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THE  
HIDDEN OAK

WEDDINGS 2025





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## The Hidden Oak

Welcome to this beautiful County Durham estate, which unfolds over 200 acres of vast, verdant countryside, dotted with abundant wildlife and punctuated by two tranquil lakes. The Hidden Oak is an exclusive-use wedding venue designed for bringing together all of your favourite people to create meaningful wedding ceremonies, receptions and weekends that you'll never forget. Alongside this epic backdrop, our dedicated events planning team are meticulous in their pursuit of crafting the most beautiful nuptial celebrations.

## Our Mission Statement

At Hidden Oak, the only thing that's hidden is our estate(!) and that's because its meandering gated drive is 1km long, designed to elevate any celebration entrance.

As a dedicated family business with the love of weddings and family celebrations at the very core of what we do, our 'no hidden charges' policy offers couples a full transparency guarantee when opting for the estate as their chosen venue. All of our packages are inclusive and designed to resonate fully with the cost of your celebration.

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## The Barn

Although it's hard to believe that this former milking parlour dates back to the 17th century, the giveaway is its beautiful vaulted ceiling, which adds texture and ambience to the modern aesthetic. Boasting floor-to-ceiling bi-fold doors which can be fully opened, it's bathed in natural light, and boasts panoramic views of the pretty landscaped grounds, courtyard and lake.

A state-of-the-art sound system and a rather pleasing (and fully stocked!) bar add to its extensive credentials as a luxury wedding venue. Any colour palette or theme blends seamlessly within the barn walls.

The barn can be utilised and configured in a host of ways – depending on guest-list numbers – and can host both the ceremony and reception, and even host the wedding breakfast.

Here at The Hidden Oak, we offer a 'can do' policy and our knowledgeable team are always on hand to offer insight, inspiration and practical solutions to help make your dream big-day vision a reality.

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## The Grounds

You'll find an abundance of greenery here, so consider our estate's 200 acres your playground for the duration of your wedding celebration. Whether you utilise our vistas for your first stroll hand in hand as a newlywed couple, choose to dedicate an area to Giant Jenga and garden games for the little ones or opt to erect a tipi for a lively evening shindig, feel free to consider our endless grounds as your celebratory domain.

The Hidden Oak's spring and summer weddings often benefit from a beautiful stretch tent on the lawn providing cover for magical vows, while the cobbled courtyard positioned at the centre of the estate, surrounded by the barn and our accommodation – could become the alfresco heart of your wedding party.

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## The Farmhouse

As our former family home, the development of this space is very close to our heart, with our family heritage and love sown into every brick.

This project will be fully completed in time for 2025, with a total of eight ensuite guestrooms set to be complete for spring 2025.

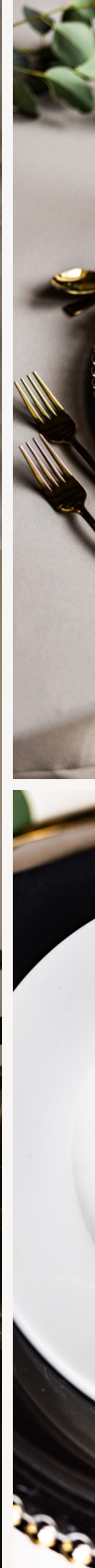
Boasting luxurious furnishings, Italian marble bathrooms, dreamy views from every window and all the mod cons you can imagine, the farmhouse offers you and your nearest and dearest the ultimate retreat for your stay. The spacious kitchen is a place to gather and graze, while the huge living room space is ideal for convivial chatter, reunions, introductions and memory-making with those that mean the most. Our lavish master suite The Oak boasts a freestanding bath, king-size bed, comfy seating area and Insta-ready dressing room, making it the ultimate bridal party HQ. Sumptuous added extras include luxury toiletries, a minibar and a well-lit makeup station for that all important pre-wedding pampering.

The Farmhouse can be added on for a one, two or three day celebration.

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### ‘I Do Details’

At The Hidden Oak, the most popular ceremony location is under our rustic-chic stretch tent, which can be positioned in number of locations within the grounds, before moving the festivities into The Barn for your wedding breakfast. Once again, depending on party size and time of the year, this can vary and be configured to suit and indeed enhance each and every couple’s wedding party.

For those wanting a traditional Christian ceremony, we can provide details for local churches, including St Mary’s in Norton Village and St Peter’s in Bishopton.

### The Food of Love

Conjured up using seasonal fresh produce, The Hidden Oak’s caterers know no culinary bounds and are widely renowned for their palate pleasers. Dine on delicious dishes prepared by highly trained chefs, paired with carefully selected complementing tipples.

There are a number of catering options available to showcase these gourmet talents in a way that best reflects your event style, from a traditional slap-up three-course meal to specialist grazing stations and a barbecue, all tailor-made to your exacting requirements. Allergies and dietary requirements can be fully catered to with advance knowledge.

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## Your Wedding Timeline

An example wedding day narrative at  
The Hidden Oak...

<b>2.00pm</b>	On-site ceremony
<b>2.30pm</b>	Drinks reception
<b>3.45pm</b>	Wedding breakfast
<b>6.30pm</b>	Evening guests arrive
<b>8.00pm</b>	Evening supper
<b>11.30pm</b>	Bar closes and music finishes
<b>12.00am</b>	Guests depart

### Transport

**Parking:** There's ample on-site parking, and cars can be left on-site overnight. **Taxi:** A private, on-site taxi rank is provided. Easy access for private coaches or buses.

### Hosting Capacity

*110 day guests and 140 evening guests, and on-site and external accommodation can be provided.*

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# Your Stay With Us

## One Night

- Wedding day** Arrive on the morning of you wedding day. Self Catering breakfast is served from 8am  
Return to the farmhouse after the celebrations have ended at 12.00am
- The next morning** Self Catering breakfast served is from 8am; everyone departs by 10am

## Two Nights

- Midweek or weekend** All accommodation must be booked for the packages below
- The evening before** Guests arrive at The Farmhouse from 5.30pm onwards; if the catered option has been selected, evening supper will be served at 7pm
- Wedding day** Self Catering breakfast will be served to all guests from 8am; return to The Farmhouse after the celebrations have ended at 12.00am
- The next morning** Self Catering breakfast served is from 8am; everyone departs by 10am

## Three Nights

- Weekend only** All accommodation must be booked for the packages below
- The evening before** Guests arrive at the Farmhouse from 5.30pm; if the catered option has been selected, evening supper will be served at 7pm
- The wedding day** Self Catering breakfast will be served to all guests from 8am; return to The Farmhouse after the celebrations have ended at 12.00am
- The day after** Self Catering breakfast will be served at 8am, then perhaps indulge in a woodland walk, have a garden party or enjoy a spot of clay pigeon shooting?  
Return to The Farmhouse for private dining if the catering option has been selected
- The final morning** Self Catering breakfast will be served from 8am; departure by 10am

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## Package Inclusions

### Drinks

Reception and toast drinks, including glassware

### Entertainment

Daytime sound system for background music

Handheld microphone for speeches

Wifi throughout The Barn

Ambient uplighting

Courtyard and grounds ambient lighting

Master of Ceremonies

### Furniture & Tableware

Round tables and chairs for the wedding breakfast

Selection of occasion tables

Outdoor furniture

White linen tablecloths and napkins

Crockery and cutlery

Cake table and knife

### Catering By Our Approved Suppliers

Canapés

Three-course meal

Evening supper

### Accommodation

Arrival hamper for all guests

Continental breakfast included each morning

Self-catering and catering options provided for one/two nights' stay

Private hire of The Farmhouse

### Setup and Derig

Rubbish removal and recycling

All table arrangement

Tidy away and storage of flowers and props if needed

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## The Seedling Package

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**An intimate, luxurious & exclusive wedding at  
The Hidden Oak.**

Guests will arrive to explore and enjoy our gorgeous grounds from 3.00pm, before your ceremony and wedding reception take place in The Barn. With a welcome drink, sharing wedding breakfast and toast drink included your guests can celebrate with you in style.

***from £3500***

*Packages from 30 guests, available on a Monday or Tuesday throughout the year and a Thursday in the winter months. Food and drink package upgrades are available on request.*

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## The Sapling Package

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**A lavish & exclusive midweek celebration at  
The Hidden Oak.**

Exclusive use of the venue from midday means your guests can enjoy and explore all that our venue has to offer. With your ceremony taking place outdoors or within our stretch tent, a drinks reception within our gorgeous grounds followed by your wedding reception in The Barn.

With a welcome drink, three course wedding breakfast, toast drink, half bottle of wine and street food for your evening buffet included your guests will be well and truly catered to throughout your day. If you want to add something a little extra our packages can be tailored to you!

***from £6500***

*Packages from 50 guests, available mid week throughout the year.*

*Food and drink package upgrades are available on request.*

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## The Mighty Oak Package

**As it's name portrays, *The Mighty Oak Package* is magnificent, luxurious and can be all yours!**

With everything from The Sapling package included and a little bit more! Give your guests the full Hidden experience and lavish them with food and drink throughout the day before partying into the night.

***from* £7500 midweek  
& £11,000 weekend**

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## Testimonials

**“The Hidden Oak is a beautiful venue in a beautiful setting. Jonathan, Robert and Christopher were very welcoming and helpful from the very first meeting, they were always on hand and willing to accommodate anything we asked for. All the guests commented on how fantastic the venue was and what a great day it was!”**

GINA & JAMES

**“We had our wedding at The Hidden Oak earlier this year and it was an amazing experience from start to finish. We loved being able to create our day with some of the best wedding providers in the north east which we chose to suit exactly what we wanted. Thank you for making the wedding planning experience fun and exciting – wish we could do it all again ”**

KATHRYN & ANDY

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