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UPPER HOUSE
HAYFIELD



‘THE GAMEKEEPER’S STAY’
AT UPPER HOUSE



“UPPER HOUSE IS BEAUTIFUL AND I LOVE THAT IT’S LIKE A HIDDEN SECRET. OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY COULD NOT BELIEVE HOW BREATHTAKING UPPER HOUSE IS” SOPHIE AND SEAN DENNENY



THE GAMEKEEPER'S STAY

Weddings at Upper House are truly magical. This beautiful venue serves to provide a variety of wonderful spaces and endless stunning backdrops for you and your guests to appreciate throughout your wedding day.

The Gamekeeper's Cottage is the perfect hideaway for the married couple on the night of your wedding day, with ample accommodation in Hayfield Village for the rest of your guests.



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“IT IS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL VENUE WITH WONDERFUL STAFF, EXTRAORDINARY ROOMS AND INCREDIBLE ATTENTION TO DETAIL”

ELLIE AND JOE BENNETT

THE GAMEKEEPER'S STAY PACKAGE

At Upper House, we believe that every celebration should be as timeless and remarkable as the setting itself. The Gamekeeper's Stay is just one of our exclusive wedding packages - a truly bespoke experience designed for couples seeking something extraordinary.

As a historic private castle venue, we only host twelve large-scale events per year, ensuring that each wedding receives our complete dedication, meticulous attention to detail, and a sense of intimacy rarely found in grand celebrations.

This package offers not just a wedding day, but a luxury cottage to get ready in and stay in on the night of your wedding.

The newlyweds will enjoy a luxurious residential stay, while family and friends are invited to share in their celebrations, with space for up to 100 day guests, and up to 130 for additional evening guests to share the celebration.

Culinary excellence lies at the heart of The Gamekeeper's Stay. Our exclusive catering partner, Vanilla in Allseasons, renowned as one of the finest culinary teams in the Northwest, will craft a bespoke menu tailored to your tastes. Whether you desire a refined-fine dining experience or a lavish banquet, every dish will be prepared and presented to perfection.

All drinks you wish to provide on your wedding day can be ordered in advance during your drinks meeting at Upper House, using our extensive wine list and comprehensive drinks menus. Guests can enjoy Upper House hospitality in our on-site fully stocked pub and your personal selection of cocktails will be available from the bar on your wedding day.

Your in house dedicated wedding planners will be on hand, giving you instant decisions and answers to all things wedding, and supporting you to create your vision of your perfect celebration.





"I CANNOT WAIT TO BE BACK AT UPPER HOUSE THIS SUMMER
ITS ONE OF MY ABSOLUTE FAVOURITE PLACES TO PHOTOGRAPH"

PETER HENDERSON, PHOTOGRAPHER



GETTING READY

The wedding entourage can arrive to the house from 8:00am to prepare for the day ahead. Your own choice of the beauty specialists can join you in the Gamekeeper's Cottage to get ready in style. The Garret Room is also available as a getting ready space.

Meanwhile any florists or venue dressers you have chosen have ample time to decorate the entertainment spaces, and all the excitement of the preparations can be captured by your photographers and videographers.





CEREMONY

There are two licensed spaces on the property - The Medieval Great Hall and The Solstice Tower. The beauty of keeping things intimate is that flexibility is king! If your decorations can be moved, then so can your guests! Your in-house staff can set up your ceremony wherever you choose, so an outside ceremony can be decided upon as close to your ceremony time as you dare! The Medieval timbers in the Great Hall were once part of an ancient church, and the architects of Upper House have incorporated the principles of sacred geometry in the layout of the building, all adding to the solemnity of your vows in this special place.

Personal celebrants are welcome to host wedding blessings after your legal ceremony.

If you wish to host a legal ceremony at Upper House, the High Peak Registrars can be contactable via our Upper House wedding guide on booking. We also have many recommendations for local Churches to Upper House, where your celebration can follow at the Estate.

Additional guests will be brought to site by Upper House minibuses from a pre-arrange meeting place in Hayfield Village, and be waiting for your arrival in your chosen ceremony space.





FOOD AND DRINK

At Upper House, we believe that exceptional food and drink are at the heart of every unforgettable celebration. As part of the Gamekeeper's Stay, we partner exclusively with Vanilla in Allseasons, one of the Northwest's most highly regarded catering teams, renowned for their creativity, passion and precision. Their talented chefs craft bespoke menus that are as beautiful as they are delicious - from delicate canapés to sumptuous wedding breakfasts and indulgent evening food. Every dish is tailored to your vision, ensuring a dining experience that is both personal and extraordinary.

Couples can choose to host their wedding dining in one of two stunning settings: the Medieval Great Hall, steeped in history and candlelit grandeur, or our contemporary Tipi, a stylish and atmospheric space that brings a touch of rustic charm to the celebration. Whether you wish to dine beneath centuries-old beams or under a canopy of festoon lights, each space provides its own unique character.

In addition to Vanilla in Allseasons' exquisite offerings, we also provide a selection of recommended specialist caterers for those seeking a more relaxed or informal evening option. Guests can enjoy a traditional hog roast, hand stretched woodfired pizzas perfect for keeping the celebrations going late into the night.

Before your wedding, we'll invite you to a comprehensive drinks meeting to plan every detail. From elegant reception drinks and carefully paired wines for your wedding breakfast to bespoke signature cocktails designed especially for you, every element will be thoughtfully considered. Our fully stocked bar offers an extensive range of premium spirits, wines, beers and soft drinks, all served with seamless professionalism.

Card payments are accepted as we operate a cashless bar. For an added touch of generosity, couples may choose to pre-purchase a bar tab for their guests to enjoy throughout the evening.

To compliment your celebration, we provide Kinder Spring still and sparkling water, chilled, filtered, and available free of charge throughout your stay - ensuring comfort and refreshment at every stage of your wedding weekend. At Upper House, dining is more than a meal - it's an experience woven into the fabric of your celebration, blending fine food, exceptional service and the timeless atmosphere to create moments that will be cherished forever.





“FOR YOUR INTIMATE WEDDING YOU CAN CHOOSE THE ENTERTAINMENT THAT SUITS THE DYNAMICS OF YOUR PARTY”

ENTERTAINMENT

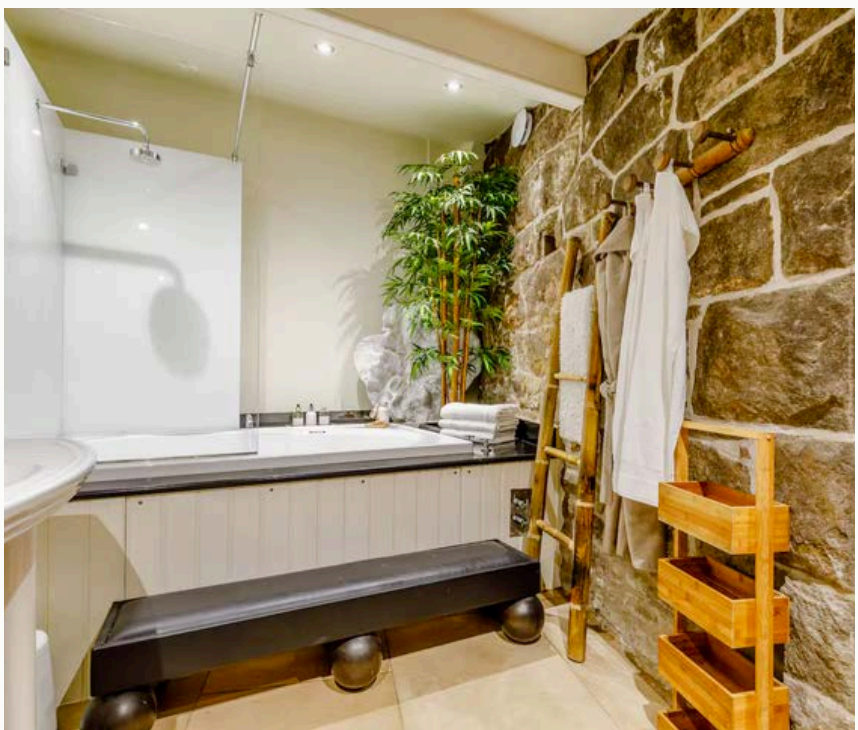
For your wedding you can choose the entertainment that suits the dynamic of your party.

Hiring your own private musicians and bands when you have the place to yourselves feels truly decadent. The plethora of entertainments available from wonderful suppliers is mesmerising - from garden games to wandering magicians to caricaturists and circus acts - that can make your day your own.

Alternatively you can choose to feast later and longer, followed by unstructured relaxing in the house or by the fires in the Great Hall, having a crazy quiz night in the pub or just do some star gazing in the mountain sky from the comforts of the sumptuous Courtyard.

Upper House has PA and music systems and a bit of disco lighting if you want to use them for your favorite playlists.





“THEIR STANDARDS ARE IMPECCABLE AND NOTHING WAS TOO MUCH TO ASK”

ACCOMMODATION

Any non-resident guests will be taken back to Hayfield village by Upper House minibuses before 12:30am. Rest assured that they have a great choice of accommodation if they wish to stay locally. As the gateway village to Kinder in the Peak District National Park, there are plentiful and many types of overnight and weekend options.

There is a local campsite which has pods open all year round, B&Bs, several pubs, and a variety of holiday cottages and Airbnb's.

Upper House's Guest Guide lists many of the options and their contact details. The handy guide can be included within your "Save The Dates" and Invites.



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