



# WATTS GALLERY ARTISTS' VILLAGE

Wedding Celebrations

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# WELCOME

'I had no idea that here in Surrey, there was a collection of such richness and a story of such depth.' — Dame Penelope Keith

Watts Gallery - Artists' Village is the perfect unique venue to host your civil ceremony or wedding reception. Our beautifully landscaped Arts & Crafts estate was created in 1904 and remains home to one of the finest collections of Victorian paintings, drawings and sculpture.

Set within the tranquil surroundings of the Surrey Hills, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, our Grade II\* listed Arts & Crafts gallery provides a stunning location for your special day.

Whether you want a small intimate ceremony or a larger catered event, our dedicated team will work with you to create the perfect bespoke wedding, personalised to you.

Our unique heritage site is operated by Watts Gallery Trust, an independent charity that receives no regular funding. All income from wedding hire helps us to continue enriching and transforming lives through our learning and outreach programmes and through caring for our collection and historic estate.

# WHY CHOOSE WATTS GALLERY - ARTISTS' VILLAGE?

'A hidden treasure in Surrey, stuffed with huge allegorical paintings and sparkling portraits that were the talk of Victorian society.' — The Guardian

- You can enjoy exclusive hire of Watts Gallery
- You will have use of our beautiful grounds and woodland for your wedding photography
- Your guests can explore our collection and beautiful Victorian interiors
- You will have a dedicated events manager
- Parking is free for you and your guests
- Our spaces are fully wheelchair accessible
- Your wedding will support the care and conservation of our collection and our learning and outreach programme

The wedding couple also receives a complimentary 12 month Membership, starting from the date of your wedding.







# CIVIL CEREMONIES

The historic Watts Gallery is licensed as a venue for both civil weddings and civil partnerships. If you are looking to hold an intimate ceremony for your closest friends and family, this is the perfect space.

One of Europe's most beautiful small museums, this elegant space is ideal for up to 90 guests. Your ceremony will take place in the historic gallery, decorated with its original interiors of sumptuous red flocked wallpaper and displaying the dramatic artworks of G F Watts.

Once your date is confirmed, you will need to contact the Guildford Registry Office directly to make arrangements. You can book your registrar and the date of the ceremony up to one year in advance.

#### ESSENTIAL DETAILS

- Ceremony in Watts Gallery: up to 90 guests
- Hire is available from Monday to Sunday
- Enjoy reduced rates on Mondays and during low season

A registrar must be booked independently. Contact Guildford Registry Office on 0300 200 1002.







# WEDDING BREAKFASTS & RECEPTIONS

The Artists' Village's stunning galleries and quirky Victorian spaces are perfect for your celebration. If you are looking for a venue to host your entire wedding, our spaces work beautifully.

For small wedding breakfasts, guests can dine in the Old Kiln, an intimate space with original exposed red brick walls and high ceilings or Limnerslease, the Wattses' Arts & Crafts home, situated in beautiful woodland.

For larger weddings, dinners can be served among artistic treasures in the historic Watts Gallery or a marquee on the lawn, with the stunning Arts & Crafts gallery providing a beautiful backdrop for your special day.

For your evening reception, dancing and celebration, your guests can enjoy a marquee on the gallery lawn. An evening bar can be set up for easy access after dinner.

#### ESSENTIAL DETAILS

- Wedding Breakfast in the Old Kiln or Limnerslease: up to 30 guests
- Wedding Breakfast in Watts Gallery: up to 90 guests
- Hire is available from 1pm Monday to Sunday
- Enjoy reduced rates on Mondays and during low season
- Our prefered caterers will offer you a complimentary menu tasting for up to 4 people









### GUEST COMMENTS

'We were blown away by the elegance and romantic atmosphere created in an environment that would only have been possible by the way the team co-ordinated all the finer details.'

'The gallery is stunning and fantastic for an intimate and unique event . . . A truly tremendous day.'

'We felt totally at ease from the time we made contact with the team right through until the day itself. They were always incredibly helpful and nothing was ever a problem. The team went over and beyond our expectations.'







WATTS GALLERY TRUST is a registered charity. All income from venue hire supports our learning and outreach programmes and the care and conservation of our collection and historic estate.

Registered Charity Number: 313612.

Watts Gallery

The Lawn

Limnerslease & The Old Kiln













# **CAPACITIES**

	Drinks Reception Dinner		Ceremony Availability (day	
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Watts Gallery	150	80	70	day/evening
Limnerslease	50	25		day/evening
The Old Kiln	50	30	711 1/3	day/evening
The Tea Shop	100	60		evening
Watts Gallery Lawn	120	120	1 1995	day/evening
Limnerslease Lawn	K DA	120	J. PR	day/evening

The Artists' Village has parking for up to 75 vehicles. Dedicated parking spaces are available for disabled visitors.

Watts Gallery, The Tea Shop and the Old Kiln are fully accessible. We regret that Limnerslease is not currently wheelchair accessible. There is a short uphill walk to Limnerslease.







# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### How can we arrange a viewing?

Please contact us directly on 01483 813590. Alternatively, we can be reached by email or cateringandvenuehire@wattsgallery.org.uk.

#### Do you hold civil ceremonies?

Watts Gallery is licensed for civil ceremonies and can accommodate up to 90 guests.

#### Can we reserve a date?

We are happy to hold a provisional date for you for up to two weeks.

#### Can we provide our own catering?

As a Grade II\* listed building — and due to the artworks on display and short set up times — we ask that you work with our approved catering suppliers. They know the gallery well and will be happy to quote for your special day. For small events, catering can, on occasions, be provided by our on-site Tea Shop.

#### Can you recommend suppliers?

We have a range of high quality suppliers that we work with including caterers, florists and marquee hire.

#### Can we use Watts Gallery for our wedding photos?

Photographs can be taken throughout the estate including at Watts Chapel, in the grounds and woodlands and inside the gallery, though there may be some exceptions for works on loan.

#### Do you have any wedding packages?

We provide a wedding service tailored to your own requirements. Please contact us for further information.

#### How do we confirm our booking?

To confirm your booking we ask that you sign a copy of our venue hire Terms and Conditions and provide a 50% deposit. The balance amount is due four weeks before your event.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### When can we arrive?

If you have booked exclusive use of the gallery as one of our limited early closures, you will be able to arrive from 1pm. For evening events, you will be able to arrive from 6pm.

#### Is the gallery wheelchair accessible?

Watts Gallery is fully accessible to wheelchair users and has a lift. Accessible washroom facilities are also provided.

#### Is there parking on site?

We have parking for up to 75 vehicles, including accessible car parking spaces.

#### Can we have dancing?

Dancing is permitted outside the gallery in a marquee on the gallery lawn. You will be required to hire a marquee with a dancefloor. Our preferred supplier will work with you to meet your event needs.

#### Can we use confetti on site?

We allow the use of biodegradable confetti outside the gallery only.

#### Is WiFi available for guests?

There is free WiFi available across the site.

#### Can we hold an event later than 11pm?

The end time for events is 11pm. Watts Gallery is in the heart of a village and respecting our neighbours is very important to us. In some circumstances, we may be able to consider applying for an extended licence, though this would incur an additional fee.

#### Do we need wedding insurance?

This is a personal choice, but we recommend that you take out appropriate insurance to cover any unplanned events.





# ADDITIONAL HIRE ITEMS

#### Garden Games £25

The young and young at heart can enjoy games including Jenga, quoits and croquet

#### **Outdoor Lanterns £35**

A lovely addition to the pathway to the gallery entrance

#### Watts Oak Tree £60

Over 15,000 warm LED lights give a wonderful atmospheric glow

#### Private Tours £200

Enjoy a private tour of Limnerslease, Watts Chapel or Watts Gallery for up to 25 guests







# APPROVED SUPPLIERS

#### CATERING

#### Caper & Berry

01483 427521 events@caperandberry.co.uk caperandberry.co.uk

#### Kalm Kitchen

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#### Pesto

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#### Rhubarb

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#### **Surrey Gourmet**

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#### **Greyfriars Vineyard**

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#### **Junction 4 Big Band**

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#### **Score Live Music**

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#### **MGN Events**

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# CONTACT US

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