

At Elkesley





Welcome to The Old Vicarage at Elkesley

A historic countryside setting for weddings that feel personal, relaxed, and entirely your own

Set within the Nottinghamshire countryside, The Old Vicarage at Elkesley is a beautifully characterful wedding venue where timeless surroundings meet complete creative freedom.

Dating back to the 17th century and approached by a winding, tree-lined drive, the venue offers a sense of arrival that feels both intimate and quietly impressive. From riverside ceremonies and garden celebrations to candlelit evenings and relaxed gatherings, every wedding here unfolds at its own pace.

The Old Vicarage is offered on an exclusive-use basis, giving you and your guests complete privacy for the day. Whether you're planning something elegant and understated, creatively styled, or a little bit unconventional, this is a place where your ideas are welcomed — and your story leads the way.

We look forward to welcoming you,
Sue, Sophie, Rob and Matt



The Venue, Setting & Surroundings

A countryside setting that feels peaceful,
private, and quietly unforgettable.



Approached by a winding, tree-lined drive, The Old Vicarage at Elkesley immediately feels tucked away from the outside world. Set within open countryside and bordered by the River Poulter, the grounds offer a natural sense of calm that carries through the entire day.

From riverside moments and garden gatherings to golden-hour light and evening celebrations, the setting encourages guests to explore, relax, and enjoy each moment as it unfolds. Every corner of the grounds offers its own character — creating beautiful backdrops for photographs and meaningful moments shared with the people you love.

Whether you're exchanging vows, welcoming guests, or simply taking a quiet moment together, the surroundings play a subtle but unforgettable role in your day.



The Old Vicarage at Elkesley

— At a Glance

Exclusive Use Venue

Enjoy complete privacy for your wedding day. No shared spaces, no interruptions — just you, your guests, and the venue entirely to yourselves.

Historic 17th Century Character

A timeless country house filled with charm, warmth, and personality, offering a setting that feels established, intimate, and full of atmosphere.

Creative Freedom

Bring your own suppliers, style the day your way, and create a celebration that reflects who you are — traditional, relaxed, or entirely unique. You can even bring your own nibbles for evening buffet food with reception.

Countryside Location

Tucked away in the village of Elkesley, just outside Retford, centrally located in Nottinghamshire just off the A1 the venue offers a peaceful rural setting that's easy for guests to reach.

Outdoor & Indoor Ceremony Options

Choose from riverside and garden ceremonies, including our outdoor pergola, or host your ceremony within the house. The whole grounds are licenced, you can truly create your own wedding.

Flexible Reception Spaces

From relaxed garden celebrations and cave receptions to marquee-style dining, the venue adapts to your vision rather than limiting it.



Ceremony Settings at The Old Vicarage

From riverside vows to intimate indoor ceremonies, choose a setting that feels right for you.

While these ceremony settings are our most popular choices, they're simply starting points.

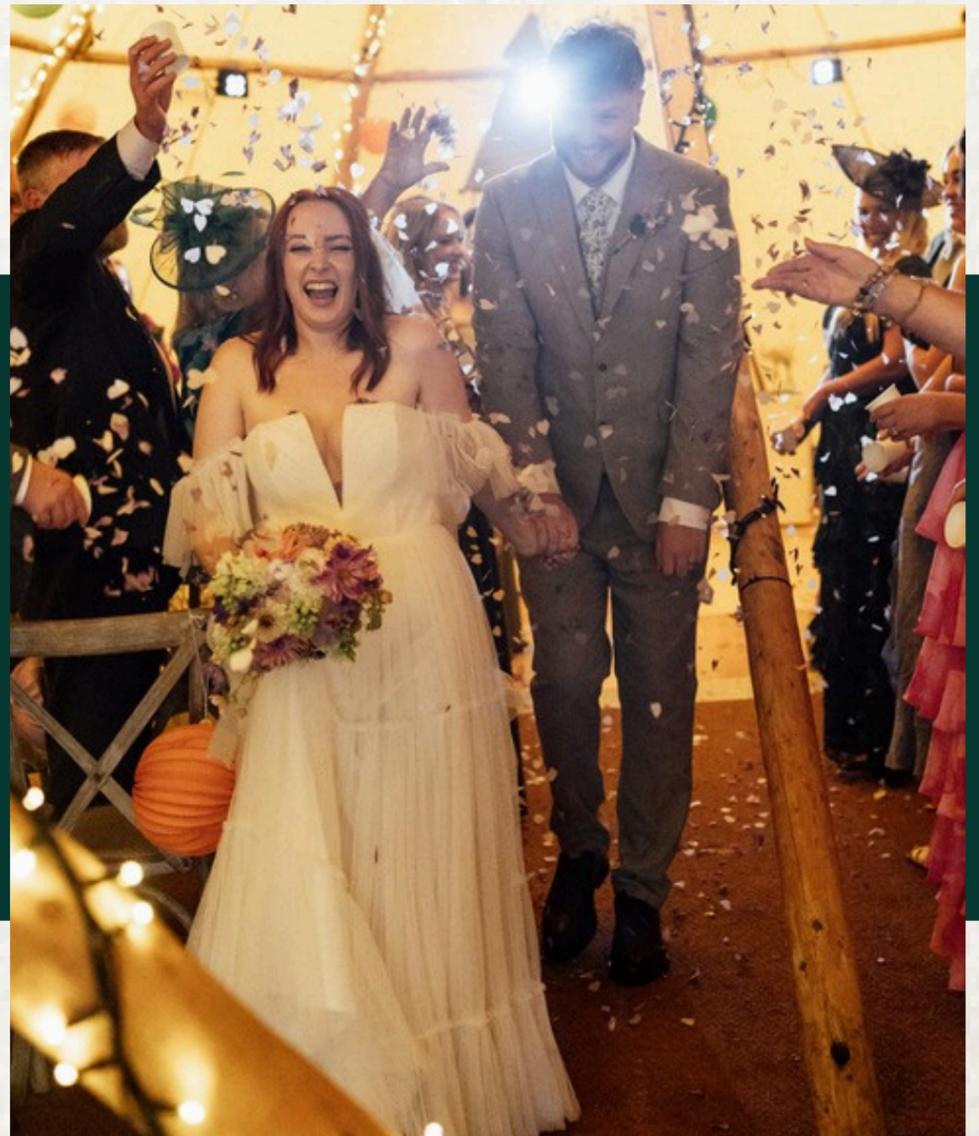
The Old Vicarage is yours for the day, and couples are welcome to hold their ceremony anywhere within the grounds, subject to availability and Bassetlaw Council licensing requirements.

If you have a particular spot in mind — by the river, within the gardens, or somewhere entirely unique — we'll work with you to help bring that vision to life.



Riverside Pergola Ceremony

Set beside the gently flowing River Poulter, our licensed outdoor pergola offers a peaceful, romantic setting surrounded by countryside views. Natural timber, soft light, and the sound of the river create a beautifully relaxed atmosphere for exchanging vows.



Tipi Ceremony

A warm and atmospheric setting that blends the outdoors with shelter and structure. Soft canvas, natural light, and flexible styling make this option ideal for couples seeking a relaxed, bohemian, or festival-inspired ceremony.



The Osborne Suite

A characterful indoor space within the house, ideal for smaller and more intimate ceremonies. Elegant and welcoming in feel, it offers a comfortable and timeless setting for ceremonies in any season.

Receptions & Celebrations

Evening Celebrations

As the day transitions into evening, the venue lends itself to relaxed, atmospheric celebrations. With flexible layouts, lighting, music, and entertainment choices, your evening can feel as lively or as laid-back as you wish.

Tipi Dining

A tipi is permanently in situ at The Old Vicarage during wedding season, a 3 hat tipi holding 150 guests and forms part of the venue hire, providing a relaxed and atmospheric space for dining and celebrations. Styled to suit your vision, it works beautifully for everything from informal feasts to evening celebrations, or a great option for rainy afternoons.

For larger guest numbers or alternative layouts, additional tipis or structures can be added as optional extras.



Gardens, Grounds & Riverside Celebrations

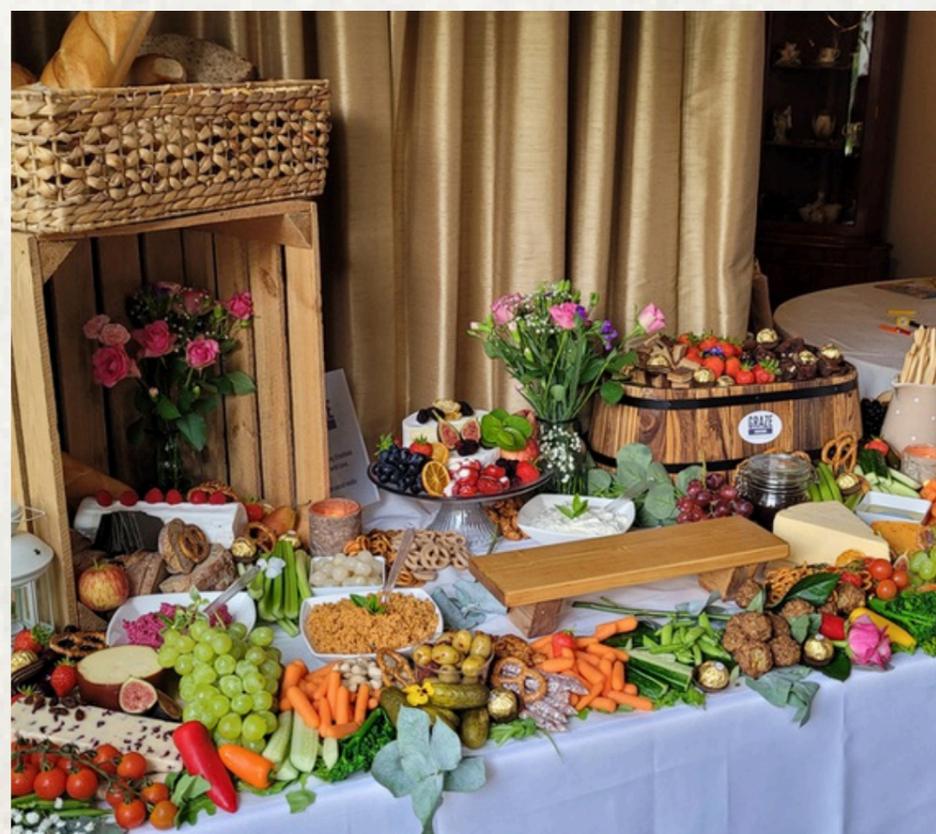
The gardens and grounds provide a relaxed setting for drinks, lawn games, and whatever you can imagine. With the River Poulter running through the venue, couples often include riverside moments — from casual drinks by the water to playful touches like duck races and fun fairs.

Designed for creativity, Whether you imagine garden games, live music, riverside activities, or something completely unexpected, the space allows you to shape your celebration exactly as you imagine.



Food, Drink & Suppliers

Couples are free to choose their own caterers and suppliers, from traditional wedding breakfasts and afternoon teas to street-food vendors, BBQs, and wood-fired pizza. This flexibility allows you to design a celebration that feels completely personal.



However you choose to celebrate, the focus remains on relaxed moments, spent with the people you love.

A Wedding That's Entirely Yours

No rigid formats. No set rules. Just the freedom to create a day that feels like you.



The Old Vicarage at Elkesley is offered on an exclusive-use basis, giving you and your guests complete privacy throughout the day. From the moment you arrive, the venue becomes your own — free to be shaped around your ideas, your style, and the way you want your celebration to unfold.

Whether you have a clear vision from the outset or prefer to let ideas develop naturally, the venue offers the flexibility to bring your plans to life. Couples are welcome to choose their own suppliers, style each space as they wish, and create a wedding that reflects their personalities rather than a set template.

Some weddings here are elegant and understated, others relaxed and full of character — many are a blend of both. However your day takes shape, the focus remains on creating something meaningful, memorable, and uniquely yours.



Venue Map

5 Acres Of Stunning Countryside



Every corner of the grounds here at The OV offers its own character — creating beautiful backdrops for photographs and meaningful moments shared with the people you love.

Use this map to explore all of the key features that make our venue so magical - from the licensed riverside Pergola, to the stepping stones across the babbling stream and open reception spaces.



Accommodation & Stay-Over Options

Extend the celebrations and enjoy a slower pace, surrounded by countryside.

For couples and guests who wish to stay close to the venue, a variety of accommodation options are available both on site and nearby. Many couples choose to make a weekend of it arriving on Friday and heading home Sunday, staying at the venue with tents, caravans, motorhomes, or a hired bell-tent village. Waking up to countryside views and the gentle sounds of the river adds to the relaxed, informal atmosphere that The Old Vicarage is known for.

Poulter Cottage, set just down a quiet country lane, is a spacious three-bedroom home with a private garden and hot tub — a lovely option for newlyweds or families looking for a comfortable stay-over.



The Coach House sleeps up to four guests and provides a private retreat with views over the lawns and river — perfect for freshening up on the day, enjoying photos from the balcony, or simply taking a moment together.



The Log Cabin offers a cosy, comfortable base for your wedding party or close family, blending rustic charm with thoughtful touches for a relaxed stay. Best Choice for Disabled access.

Support, Planning & Experience

Guidance when you want it, freedom when you don't.

Planning a wedding at The Old Vicarage is designed to feel relaxed and enjoyable. From your first visit through to the wedding day itself, our team is on hand to offer support, advice, and practical guidance whenever you need it.



Some couples arrive with a clear vision and prefer to take the lead, while others welcome a little more input along the way. However you choose to plan, we're here to help ensure everything runs smoothly — without imposing set formats or unnecessary restrictions.

On the day, you can feel confident knowing that the venue is prepared and the key details are in place, allowing you to focus on enjoying the celebration with your guests.

Every Bride and groom have meetings regularly with our wedding director to help you prepare plan and budget your day. Our Wedding Director, Sue, will Co-ordinate the whole day as well! From Supplier and your guests along with staff.

How Your Day Can Flow

Every wedding at The Old Vicarage at Elkesley unfolds differently — this is simply one way your day might take shape.

Arrival & Welcome

Guests arrive via the tree-lined drive and are welcomed into the grounds to relax and settle in. Early arrivals can explore the gardens, enjoy the countryside setting, and begin soaking up the atmosphere of the day.

Pre-Ceremony Drinks

Before the ceremony, guests often gather near the Cave Bar for relaxed pre-ceremony drinks. Set into the sandstone rock, this characterful microbar creates a natural meeting point and a sociable start to the celebrations.

The Ceremony

When it's time to say "I do," guests move to your chosen ceremony location — whether that's the riverside pergola, tipi, Osborne Suite, or another spot within the grounds that feels right for you.

Drinks, Photos & Celebration

Following the ceremony, the celebration continues with drinks, photographs, and time to enjoy the gardens, river, and surrounding countryside. Guests can mingle, explore, and relax while the day naturally transitions into dining and evening celebrations.

Evening Celebrations

As evening approaches, the atmosphere shifts effortlessly. Whether your plans include music, dancing, fire pits, or a more laid-back gathering, the venue provides the space and flexibility to shape the night exactly as you wish.



Venue Hire & Investment

We offer a relaxed, flexible approach to weddings — and our pricing reflects the exclusive use and creative freedom that come with celebrating at The Old Vicarage.

Our venue hire includes:

- Exclusive use of three magnificent tipis with wooden flooring and dance space, with festoon lighting.
- Two Covered Awnings with seating.
- All tables and chairs with bar in the tipi itself.
- Use of the venue grounds for your ceremony and celebration.
- Heating, mains electricity, and indoor/outdoor seating.
- Space for your DJ, band, or acoustic set.
- Flexibility to choose your own suppliers and style your day how you wish.

Please note that registrar fees for your ceremony are not included and must be arranged directly with the registrars.

Guide Prices

Saturday Weddings
From £7,750

Tuesday–Thursday Weddings
From £7,250

Elopement:
£550

(Prices are approximate and may vary based on guest numbers, date, and any optional extras.)

Extras & Optional Enhancements

While the venue hire fee covers the essentials, you may choose to add optional extras such as:

- Glassware or bar/corkage services
 - Speaker and microphone hire
 - Catering tent — if needed for your food setup
 - Additional staff support
 - Specialist lighting, décor, or bespoke structures,
- These can be tailored to your plans and budget.

Accommodation & Camping

Accommodation on site — including camping, glamping, and 3 other properties, including a hot tub — is not included in the venue hire and is subject to availability.

For up-to-date availability, personalised pricing, and to arrange a viewing, please get in touch — we'd love to hear your plans.

There are no rigid packages here — just flexibility and space to create a wedding that fits your vision and budget. We recommend getting in touch for a personalised quote based on your preferred date and ideas.

Testimonials

Why Couples Love The OV.



Dear Sue, I want to say a personal thank you for all you did for Laura and Richard's wedding day Saturday 22nd June. The organising of everyone, especially your staff, they were brilliant all day and worked all those long hours with a smile into the night. Your wedding venue is stunning, a great place for weddings and camping "I loved staying in the Log Cabin"



Thank you so much,
Anne Binns Brides Mum

We recently got married here and it was beautiful, the owners were lovely and nothing was too much trouble. It really was the most perfect day with the most beautiful surroundings! We will definitely be back to camp.



Thankyou all Nicky and Jamie xx



The Old Vicarage is a BEAUTIFUL location to have a wedding at. The grounds are unbelievable and is so private. Sue and her family did an absolute amazing job with helping in every way to organise our outdoor wedding. Sue really couldn't do enough for me, she was always available for a chat or a zoom meeting, she had tonnes of ideas and kept me organised and calm. She has lots of contacts for amazing suppliers, she thought of lovely tiny details and they all spent a lot of time in the days before our wedding to make it look magical and perfect. Our wedding guests can't believe how amazing it was.



Thankyou so so much we will be forever grateful

Lauren & Sean xxx





Practical Details & FAQs



Exclusive Use

Yes — weddings at The Old Vicarage at Elkesley are offered on an exclusive-use basis, giving you and your guests complete privacy throughout the day.



Ceremony Licensing

Legal civil ceremonies can be held in our licensed spaces, including the riverside pergola and inside the Osbourne Suite. Symbolic ceremonies may take place elsewhere within the grounds, subject to suitability.



Guest Numbers

The venue is suitable for both intimate weddings and larger celebrations. Guest numbers depend on your chosen layout and structures, and we're happy to help guide you on what works best.



Suppliers

Couples are welcome to choose their own suppliers, including caterers, photographers, and entertainment. If helpful, we can also recommend trusted local professionals.



Weather Plans

Outdoor weddings are always planned with flexibility in mind. Should the weather change, we are prepared! Alternative spaces within the venue allow your day to continue smoothly.



Parking & Access

On-site parking is available for guests, with easy access for suppliers. The grounds are laid out to allow your day to flow naturally between spaces.



Music & Entertainment

Live music, DJs, and all entertainment are welcome. We'll work with you to ensure sound levels and timings suit both your plans and the surroundings.

If you have any questions not covered here, we're always happy to talk things through.



Contact and next steps - Your Story Starts here

If The Old Vicarage feels like it might be the right place for your wedding, we'd love to show you around.

The best way to experience The Old Vicarage at Elkesley is to visit in person. From the riverside setting to the grounds and celebration spaces, a viewing allows you to picture how your day could unfold.

We offer relaxed, private viewings where you can explore the venue at your own pace, ask questions, and talk through ideas — whether you're at the very beginning of planning or refining the details.

There's no pressure, no set agenda — just an opportunity to see if this feels like your place.



Arrange a Viewing

Get in touch to check availability, book a visit, or talk through your plans.

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