

Winter
WEDDINGS
AT THE
secret garden

WELCOME TO THE *secret garden*



The Secret Garden is a captivating, elegant venue perfect to hold your wedding ceremony and reception.

Inside and out, the Secret Garden is one of Kent's most romantic settings. We are situated on the beautiful Mersham Le Hatch Estate, offering a peaceful rural location. Within this brochure you will find information regarding venue hire, package prices and sample menus, as we specialise in all-inclusive packages to take some of the planning stress off your shoulders.



THE Coach House



The Coach House is complete with warm wood beams, cosy fairy lights, our feature mirror wall and plenty of plants, succulents and other rustic touches. We offer several set up options for your Wedding Breakfast - including a choice of round clothed tables or trendy rustic trestle tables free of charge.

This area is then transformed in the evening to become your evening reception area with a large dancefloor, and space for a Band/DJ along the mirror wall at the back.

PARTY TIME IN THE *Coach House*



The Coach House is the perfect space for a cosy winter party - with the large room containing your DJ, Band or other Evening Entertainment of choice [photo above features @theboomboxuk - recommended supplier], a spacious rustic dancefloor (wooden flooring means no need to pay for a supplier), the main bar area including a lovely sofa seating area and the toilets - everything you need is in one central space to keep that atmosphere.



THE Chapel



The Chapel is located within the Courtyard just off the Coach House - complete with high vaulted ceilings, rustic herringbone wood flooring, two gorgeous chandeliers, eucalyptus wrapped wooden beams and fairy lights - this barn-feel space is the perfect cosy atmosphere to say 'I Do'.

The Chapel can also be converted with our Emerald Green Velvet Sofas to make a snug area, perfect for cosy after-dinner Teas & Coffees whilst we transform the Coach House for your evening party.

INCLUDED IN YOUR *Winter Package*

Venue Hire, Furniture & Staffing Inclusions

As part of your package price, we include the below:

- Exclusive Use of the Coach House, Chapel, our two Terraces [Courtyard + Southern], the Glasshouse, and the Walled Gardens
- An Experienced Wedding Coordinator to provide complete Wedding Knowledge & Guidance during planning & On The Day Coordination
- Ceremony Administration & Booking [not included are KCC's ceremony fees]
- Furniture Set Up for Ceremony Area, Wedding Breakfast & Evening Reception
- Choice of 2 Styles of Trestle Tables & Ivory Chiavari Chairs
- Cream Linen Tablecloths & Napkins
- All Crockery, Cutlery & Glasses
- Duty Manager Onsite throughout the entirety of your Wedding Day
- Free Overnight Car Parking for Guests
- Music Systems for Ceremony, Wedding Breakfast & Beyond
- Rustic Props - Fruit Crates, Chintzy China, Wooden Easels
- Cake Cutting including Cake Stand & Knife
- Fully Licensed & Well Stocked Bar Including Experienced Bar Staff from Pre-Ceremony until Bar Close
- Secure Drop-off & Pick-up Area for your Decorations & other Items



INCLUDED IN YOUR *Winter Package* *Food & Drink Inclusions*

As part of your package price, we include the below:

Post-Ceremony Reception Drink - One per Person

Choices of Peach or Royal Bellini, Prosecco, Gin Cocktails, Beer or Local Ales etc. - up to 2 options can be chosen to be served as a 50/50 split

Two Course Wedding Breakfast

All of our menus are freshly prepared onsite by our talented brigade of Chefs using only local produce. We prepare interesting & varied menus for each year for you to choose your bespoke set menu for guests from.

Choice of:

Walking Starters & Main Course

Starter & Main Course

Main Course & Dessert

Celebratory Drink During the Meal - One per Person

Choice of:

Large Glass of House Wine

Glass of Prosecco for Toasts

Tea & Coffee & Hot Chocolate Station

Includes choices of flavoured & herbal teas; Whipped Cream, Marshmallows, Homemade Fudge & Selection of Flavourings (i.e. Peppermint, Orange) served on our Rustic Drinks Cart

Evening Food

Choice of Handheld BBQ Buffet, Posh Hot Sandwiches, Woodfired Pizzas, Farmhouse Cheese Table, Bowl Food, Fish & Chips

Evening Entertainment

One of our recommended DJ's to start from 6pm until close.

Prop Hire

Use of our full selection of Prop Hire items free of charge. Including Turkish Rugs, Aluminium Urns, Ivory Cast Iron Post Box, Rustic Wooden Table Numbers, Peacock Chairs & more.

Pricing

2023	NOV, JAN & FEB	DEC & MARCH	GUEST NO'S INC.
SUN - THURS	£4,000	£5,155	30
FRIDAY	£4,975	£6,625	40
SATURDAY	£6,760	£7,045	40

2024	NOV, JAN & FEB	DEC & MARCH	GUEST NO'S INC
SUN - THURS	£4,240	£5,455	30
FRIDAY	£5,285	£7,760	40
SATURDAY	£7,160	£8,200	40

2025	NOV, JAN & FEB	DEC & MARCH	GUEST NO'S INC
SUN - THURS	£4,485	£5,760	30
FRIDAY	£5,595	£8,195	40
SATURDAY	£7,565	£8,660	40

Additional Information & Pricing

As above, 'Guest No's' accounts for the number of guests already included in the package price. Additional Guests can be added on top of this set price; up to our maximum capacity of 90 Day Guests & 100 total in the Evening.

Additional Day Guests

£70.00 | 2023

£75.00 | 2024

£80.00 | 2025

Additional Evening Only Guests

~~£13.50 2023~~

~~£14.50 2024~~

~~£15.50 2025~~

HALF PRICE

£6.75 | 2023

£7.25 | 2024

£7.75 | 2025

Children aged between 2 and 12 are half price. Children under 2 are free of charge.



Bank Holidays (inc. Easter Weekend), Valentine's Day & some other dates not included - please ask for more details.

OUR RECOMMENDED *Additional Extras*



We have plenty of additions that can be added onto your package as extra special touches to make your day just that bit more indulgent - the below are our most popular.

All of the below pricing is for 2023, please ask the Events Team for 2024/2025 pricing.

Additional Course for during your Breakfast

£7.50pp

Choice of Starter or Dessert

Additional Menu Options for Guests

£3.00pp

If you'd like to offer your Guests choices to order from for your Wedding Breakfast, we'd recommend this. We'll ask you to create your own bespoke menu of 3 Options per course to be sent to guests ahead of your Big Day for Pre-Order.

Canapes for during your Post-Ceremony Drinks

~~£7.50pp~~

Choice of 4 from our Canape Menu, pricing for 4 per person.

HALF PRICE

£3.75pp

Upgrade to 1/2 Bottle of House Wine for during your Wedding Breakfast

£10.00pp

Additional Reception Drink

~~£8.50pp~~

An extra Cocktail, Glass of Fizz, Beer/Local Ale or Mocktail for during your Post Ceremony Drinks Hour

DISCOUNTED

£6.00pp

After Dinner Cocktail Hour

~~£14.00pp~~

Choice of up to 2 'Signature' Cocktails (1 of each per person) from our Cocktail Menu

DISCOUNTED

£10.00pp

SAMPLE *menus*

All of our food is freshly prepared onsite by our in-house chefs using only local and seasonal produce. Because of this, our menus are always subject to small seasonal amendments. We create new interesting and varied menus for each wedding season in the November the year before. The below menus are from our 2023 Wedding Menus.

canapés & walking starters

MEAT

Mac & Cheese Bites, Baconnaise
Mini Cottage Pie
Baby Roasted Potatoes, Cheese, Pancetta, Cream
Chicken Skewers, Katsu Sauce
Moroccan Lamb Meat Balls, Harissa Yoghurt
Mini Toad in The Holes, Onion & Apple Chutney
Sticky Chicken Mango Skewers
Sausage Rolls, Garden Chutney

FISH

Lemon Dill Fish Cake Chive Hollandaise
Fish & Chips Cones, Tartar Sauce
Seared Prawns & Satay Sauce
Salmon California Roll, Sriracha Mayo

VEGETARIAN

Mac & Cheese Bites (V)
Marinated Feta, Olives, Cucumber Skewers (v/VG)
Sweet Potato & Caramelized Onion Roll (V/VG)
Mozzarella, Cherry Tomato, Basil (V)
Smoked Cheddar Scones, Cream Cheese & Chives (V)

SAMPLE

a la carte menu

starters

Burrata, Parma Ham, Compressed Watermelon &
Cucumber Shallot Dressing (*supplement £2.00pp*)
Secret Garden Vegetable Soup, Fresh Homemade Rolls
(V/Vg)

Sweet & Sour Pork Belly, Pak Choi, Charred Pineapple,
Crackling

Duo of Mackerel, Celeriac Remoulade
Coronation Chicken Terrine, Charred Spring Onions,
Mango Salsa, Bombay Mix

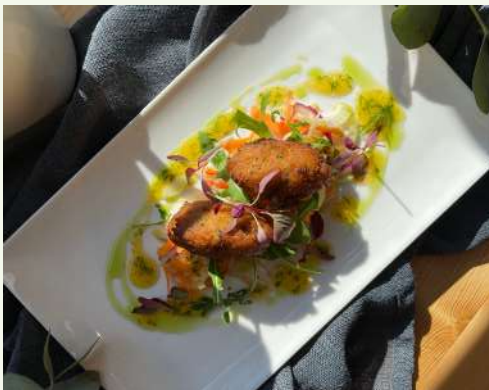
Mini Lamb Koftas, Pita Bread, Mint Yogurt, Pomegranate [*pictured below*]

Chicken Liver Pate, Redcurrant Jelly, Brioche, Rocket
Smoked Cheddar Croquettes, Spicy Tomato Sauce,
Rocket (V)

Thai Fish Cakes, Fennel Slaw, Mango & Dill Dressing [*pictured below*]
Kedgeree Scotch Egg, Rocket, Katsu Sauce

Or alternatively, to be sharing boards for the table;

Deli Boards with Home Cured Meats, Cheese, Sundried
Tomatoes, Houmous, Home Baked Bread, Olives.



SAMPLE *a la carte menu*

main course

Roast Sirloin Beef, Roasted Potatoes, Seasonal
Vegetables, Yorkshire Pudding (*Supplement £4.00pp*)

Herb Crusted Lamb Rack, Dauphinoise Potato, Rosemary Jus (*Supplement £5.00pp*)
Duo of Braised Duck Leg & Duck Breast, Orange & Thyme Scented Fondant, Port Jus
(*Supplement £3.00pp*) [*pictured below*]

Pancetta Wrapped Pork Tenderloin, Bubble & Squeak Cake, Mustard Sauce
Local Sausages, Champ Mash, Crispy Onions, Pea Puree, Ale Gravy
Slow Cooked Feather Blade, Creamed Potatoes, Pepper Sauce, Vine Tomatoes, Shallot
Puree

Chorizo & Tarragon Stuffed Chicken, Crushed New Potatoes, White Wine Sauce
Almond & Parmesan Crusted Chicken, Sweet Potato Mash, Spicy Tomato Sauce

Filet of Cod, Spiced Chickpea Cassoulet, Onion Bhaji

Red Onion & Goats Cheese Tart, Roasted New Potatoes, Spicy Tomato Sauce (V)
Stonebass, Minted Pea Risotto, Crispy Kale

Salmon with Basil & Parmesan Crust, Saffron Fondant, White Wine Velouté [*pictured
below*]

Thai Roasted Cod, Coconut & Lime Lentils, Spiced Mango Puree

All our mains are served with sharing bowls of hot seasonal vegetables to each table.



SAMPLE *a la carte menu* *desserts*

Passion Fruit Pannacotta, Mango & Lime Salsa,
Coconut Granola

Vanilla Crème Brule, Shortbread

Lemon & Blueberry Eton mess, Ginger Snap

Bailey's Tiramisu, Amaretto Biscuit

Chocolate Bread & Butter Pudding, Vanilla Ice
Cream *[pictured below]*

Treacle Tart, Stem Ginger & Marmalade Ice Cream

Raspberry & Pistachio Bakewell, Lime Cream

Lemon Meringue Cheesecake, Lemon & Lime Curd
[pictured below]

Triple Chocolate brownie, Chantilly Cream

Biscoff Cheesecake, Rum Caramel, Honeycomb Ice
Cream

Sticky Toffee Pudding, Butter Scotch Sauce,
Clotted Cream



SECRET GARDEN'S *frequently asked questions*

Can we get married in a Church?

Yes, of course - we have plenty of local churches nearby we recommend. Or, if you have one in mind that's more person for you, of course. We'll work with you to arrange bespoke timings.

What happens if it's raining?

We have a beautiful indoor ceremony space, The Chapel, and The Coach House can be the perfect cosy host for your post-ceremony drinks, breakfast and reception. With everything in one space, there's no need to go outside against the elements!
The Walled Gardens, however, are still the perfect backdrop for your photos no matter the weather; if you'd like to brave it - just take a look at Bekie & Jack's gorgeous night-time rain shot below!
[pictured bottom left - by @olegs_samsonovs]

How many guests can we have?

We recommend up to 80 as a maximum for the Day and up to 120 in the Evening.

Do you allow dogs?

We're more than happy to have your furry friends join in the celebrations!

Can we have fireworks or release lanterns?

Unfortunately, we are based in a peaceful rural location - nearby ancient woodland and farms with animal stock are protected meaning we cannot permit these. We love some sparklers though!

Are you wheelchair accessible?

Yes - we have disabled parking bays with nearer access, toilet facilities and no flights of steps onsite.



SECRET GARDEN'S *frequently asked questions*

Can we get married outside in Winter?

The only reason we can't go ahead with an outdoor ceremony is rain - we recommend indoor-only ceremonies for December - February for the comfort of your guests. We have carried out outdoor ceremonies in November and March!

What's the Shepherd's Hut for?

As we don't have any accommodation or a bridal prep suite onsite, we provide The Shepherd's Hut as a Cloakroom space for any overnight bags/jackets/spare flat shoes etc. you or your guests may bring. It's also a fab photo-op!

Is there car parking onsite?

We have a large secure gravel car park, with free overnight parking for your guests.

Can we bring in our own suppliers?

We have carefully handpicked our own recommended suppliers from the best that Kent can offer you. We don't recommend any suppliers without experiencing their work first hand to ensure they provide quality services - however, if you have someone else in mind there's no penalty fees.

Can we have access to decorate/set up the day before our wedding?

As part of our venue hire fee included in our package price, we include 2 hours of our team's time the morning of your wedding to decorate for you.

As we have weddings or small events almost every day, we unfortunately can't allow access to the venue the day before for setting up. We'll ask you to drop off your items along with some instructions for the team the day before though!



INFORMATION ON *booking your day*

We hope our brochure has provided you with plenty of initial information at this stage of your enquiry into your potential Secret Garden Wedding. For next steps from here, we always strongly recommend you arrange for a one-on-one viewing appointment with one of our lovely Wedding Coordinators.

We'll be delighted to book you in, show you around our gorgeous venue in-person and answer any further questions you may have. We offer viewings 7 days a week between 9am and 5pm, always by appointment only.

Once you've taken a tour of our venue, one of our Coordinators will provide you with a bespoke personally-tailored quote for your preferred dates (dependent on our availability) and guest numbers within 24 hours of your visit.

Dates are available upon request. Please contact our Events Team with your enquiry at:
events@secretgardenkent.co.uk

Should you have a particular date in mind please do not hesitate to contact us to check availability.

To confirm a booking we require a non-refundable £1,000.00 deposit, another instalment of £1,000.00 six months after booking and the remaining balance is due six weeks prior to your wedding date.

We do also offer a monthly payment scheme of a reduced £500.00 deposit and then equal monthly payments between booking and 6 weeks before your wedding - paid on the 1st or 15th of each month via BACS.

