



WASING

— WEDDINGS —

Frequently Asked Questions

Secret Walled Garden

Are there electricity points in the garden?

Under the hedge to one side of the main lawn in the walled garden the electrical service points can be found. There is a fully waterproofed exterior power supply box with 10no 240v 16amp (max) commando industrial outlet sockets, fed from the building with a 63 amp total supply. Please see map for location. Alternatively you can provide your own generator.

Is there on site car parking and is it free?

There is a limited amount of car parking at the garden and this is free. Normally this is used for your staff and the immediate wedding/events party. Subject to weather conditions it may be possible to provide extra parking but this could be subject to charges. We recommend restricting access by cars. Please ensure you have Ushers on hand to marshal the car parking. Signage to the different areas is recommended. Please keep 2 registrar spaces free.

Is it possible for coaches to access the site?

Yes, this is the much preferred option. Mortons Executive Coach Travel is our authorised coach company. If an alternative company is used, it is imperative they do a recce of the Walled Garden prior to the wedding day. Coaches enter the Estate via the 'Lower Park Gate' opposite Lower Farm; they follow the gravel track and turn right on to the tarmac drive, cross the cattle grid and follow the drive to the garden.

Are there Toilets?

No, it is the hirer's responsibility to hire self-contained toilets and possibly showers and arrange for them to be emptied. These are best located in the car park at the front of the garden.

Can I use the Victorian Greenhouse?

No, the Victorian Greenhouse does not form part of the venue.

Is there camping on site?

Yes. There is a small area called the Orchard alongside the Walled Garden which can be used for camping.

Can I have straw bales?

We do not allow straw bales in the Walled Garden or at the Folly for the ceremony.

Is there water available?

There is a single tap with a 30mm screw end feed from a 25mm pipe with good pressure. Not suitable for drinking water.

Who is responsible for Contractors?

You are responsible for all Contractors that you employ on site, including giving access to and from the site and making sure all the gates around the estate and The Secret Walled Garden are closed after access. Please ensure that all your Contractors adhere to all current Health & Safety Regulations and they are fully insured.

We strongly recommend using Wasing's authorised suppliers when any electrical equipment is involved e.g. bands and DJ's, fairy lights and up-lighters etc. All contractors, including friends and family, using electrical equipment at Wasing must have public liability insurance (minimum £5 million) and all appliances must be PAT tested. Wasing will require a copy of your contractor's public liability when not using Wasing's authorised suppliers. All suppliers using a drone must have and will need to provide the venue with a copy of the drone pilot's Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) permission and commercial drone insurance and/or public liability

Do I have to use your authorised suppliers?

No, apart from the marquee companies on our authorised suppliers list as they know and understand the logistics of the site. If you would prefer a different style of marquee please contact Stunning Tents or Ten by Fifteen and they will advise if they are able to outsource this particular style and manage the contract.

Do I need insurance?

We strongly recommend that event insurance is taken out. Some household policies may cover certain points but please read and check this thoroughly. Wasing will require a copy of your Insurance.

Please note:

- a) Wasing can sue you e.g. for damage
- b) Your guests can sue you e.g. for public liability
- c) Make your suppliers liable so you can sue them if necessary

Do I need a Temporary Event Notice?

This depends on the nature of the event, if you are selling alcohol from a bar to your guests you will require a Temporary Event Notice and alcohol license however if you are supplying alcohol for free you do not require either.

Do I need a license for alcohol?

If you have a bar at your event and you are selling alcohol then in addition to the Temporary Event Notice you will require at least 1 person who holds a personal alcohol license to run the bar. Most companies offering mobile bar facilities have this license but please check with them.

Do we need to pay a damage deposit for the Venue and is this refundable?

Yes a damage deposit is required. We take a deposit of £500 which can be on a credit card, prior to the start date of your Contract period. Subject to satisfactory completion of the Contract this will be refunded within 7 to 10 days of the end of the Contract period. A separate damage deposit is required for the Bothy.

Is there any external lighting?

No, it is up to the hirer to provide this. Please follow and consider all Health & Safety Regulations and provide ample lighting where necessary e.g. to guide guests to toilets, car park etc.

Are there rubbish bins on site?

No, it is up to the hirer to remove all rubbish. Often caterers will take responsibility for a large amount but it may be best to hire in a skip. Any rubbish left on site by yourselves or contractors will be covered by your damage deposit.

What entrance do lorries and delivery vehicles use?

They use the wooden gate opposite Lower Farm, the 'Lower Park Gate'.

What entrance do guests use?

Guests use 'Lower Park Gate'. This will be clearly signed by a double sided sign on the telegraph pole opposite 'Lower Park Gate'. The Wasing Park entrance has a No Entry Sign, please make your guests aware of this to avoid them going to the wrong wedding.

Can we use the Bothy?

It is entirely up to the hirer as to whether they want to stay overnight. The Bothy is priced at £150 per night. Check in is from 10:30am and Check out is 3pm. Prior to your arrival at the Bothy, we will take your debit / credit card details so that we can take a pre-authorised damage deposit of £100 from you in respect of any damage at the Accommodation during your Booking. This will be refunded within 7 to 10 days after your stay.

Do you have special rates with local hotels?

We have a list of local hotels ranging from pubs offering accommodation and then going across the board with hotels listed up to and including the 5 star in Newbury. However, we do not inspect these premises or recommend them.

Does the venue have a license to hold civil ceremonies?

Yes, the Folly at the Walled Garden. Elsewhere you can only have a blessing or a secular ceremony.

For civil ceremonies, who will contact the registrar?

For a civil ceremony, the law stipulates that you must make your booking with the Local Registrar who can be contacted on 01635 279230. Please bear in mind that a booking at Wasing does not imply a booking with the Registrar and that a third party cannot make a booking on your behalf. Please contact the Registrar during your provisional booking period to book your civil ceremony date.

Can I use confetti?

Yes, but it needs to be fresh or dried flower petal only.

Can I have fireworks?

We do not allow any fireworks or Chinese lanterns because of the surrounding woodland and livestock on the estate and out of respect to our neighbours.