

PEOPLE'S HISTORY MUSEUM  
**WEDDINGS**



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Choose something different for your celebration by hiring our unique venue in the heart of Manchester city centre. Our beautifully restored Edwardian Pump House provides an impressive rare heritage setting filled with charm that will create memories that last a lifetime.

All income goes right back into supporting the museum and our work with communities. Your wedding will help to preserve stories from the past and inspire future generations.

Our dedicated Venue Hire team has a wealth of experience in running events, from intimate wedding ceremonies to large evening receptions, we are here to make your vision come to life...



# ENGINE HALL

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The largest of the museum's spaces; the brick and terracotta Engine Hall features vast arched windows, a vaulted glass ceiling, polished concrete floor and other original heritage features including colourful Pilkington Tiles and intricate metal work.

Located in a historic Grade II listed Pump House designed by Manchester's first City Architect, Henry Price (1867-1944), it is a Manchester landmark that once provided power across the city; from cotton mills and factories, to winding the Town Hall clock and raising the curtains of the Opera House.

Filled with natural light during the day, at night it turns into an atmospheric and captivating setting, perfect for celebrations. The Engine Hall is licensed for civil ceremonies, with seating for up to 120. It can be fully configured to include a range of seating and dining options, a dance floor, staging and audiovisual equipment.





# COAL STORE

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The restored redbrick Coal Store features a beautiful double height vaulted iron and timber ceiling and other original heritage features.

It offers a fully private, intimate space which is ideal for wedding ceremonies, private dining or informal gatherings.

The Coal Store is licensed for civil ceremonies with seating for up to 50 people.



# BESPOKE WEDDINGS

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We want to make sure you have the perfect, bespoke experience with us. All of our packages are dry hire, which provides a flexible approach to help you design your perfect wedding day, with no hidden costs.

As standard all our dry hire events are provided with:

- Hire of our unique Engine Hall space for up to 120 seated guests or 200 standing / evening reception
- An introduction to our catering partner Open Kitchen
- Tables and chairs
- PA / sound system / microphone for speeches
- Access to the venue to customise the space with your own decorations. If you need additional time, you can choose to book the day before.
- Free on-site parking for one vehicle
- Accessible facilities

We know that finding reliable suppliers is hard work. We would be thrilled to introduce you to those we know and love to help make organising that bit easier.

Our dedicated and experienced team is here to help bring your vision to life. We will book in a final planning meeting one month before to ensure every detail of your event is perfectly planned and executed.



# FULL DAY PACKAGE

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Opt for an intimate ceremony in the Coal Store, accommodating up to 50 guests, or choose to have a larger ceremony in our elegant Engine Hall.

After your ceremony, keep the celebration going with a stunning seated reception for up to 120 guests in the Engine Hall.

Enjoy an unforgettable evening as the space is transformed into a vibrant venue, complete with a dance floor area and your live band, ensuring a night of fun and memories with your loved ones.

The package is £3,300 plus VAT, and includes access the day before to decorate and dress the spaces.

## Timings:

Access the day before to decorate 1.00pm - 5.00pm

Welcome guests from 1.00pm

Ceremony at 2.00pm

Last orders at 11.00pm

Close at 11.30pm





# CEREMONY ONLY

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You can choose to spend part, or all of your day with us. We would be thrilled to host your ceremony in either of our beautiful spaces.

Ceremony only:

Coal Store - Up to 50 guests - £500 (plus VAT)

Engine Hall - Up to 120 guests - £880 (plus VAT)

Timings:

Access at 9.00am / 1.00pm for room set up

Ceremony at 11.00am / 3.00pm

Close at 1.00pm / 5.00pm

If you would like longer to decorate the space, we can make the room available the day before for an additional fee.



# RECEPTIONS

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Host your reception in our stunning Edwardian Engine Hall, with a spectacular seated reception accommodating up to 120 guests for £2,900 plus VAT.

Enjoy an unforgettable evening as the space is transformed into a vibrant party venue, complete with a dance floor area for your chosen band or DJ, capable of accommodating up to 200 guests.

We also offer the flexibility to access the space the day before your event, allowing you to decorate it exactly as you envision.

#### Timings:

Access the day before to decorate 1.00pm  
- 5.00pm

Welcome guests from 3.00pm

Last orders at 11.00pm

Close at 11.30pm.



# Vanilla IN ALLSEASONS CATERING

Catering is provided by Vanilla in Allseasons, one of Cheshire's most respected wedding caterers, celebrated for exquisite food, seamless service, and a warm, personal approach.

The team are passionate about creating bespoke menus that perfectly reflect your style and story – whether you're planning an elegant wedding breakfast, a relaxed sharing feast, or a stylish evening celebration.

Vanilla in Allseasons take pride in using the freshest, locally sourced ingredients to design seasonal dishes that delight every guest. From elegant canapés and beautifully plated courses to indulgent desserts and late-night bites, every detail is crafted with care and creativity.

Their friendly, professional team ensure the catering complements your day beautifully, leaving you free to savour each moment with your loved ones.





# CONTACT US

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Every celebration is different so if you're interested in hiring our unique venue, we would be delighted to provide a bespoke quote for you.

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# TESTIMONIALS

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"The venue is stunning and perfect for any architecture buffs! The team were lovely, friendly & helpful and always available throughout the day. The day itself was perfect, ran completely smoothly and seamlessly."

Lauren & Andrew

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The space is beautiful and a cause really close to our hearts. We loved being able to do our speech from the balcony in the Engine Hall. The staff were fantastic throughout and the food was excellent, couldn't have asked for more."

Liam & Stuart

"Very accommodating and professional. Many of our guests commented on how nice the staff were and how amazing the space was. We really appreciated everything you did and would get married there again! It's a beautiful space which actually meant something to us. Guests appreciated the unique experience, and utilised the free museum!

Alex & Meghan

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Embee Photography