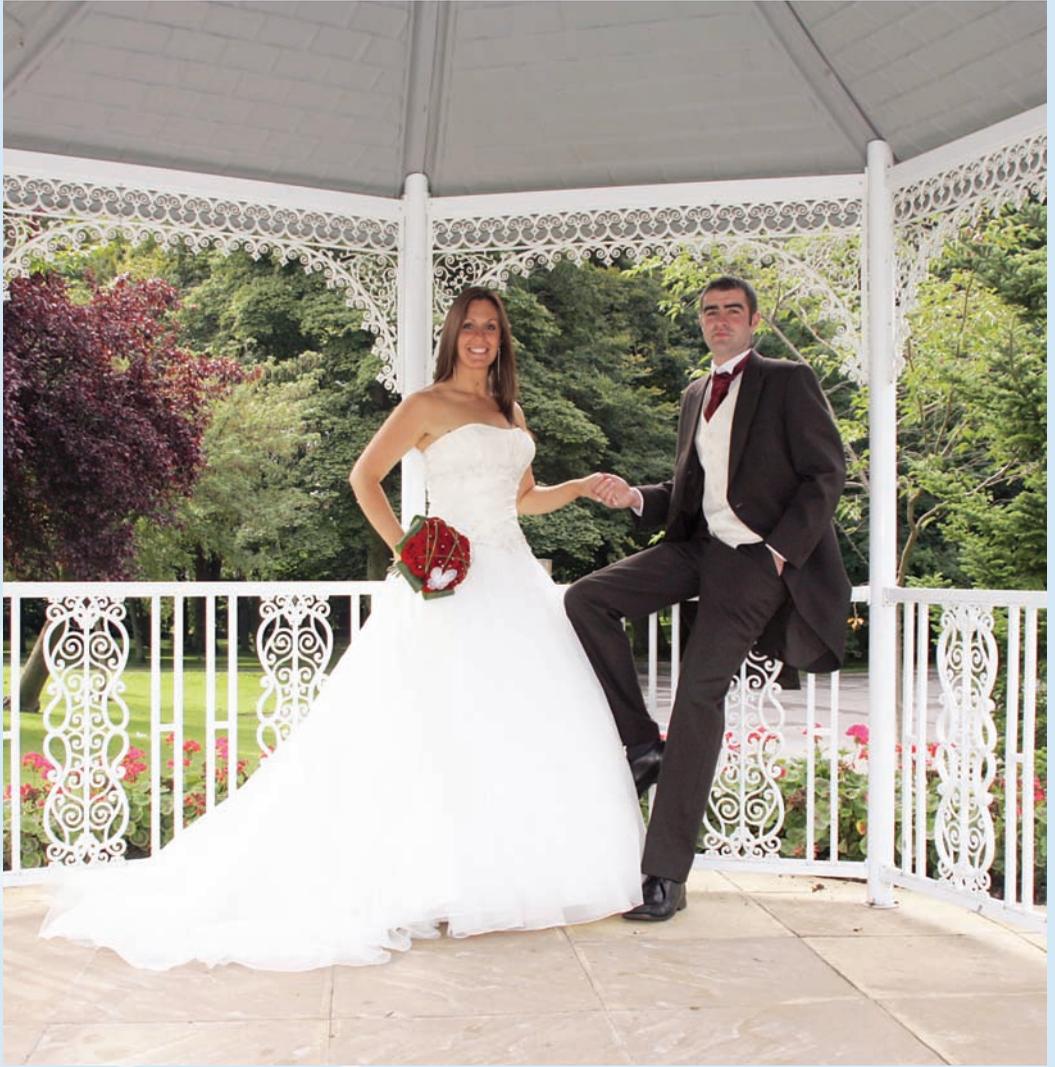
... WHICH IS DESIGNED TO TELL YOU ABOUT OUR WEDDING SERVICES

*From our beautiful lawned terrace
and extensive gardens, to our stunning
wedding rooms complete with period style
furniture, we have the settings and the
facilities to create whatever kind of
function you desire. Read on to see for
yourself, in words and pictures.*

*Let us make your special day
truly unforgettable.*







A SHORT HISTORY OF SHOTTON HALL



Built around 1760, Shotton Hall represents a fine example of a Mid 18th Century Country House and is one of only a few still surviving in the area.

The land on which the Hall is built belonged to the Thompson family from the reign of Elizabeth I until the marriage of the family's heiress Elizabeth to Charles Brandling in 1756.

In 1850, following unsuccessful speculation in coal mining, the Brandlings were forced to sell their estates, including the Hall, to the Shotton Coal Company.

The Hall subsequently passed from the Shotton Coal Company to the Burdon family around 1880 and was later requisitioned by the War Office during the Second World War.

At the end of the war, the Hall was purchased

by the Horden Collieries Co. Ltd and when the Company was nationalised the Hall came into the ownership of the National Coal Board.

In 1949/50 the Hall was refurbished when it became the Offices of the Peterlee Development Corporation and the external fabric was restored so far as was possible to its original condition.

In 1984, with the impending demise of Peterlee Development Corporation, the Hall was sold to Peterlee Town Council.

Since then, the formal gardens have been restored and the building extended to provide excellent banqueting and conference facilities.

As with all good old houses, Shotton Hall has its own ghost or poltergeist - "The Grey Lady".

Although entirely undocumented, it would



appear that some unfortunate serving girl took her own life after an indiscretion with one of the masters of the Hall, and to this day she still asserts her presence in the Hall, especially

on and around the back staircase leading to the former servants' quarters.

It was on these stairs that the poor girl hung herself.



CATERING FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS AT SHOTTON HALL



As part of the complete service to you, Shotton Hall provides a full range of catering services to hirers.

The in-house caterer has extensive experience of providing the highest quality cuisine to suit every budget.

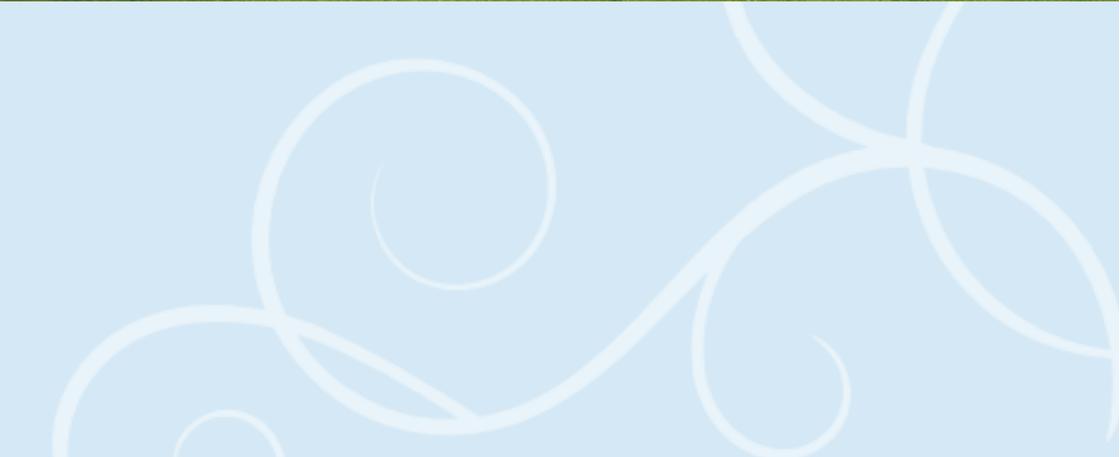
Menus can be supplied for your perusal or alternatively a consultation appointment can be made and a menu designed to your own specification, accommodating any special dietary requirements you may have.

The flexibility of the caterer allows us to accommodate parties from as little as 2 up to 350.

Shotton Hall facilities and catering staff are committed to ensuring your event runs smoothly from start to finish and will provide experienced, high quality, fully trained staff who will attend to your every requirement.









FACILITIES FOR YOUR WEDDING AT SHOTTON HALL



Shotton Hall is set in 17.5 acres of landscaped gardens just off the A19, on the outskirts of Peterlee. It is centrally located for the towns of Hartlepool and Durham (8 miles) and Sunderland (12 miles).

Shotton Hall has two function suites, wedding rooms and several smaller rooms, decorated and furnished in the style of the period.

BANQUETING SUITES

These beautifully appointed suites, the Brandling and Burdon Suites are available for wedding receptions, dinner dances, seminars, fayres, fashion shows, etc. Both suites have the advantage of being served by their own

entrance, restrooms, cloakrooms, bar and independent access to a lawned terrace.

The Brandling Suite can comfortably accommodate around 150 people for a formal dinner/reception and 180 people for an evening function with dancing/entertainment.

The Burdon Suite will hold approximately 100 and 120 respectively. These suites can be combined into one room for larger functions, accommodating up to 350 people.

WEDDING ROOMS

We have a number of variously sized rooms licenced for civil ceremonies that will provide the ideal setting, from an intimate small ceremony, to a 350 person extravaganza.



All of the rooms are stylish and complimented by period style furniture.

Ancillary rooms can be made available for the bride and groom to make last minute adjustments to their outfits and to allow them the opportunity to change prior to the evening reception, if required.

Please note that Shotton Hall is an approved Premise for Civil Ceremonies only and Religious Ceremonies are not permitted.

The hirer's attention is particularly brought to this matter, as any breach of this Regulation may lead to the revocation of the Town Council's approval as an approved premises for Civil Ceremonies.



Facilities include:

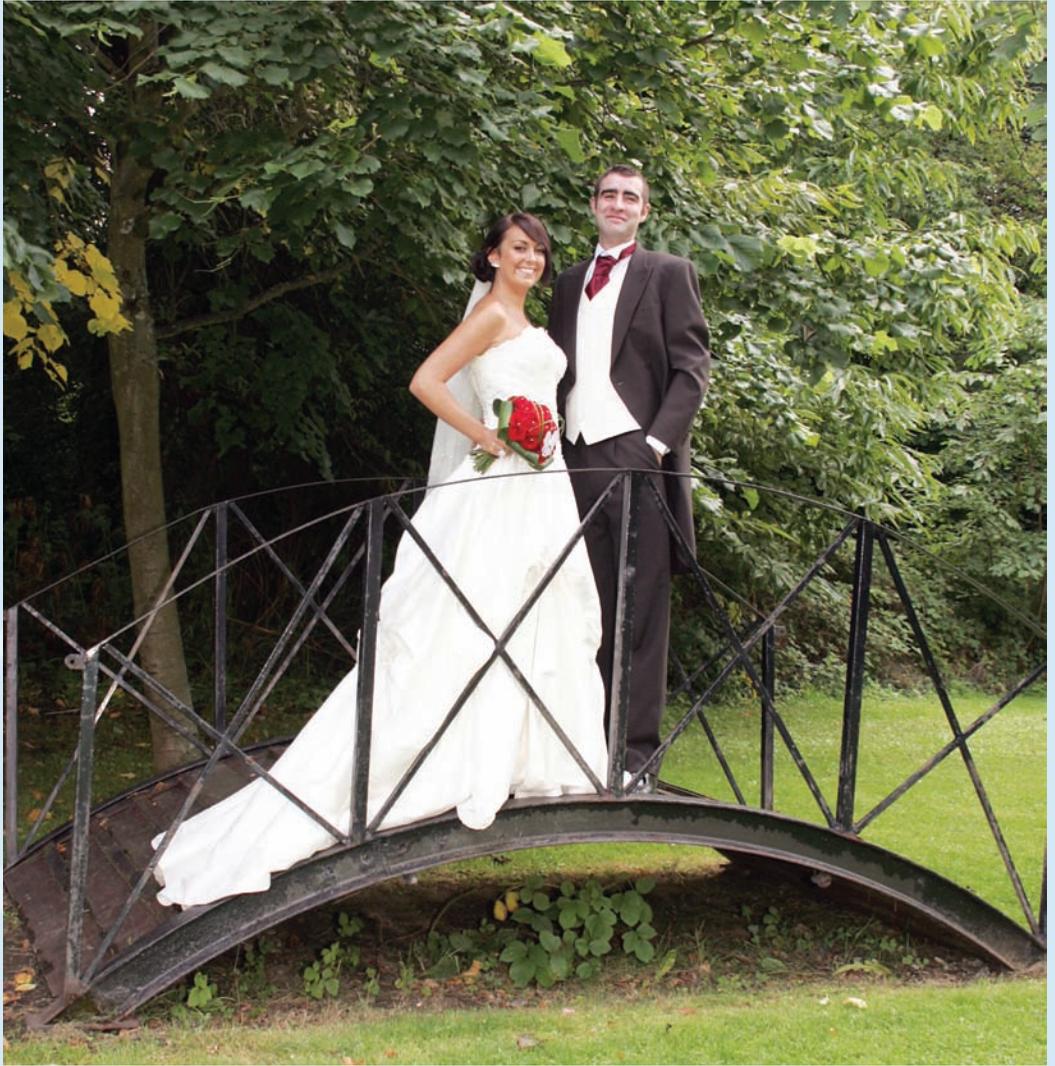
- *Full in-house catering service*
- *Two fully licenced bars*
- *Secure car parking*
- *Disabled access/toilets*
- *Public address system*
- *Removable staging and dance floor*
- *Highchair and baby changing facilities*
- *Loop system*
- *Toast master, table plan and consultancy service*

GROUNDS

Shotton Hall is set in extensive beautifully landscaped grounds and offers an excellent location for photo opportunities including:

- *Entrances complete with porticos leading to formal lawned terraces with Ha-Ha wall*
- *170 metres of sweeping driveway*
- *A lake with ornamental water feature*
- *Formal rose gardens and planted beds*
- *Mature wooded areas*

Marquees can be erected to allow extended capacity to both function rooms and photography is permitted throughout the extensive grounds.



HOW TO PLAN YOUR SPECIAL DAY AT SHOTTON HALL



Planning well ahead ensures your day will be special and remembered by everyone involved.

Making your wedding plans can be just as exciting as the event itself, but may take a lot of time. The following are a few hints to help you and your partner prepare for your perfect day.

THINK ABOUT THE OCCASION YOU WANT

Talk with your partner and your parents about the kind of ceremony you would like. Your parents and family may be able to help you decide. The type of wedding you want will determine how much you, your partner

and your parents will have to spend.

If you prefer a civil ceremony, you can arrange this in Shotton Hall in addition to your wedding breakfast, reception or evening function.

When you have made up your mind, visit your vicar or registrar and confirm arrangements for your marriage licence. This person will be able to explain everything you will need to know about the ceremony, from walking up the aisle, to saying 'I do'.

You should also arrange a rehearsal so you know exactly what to do on the day. This will also help to put your mind at ease.



BOOKING YOUR RECEPTION/FUNCTION

When you have confirmed the date of your ceremony, contact our Facilities Staff and confirm arrangements for your reception.

We have experience of organising receptions of all types and sizes and can offer advice on all aspects of your event. You will also need to discuss your catering arrangements with the in-house caterer.

Make a list of people to invite to your reception and make sure it includes everyone

you want to attend. It is easy to forget somebody. If you intend to invite a lot of people to your reception, you need to think about friends and relatives from both sides of your families. It is helpful to ask someone else to look at your list to make sure you have not overlooked anyone.

CHOOSING BRIDESMAIDS AND THE BEST MAN

If appropriate, you should then think about choosing your bridesmaids and the groom's aide - the best man.

When you have chosen your bridal party you should then discuss how you will dress for your wedding day. Aim to choose your wedding attire about three months before the date of your wedding to allow time for fitting and any final touches.

Generally, wedding attire is available for hire or purchase from specialist shops.

You may also consider buying presents for the bridesmaids and best man. A gift demonstrates your appreciation of their help to make your day special.







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