

CRIPPS BARN

CIVIL CEREMONY

Cripps is licensed for 120 people to attend a Civil Ceremony in the main barn. More people can attend but numbers over 120 have to be seated in the marquee alongside the barn. The ceremony must be organised through the Gloucestershire Registration Service who will charge a fee to conduct the ceremony. In addition Cripps charges £125 for the ceremony to take place in the barn.

We set up the ceremony and provide everything that you will need apart from the music. That includes a table with a tablecloth to conduct the ceremony, and also a small table and chair for the second Registrar and two chairs for the Bride and Groom. In the sitting-room, which acts as the interview room, there will be three chairs, a sofa and a small table.

The Registrar arrives 30 minutes beforehand. The Registrar conducts a short interview with the Bride and Groom, separately, before the ceremony. This takes place in the sitting-room off the barn. The Bride can access this room directly from the terrace, so can remain unseen until her entrance, as long as all the guests are in the barn before she arrives. Then, for the ceremony, she can enter the barn either through the porch door or the door to the terrace.

The large barn wooden doors are shut for the ceremony unless there are over 120 people, in which case they need to be opened so those seated in the marquee can see in. There must be no food or drink visible in the barn before the ceremony and no drinks served beforehand.

It is very important to book the ceremony as early as possible, as the Registrars are very busy. Bookings can be made for any future date.

Civil ceremonies are generally at 1400 or 1600 hours but other times may be possible depending on the availability of Marriage Registers and Registrars.

The last ceremony 'slot' during the week is at 1600 hours but on Saturday, Sunday or a Bank Holiday a booking may be made as late as 1700 hours.

Gloucestershire Registration Service contact details:

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Opening hours: 0900 hours to 1600 hours Monday to Friday