

# The Process 2024

## Using a Celebrant for YOUR Wedding, YOUR way

At present in the UK, only a Registrar, a council employee, can perform the legal element of a marriage. These legalities take place at licensed impersonal council offices. They take approximately 12 minutes and cost under £100.00. There are a limited number of external venues (approx. £650.00), but the ceremony itself will remain impersonal.

Using a civil celebrant frees you to have exactly the ceremony you want. Weddings, Vow Renewals, Baby Naming, Family Blending, Gender Affirmation, Funeral Services, Memorials and many other celebrations. At a location and style of your choice. Nowhere is off limits, as long as you have permission from the land or property owner. A celebrant gets to know you and your story and writes your unique ceremony to truly reflect your story.

The ten steps of the celebrant process are:

1. As soon as you know your appropriate timescale, book a '2+2' slot at a register office for a few days before your actual wedding celebration. This ceremony takes 12 minutes and is the very basic 'legal stuff'. These slots get booked very quickly, so it is important to book as soon as possible. You must do this step to be legally married.
2. Find your celebrant. Either ask friends/family for a recommendation, or visit us online at [www.celebrantcompany.co.uk](http://www.celebrantcompany.co.uk). Have a chat by phone or Zoom, then arrange to meet up, preferably at your venue to discuss your wishes.
3. Choose your venue, book your date, sign contract and pay your deposit to secure the date.
4. Choose your celebrant, sign contract and pay your deposit to secure the date.
5. Approximately 12 weeks before your wedding date (if time allows) meet again with your celebrant to finalise details of the day, including your vows and timings..
6. Your celebrant will then begin to write your ceremony. They will select poetry and readings that will compliment your vows. They will weave a wonderful narrative around your love story; where you met, the proposal, your families and your lives together. A unique ceremony, just for you.
7. Approximately six weeks before your big day, or according to T&Cs, pay the balance of your venue and celebrant.
8. On the day, your celebrant will arrive in plenty of time ahead of the service, checking the venue and where you and your guests will be. They will direct the service, reassuring any last-minute nerves, making sure the entire ceremony runs smoothly and ensuring that your wedding is exactly as you dreamed.
9. Sign your commemorative Wedding Certificate and pose for photographs.
10. Enjoy your day, secure in the knowledge that your ceremony is in safe hands.

Having a celebrant for your wedding allows you to have the ceremony in Your words - in Your style - at Your venue.

Ring me today for an informal no-obligation chat.

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**Professional Celebrant**  
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