

Guide to Planning Your Day

Organising a wedding can seem like a daunting task but we at Milsom Weddings are here to make it as simple and enjoyable as possible. Here you can find a basic wedding planner to see how to create your perfect wedding. Remember you can always give us a call on 01206 323150 for any further details.

The beginnings

Once you have announced your engagement it's time to think about the first questions.

When would you like to get married? What is your budget? Do you want a lavish, large wedding or a more simple, intimate wedding? Will it be a civil or church wedding/service?

Guests:

Start thinking about the number of guests you would like and who to have as your best man, maid of honour, ushers, and flower girls, then start delegating! Your maid of honour and best man particularly can be of great help.

Bookings:

Have a look around the several different venues on offer at Milsom Weddings, it's best to book 12 months ahead but always give us a call as we may have availability. Remember certain venues are ideal for different sized ceremonies and receptions.

Milsom Weddings can also advise on local churches.

As soon as you decide on a date, confirm your ceremony and venue you can send preliminary 'save the date' cards.

Accommodation:

It may be wise to provisionally reserve some accommodation for your guests if they are travelling to the area for the wedding. Speak to one of our co-ordinators if you think this might be necessary.

Wedding formalities:

It's a great idea to take out wedding insurance.

The dress:

Start looking for the dress; let your bridal shop or seamstress know your budget. Also look for the bridesmaids, groom and the other outfits, find out if they have any particular needs or wants.

Suppliers:

Start to look for some suppliers you may want to use, have a look on here to see who we recommend. Book your music, flowers, photographer etc. as soon as possible to ensure availability.

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The countdown, 6 months plus

Guests:

Decide on your final guest list and send out invitations and wedding lists. Also organise your stationary, such as the table cards.

Ceremony:

Start to think about which readings, hymns and songs you would like.

The dress:

Organise the fittings and order the dress and outfits for everyone. Make sure you have chosen your wedding rings.

The honeymoon:

Organise your honeymoon, and make sure your passport will be in date! Apply for your new surname as well.

3 to 6 months

Guests:

Plan the Hen and Stag do and organise the favours and the thank you gifts for your bridesmaids, best man and parents.

Catering:

Call the Milsom Weddings team to finalise your plans for the day including the menu and wines.

The look:

Meet your hairdresser and have a make-up trial at the Treatment Rooms.

Wedding formalities:

Organise your wedding transport and buy your marriage license. Inform your bank, doctor etc. of your name change and when it will be.

1 to 2 months

The guests:

Chase any missing RSVPs and then finalise numbers and table plan with Milsom Hotels and Restaurants. Hold a ceremony rehearsal and give the best man the rings and all the contacts that may be needed on the day.

The dress:

Have the final fittings for the dress and outfits, don't forget the accessories and wear your shoes in!

The honeymoon:

Check your holiday bookings, do you need inoculations, foreign currency?

Write your wedding speeches

The day before

Bring along all your wedding bits to the Milsom Weddings team to set up for you the next day.

Relax and get pampered at the Treatment Rooms at Maison Talbooth.

Enjoy a pre-wedding dinner at Milsoms.