

Recommended Suppliers List

All our recommended suppliers have worked at Hever Castle, with the majority on more than one occasion. Each of them are familiar with The Castle, The Astor Wing and The Italian Garden venues, which makes us very confident in recommending them.

If you would like further information on any of our suppliers listed, please do not hesitate in contacting the Events office on 01732 861 800, opt 1

Florists:

Pamela Brise: Pamela has worked here at Hever Castle for many years and is responsible for the wonderful arrangements that you will see in the Astor Wing and the Castle itself.

She is extremely good at interpreting and fulfilling a client's brief and has produced a wide range of styles from contemporary to classical. Having such a good knowledge and understanding of the Castle, Astor Wing and Italian Garden, Pamela will confidently guide you through your requirements in a friendly and cheerful manner.

Telephone: 01732 823 890

The Flowersmiths: Suzanne Price, owner of The Flowersmiths, loves weddings of all shapes and sizes and specialises in creating beautiful, fresh designs that exceed expectations, delighting couples and guests alike. They have many years of wedding floristry experience and in decorating all aspects of Hever Castle. Suzanne has an extensive portfolio of gorgeous weddings for you to browse and an impressive collection of testimonials from happy past clients. The Flowersmiths work with complete dedication and commitment on every wedding, creating tailored mood boards to bring your ideas to life and ensuring your wedding experience is as seamless and enjoyable as possible.

Telephone: 07776 135 928

Website: www.theflowersmiths.co.uk

Fuller-Wilke Florals: Emma's career started at Hever Castle, where she worked as a gardener for seven years. This has given her a good knowledge of texture, colour, and natural materials. Her passion for floristry started with creating Christmas wreaths for the Castle and estate along with teaching the 'Hever in Bloom' workshops in the grounds. Emma firstly trained under the Castle florist Pamela Brise and later trained at Hadlow College in Kent. Emma works in various venues all over the South-East and

specialises in rustic country weddings, using seasonal materials and English grown flowers and foliage where possible.

Telephone: 07493981415

Website: www.fwflorals.co.uk

Email: fwflorals@gmail.com

Please note that flowers are not permitted in or on the urns on the Loggia

Venue Decoration, Chair Covers, Stationery

Your Beautiful Day: Becky and her team have been in business for years and have grown their venue decorator team from strength to strength. Winners of the 'Kent Wedding Awards 2011' and 'Finalist for 2012', Your Beautiful Day can offer anything from chair covers and table dressings to stationery and favours. Becky can provide free quotations for any request and is more than happy to sit and discuss your requirements.

Telephone: 07786 248 348

Website: www.your-beautiful-day.co.uk

Locate to Create is an established prop, furniture and event styling company based in the Southeast of England, we want everything about your event to reflect you and tell your own individual story, which is why we hold such an eclectic portfolio of items and furniture pieces to suit an array of personalities and styles. We can provide items from seating areas and wooden rustic tables and chairs to smaller table styling items and backdrops. We collaborate closely with our clients to bring their vision to life and can combine our prop hire services with our strong background in event styling to create unique and immersive events and experiences. If you would like to learn more, please do get in touch.

Email: hello@locatetocreate.com

Website: <https://locatetocreate.com/>

Telephone: 07718 140217

Chic Weddings: Chic Weddings are a venue stylist and florist based in Gravesend, Kent.

They boast a large, passionate and creative team with many years' experience and knowledge of both floristry, styling and the latest wedding trends, combining passion and enthusiasm with a genuine love of weddings. They have two large show rooms, displaying beautiful décor, centrepieces and finishing touches which offer inspiration to create the wedding of your dreams.

Email: weddings@chicweds.co.uk

Website: www.chicweds.co.uk

Cake Makers:

Purple Flour: Claudia is based locally in Tunbridge Wells and creates bespoke Wedding and Celebration Cakes. Her company Purple Flour has grown through word of mouth and the opportunity to collaborate with many wonderful clients including local dignitaries and she has on one occasion baked for HRH The Duke of Cambridge. She uses only the finest ingredients in her cakes and the signature of Purple Flour is the outstanding taste combined with impeccable detail and service. Tastings are offered in Claudia's kitchen from where she will design your cake with you and be personally involved until your cake is delivered and set up at Hever Castle.

Telephone: 01892 520 219

Website: www.purpleflour.co.uk

Cake Innovations: Sam loves to make wedding cakes from the elegant to the quirky, from stunning sugar flowers to gothic skulls! Your wedding cake is an essential part of your special day and to have something that is truly bespoke as well as unique, but also tastes delicious and looks amazing is imperative. With over 10 years' experience, Sam will guide you through each step to ensure the very essence of your wedding cake is as sensational as Hever Castle.

Sam's vast experience has included making several cakes for celebrities including Craig Revel Horwood, Shaun Williamson and John Partridge (EastEnders), and Alexandra Burke.

Telephone: Sam - 07796 448366

Website: www.cakeinnovations.co.uk

Make Up & Hair:

SJB Hair & Makeup: At SJB Hair and Makeup, Sam aims to provide a one-stop shop for all your hair and makeup needs. Her ethos is that makeup should not be used as a mask but should enhance an individual's natural beauty. SJB Hair and Makeup pride themselves on their professionalism and reliability, providing a relaxed, friendly service and ensuring you leave feeling a million dollars. SJB Hair and Makeup go the extra mile to make sure your dream becomes a reality.

Telephone: 07967 642361

Website: www.sjbhairandmakeup.co.uk

Email: sam@sjbhairandmakeup.co.uk

Hero Stylist: At Hero Hairstylist, the cliché of outdated 'bridal hair' is long gone. We believe in making you feel the best version of you, (on a day that just happens to be your wedding day!) Our style is a modern, relaxed vibe. Using mainly cruelty free products, we create hairstyles to instil inner confidence and beauty on your wedding day.

Telephone: 07786332445 Email: kate@herohairstylist.com

Website: www.herohairstylist.com

Massage:

Catherine Davidson: Catherine has been working at Hever health and well-being centre since January 2020 as well as running her own business "Pampa" for 14 years. Catherine offers an array of packages to suit your needs for the bride to be, friends and family. Relax, enjoy and be completely Pampered for the big day ahead, special occasions or just some extra pampering for yourself and loved one during your stay. Specialising in luxurious, de-stressing, detoxifying and rejuvenating massage and beauty treatments. Ranging from holistic oil massage, Neals yard facials, body scrubs, O.P.I nails, eyebrow/lash tints to warm bamboo massage.

**To book treatments please contact Catherine pampabycatherine@gmail.com
07786481194**

Photographers:

Teri Vincent: Teri is a female multi award winning UK and destination Wedding Photographer with a background in Fashion Art Direction and an extensive Wedding Photography portfolio. Her unique, creative, unobtrusive documentary style is what has made her one of the UK's most sort after Photographers for over ten years. It's important to her to not only artistically record the events of your day but to also create timeless, beautiful photography that tells your story, extracting the emotional dialogue for future generations to read into. You will have the full emotional narrative of your guests' reactions as well as stunning, beautiful images that you will be proud to show off forever.

Telephone: 07885 039301

Website: www.terivphotography.co.uk

Danni Beach Photography: Danni is one of the top leading female wedding photographers in London and the South East. She has worked extensively at Hever Castle and knows the whole estate very well. Danni will work closely with you to creatively and unobtrusively capture the essence and magical moments that tell the story of your day.

Telephone: 07802 371 269

Website: www.dannibeachphotography.com

Helen England: Helen's professional career started in 2002 when she graduated from Southampton Solent University with an honours degree in photography. For over ten years, she has been a full time wedding photographer based in Kent. Her photography style is very natural, relaxed and unobtrusive. She aims to blend into the background, capturing the beautiful moments of your wedding, perfectly capturing the spirit and emotion of the day in a way which reflects the two of you as a couple. She has been highly commended by the Kent Wedding Awards for 'Photographer of the Year' and has an impressive portfolio of beautiful weddings.

Telephone: 07907 013 223 / 01892 459 363

Website: www.helenenglandphotography.co.uk

Kristian Leven: Kristian is an internationally acclaimed wedding photographer, whose reputation was built around capturing naturally artistic and emotive moments on a couple's wedding day. Kristian also travels extensively, and his travel photography has been regularly exhibited at photography festivals in San Francisco, London and Brussels.

Telephone: 07743 720369

Website: <https://kristianlevenphotography.co.uk/>

Videographers:

Cut Above Productions: Cut Above offer a professional, yet personal, approach to filming weddings. They create stylish, tasteful wedding films and work unobtrusively to capture the essence of the whole day. They are based just 10 miles from Hever Castle and have worked here many times. Finalists in the 'Kent Wedding Awards' and members of 'The Institute of Videography' they pride themselves on offering an excellent service.

Telephone: 07956 914 305

Website: www.cutaboveproductions.co.uk

Shortfilm Company: The Shortfilm Company offer discreet wedding videography, allowing you to relive your wedding day for years to come. Working in the background, using small cameras, allows them to work quietly without interruption to your big day. It's their challenge to make your wedding video interesting, fun and enjoyable to watch.

Telephone: 07958 922 861

Website: www.shortfilmcompany.com

Musicians:

Harpist:

Ms Jane Lister: Jane is a local harpist and has played in many well-known establishments including a number of local venues where she is delighted to welcome interested parties to hear her play. She has performed for us here at Hever at varying functions and has always been extremely accommodating and very well received by her audience.

Telephone: 020 7582 2090

Heather Brooks: Heather is currently studying at a London conservatoire and has been playing the harp for 8 years. As well as Hever Castle, Heather has performed in various prestigious venues including Wigmore Hall, Cadogan Hall, Fairfield's Hall, his royal highnesses Highgrove and St. George's chapel Windsor Castle. Heather has an extensive repertoire which includes classical, medieval to modern with a repertoire selection appointment, with clients, to tailor to their music tastes and requirements.

Email: heatherbrooks2000@gmail.com

String Trios and Quartets:

The Dotted Crotchets: Have you always dreamed of walking down the aisle to Pachelbel's Canon in D? Or perhaps something more recent such as 'Thousand Years' or 'All of Me'? The Dotted Crotchets String Quartet and Trio are the perfect accompaniment to your wedding day and guarantee that you will love their instrumental renditions of your favourite songs. With their relaxed summer style and over 500 songs to choose from, they can help create the perfect atmosphere for your special day.

Telephone: 07769 349 575

Website: www.thedottedcrotchets.co.uk

Blue Topaz Strings: Do you have a favourite song that you always imagined for your wedding day? Blue Topaz Strings offer unique groups including their Exclusive String Trio and Quintet of violins and double bass which play classical, jazz and pop styles. In addition to their beautiful sound, they also pride themselves on exceptional presentation with some matching dress options to tie in with your wedding colours! The Blue Topaz players are first rate professionals who are not only experienced wedding performers but have also played with artists including Adele, Emeli Sande, Hugh Jackman, Paloma Faith, Mark Ronson, Rod Stewart, Stormzy and Lana del Rey.

Feel free to get in touch with Anna who will be pleased to help you with your music choices and create the perfect soundtrack for your special day.

Phone: 07970 837338

Email: info@bluetopazmusic.com

Website: www.bluetopazmusic.com

Instagram: [@bluetopazmusic](https://www.instagram.com/bluetopazmusic)

Tudor Minstrels:

Dante Ferrara: Dante is a soloist performer who sings both romantic and bawdy songs which he plays on an array of beautiful period instruments whilst dressed in wonderful costume. Dante has performed many times at Hever during a range of different functions and is an ideal choice for embracing the history and heritage of Hever Castle.

Telephone: 01522 512753.

Website: www.danteferrara.co.uk

Saxophonist:

Mike Taylor: Mike has been playing saxophone for over 35 years and toured in the 80's with the band, Weapon of Peace. As a solo Saxophonist he has worked at many events and makes a wonderful addition during a drink's reception.

Telephone: 01753 670 995

Website: www.miketaylorjazz.co.uk

Bands:

The Superlatives Showband: The Superlatives are a large seven piece showband that perform at glamorous parties all over the world. They play a variety of party hits from the last 60 years and include soul, disco, pop, rock and R&B which are guaranteed to keep your dance floor full.

Telephone: 07771 621 291

Website: www.thesuperlativesaband.com

Oomphf: Oomphf are a powerful, high-energy funk/pop band fronted by highly sought-after Sammy Sarfas. The funk band is made up of some of the most talented musicians in Brighton and the South East. Between them they have played and recorded with an impressive list of artists (Jools Holland, Amy Winehouse, De La Soul, The Mummies and Quantic Soul Orchestra to mention a few!)

“The UK’s best live funk band for hire!”

Telephone: 07833 197142

Website: www.oomphf.com

Earcandy: Earcandy’s philosophy is simple – Life is not about facts and figures; it is about feelings. Those moments when all of your friends and family are on the dancefloor rocking out, sharing an experience like no other. These are the moments we live for. From Bands, DJs to string quartets and acoustic acts, each and every one has been designed to provide a wow factor to ensure a spectacular end to your perfect day.

Telephone: 0800 230 0889

Website: <https://earcandylive.co.uk>

GrooveZoo: GrooveZoo are the complete musical solution for your wedding, creating the perfect soundtrack for your special day. Primarily a six piece party band, which can also provide a string quartet, jazz band, DJ, dance floor, confetti cannons and much more!

Telephone: 07870 665815

Website: www.GrooveZooBand.com

Jam Hot Showband: Here is a little advert video of ‘what we do’:

<https://youtu.be/heq59uF4mDg>

Jam Hot is an immersive, interactive stage experience that brings together 8-21 world class performers (always the same team, we don’t book ourselves out more than once a night!) to create a raucous, vibrant party on the dance floor. Our hard-hitting setlist has something for every guest, and guarantees a sensational evening, no matter the event.

Telephone: 08000 305 503

Website: getintouch@jamhot.band

British Imperial Military Band: A perfect enhancement to welcome guests as they arrive, to call guests through to dinner or to entertain during a drink's reception. Made up of professional musicians who have all served in one of the three armed services - Royal Marines Band Service, Corps of Army Music, or the RAF Music Service. This allows us to give a bespoke offer according to need and requirement. The band has now been established for ten years and has many repeat bookings such as New Year's Eve at the Ritz in London, Henley Regatta and The Classical Spectacular concerts at the Royal Albert Hall. We have a wealth of experience and a securely established reputation at many prestigious venues both in this country and around the world. Bookings can be taken ranging from a two-piece fanfare team to a 36-piece band.

Telephone: 01635 43702

Website: www.britishimperialmilitaryband.com

DJs:

Firebird Events: Firebird Events have continually provided DJs and rigs of top quality here at Hever. They adhere to a professional conduct and ensure they play the style of music that you request. Their professionalism also extends to monitoring the mood of the evening and creating a lively, happy, and enjoyable party atmosphere. They can provide DJs and Discos in both The Moat Restaurant and The Guthrie Pavilion.

Telephone: 01252 545654

Website: www.firebirdevents.co.uk

DJ2K: The DJs with DJ2K are scouted and trained by their experienced management team. The leading wedding and corporate DJ specialist in the South East, they travel across Kent to deliver a professional, modern and fresh twist on your music needs.

Telephone: 0800 783 2928

Website: www.dj2k.co.uk

Mighty Fine Events: Mighty Fine are multi-award winning, professional DJs and event productions specialists. They provide the ultimate stylish and modern entertainment experience, personalised to your requirements. Their philosophy is to make your wedding a captivating occasion, which is unforgettable and exciting and will be remembered for years to come.

Telephone: 07539 004 118

Website: www.mightyfine.events

Magician:

Robert Pound: A member of the Magic Circle and local to the area, Robert comes highly recommended, not only by Hever, but a member of the Royal Family too! Robert blends classical close-up magic with mind-blowing psychological misdirection and sleight of hand to create highly original and memorable routines you will not see elsewhere. Close

up magic is an ideal choice when you want an unforgettable occasion guaranteed to 'wow' your friends and family.

Telephone: 07970 729 538

Website: www.robertpound.com

Wedding Celebrants:

Lara Khoury is a professional, independent, and creative Celebrant who loves Weddings.

She will work closely with her couples to get to know their 'Love story' and write a beautiful ceremony script that is truly relevant and unique to them. Her wedding and vow renewal ceremonies are presented with joy, sincerity and love. Lara will provide every couple with the ceremony they want - whatever style or theme they choose, to share with their family and friends and creating a fabulous moment in time, that they will all remember forever.

Telephone: 07779096595

Email: Foreverceremoniesuk@gmail.com

Website: www.foreverceremoies.com

Instagram: [#foreverceremoniesuk](https://www.instagram.com/foreverceremoniesuk)

Nikki Wood: Nikki Wood is an Independent Celebrant and will collaborate with you to create a beautiful, heart-felt, bespoke ceremony that reflects your beliefs, values and personalities and exceeds your expectations. Whether you are considering a wedding celebration, a simple blessing or renewing your marriage vows Nikki will work with you to make your event extra special.

Telephone: 07702 848164

Email: info@perfectwordsceremonies.co.uk

Website: www.perfectwordsceremonies.co.uk

Making Memories by Gerri: Gerri is a professionally trained and independent celebrant. Calm and passionate about creating your perfect day and making it one to remember. Holding your hand each step along the way. Creating something special that is unique and personal to you. She has a wealth of experience in creating ceremonies for weddings, renewal of vows and naming ceremonies, indoors and outside. She doesn't mind even donning her wellies if it rains

Email: Makingmemoriesbygerri@gmail.com

Website: www.makingmemoriesbygerri.co.uk

Tel: 07763347144

Wedding Planning Services:

The Wedding Dolls: The Wedding Dolls offer a high level of service to make sure that you can relax and enjoy your day whilst they worry about the details, organise suppliers,

deal with any problems and look after the individual needs of all the guests. They are extremely experienced in organising events and they know exactly how to deliver a wedding packed full of personality. Their planning service will give you help and assistance on your journey to the big day, full of professional advice and a wealth of fabulous wedding expertise.

Telephone: 07872 160 911

Website: www.theweddingdolls.co.uk

Murder Mystery Events:

The Company Upfront: With 29 years' experience, The Company Upfront provides professional evenings of entertainment. The evening starts with a pre-murder mingle to introduce the characters and break the ice. You will then be invited to witness the events which lead up to and include the dastardly crime. Following the murder, sift through the clues before cross-examining the surviving suspects and carrying out other detective tasks.

Telephone: 01732 862353

Website: info@murder-party.co.uk

Fireworks:

Firebird Events: Fireworks are available through Firebird Events only as our dedicated supplier.

Due to the estate being a listed historical venue they have passed necessary risk and health and safety assessments permitting them to display at our venue. It is with regret that fireworks are only available in line with an Italian Garden Wedding as they are displayed over the lake.

Telephone: 01252 545654

Website: www.firebirdevents.co.uk

(Please refer to our FAQs with regards to our Firework Policy).

Transportation:

Due to the location of Hever Castle, it is essential that all taxis and transportation is pre-booked. It is extremely difficult to request taxis for an immediate pick up. Below is a list of companies that we use on a regular basis and would have no hesitation in recommending. Please note that we do not hold accounts with any taxi company therefore clients need to pay the driver directly at the end of the journey.

Relyon (Edenbridge Town Station) – 01732 863 800 - contact@relyoncars.co.uk

Western Cars (East Grinstead)- 01342 300000

Beeline Taxis (Sevenoaks Station) - 01732 456 214

Posh Kosh: Posh Kosh have been used on many occasions and are recommended by Hever due to their professionalism, reliability and standard of service and transport. Their fleet consists of a number of Chrysler Grand Voyagers' which can seat up to 6 passengers per journey and a sleek Range Rover too. The drivers are friendly, extremely well presented and will ensure that they know your exact requirements for your event.

Telephone: 07710 358308

Ashdown Classic Wedding Car Collection: Ashdown Classic Wedding Car Collection provide rare vintage, veteran and classic cars. With a wide selection of styles from 1903 to 1997, they offer a truly unique selection of luxury transport. All their cars are privately owned and they pride themselves on offering wedding day transport to the true connoisseur.

Telephone: 01342 810 698

Website: www.theashdownclassicweddingcarcollection.co.uk

RR Phantom Cars: RR Phantom Cars has achieved a well-respected and envied reputation specializing in the hire of chauffeur driven Rolls-Royce and Bentley luxury cars. They know nothing quite tops gliding to your wedding day in a gleaming car, offering complete extravagance.

Telephone: 07730 747 677

Website: www.rrphantomcars.com

The Kings Ferry Coaches: The Kings Ferry is one of the leading private coach hire companies in London and surrounding counties such as Kent, Sussex, Surrey with an outstanding reputation for coach hire and commuter coach services. The company is renowned for its ability to provide the best luxury coach hire services while adhering to Duty of Care legislation, giving you complete peace of mind.

Telephone: 01634 377 577

Website: www.thekingsferry.co.uk

Ultimate Minibuses: Ultimate minibuses will provide the convenience and affordability you are seeking. Whether travelling in Essex, Kent, London or Hertfordshire there is the option of hiring a minibus or alternately booking a minibus with a driver.

Telephone: 01708 300100

Website: <http://www.ultimateminibuses.co.uk/>

Horse Drawn Carriages:

Drayhorse Shires Carriages and Cars: Drayhorse Shires offer stunning white and burgundy carriages available for hire. All their carriages can be fully enclosed for those

chilly winter weddings or fully convertible for beautiful summer days. All of their carriages come with a pair of horses with ostrich plumes, two coachmen and ribbons to match your colour scheme.

Telephone: 01634 319 825

Website: www.drayhorseshires.co.uk

Toastmaster / Master of Ceremonies:

Peter Thompson: As a Fellow, and former President of the National Association of Toastmasters, Peter has worked throughout the UK and Europe and has a wide experience of weddings, including those which are culturally specific. Whether your wedding is quite formal, or really relaxed, his detailed planning, meticulous attention to detail, discreet coordination and friendly, approachable manner will allow you and your guests to relax and enjoy a wonderful day.

Telephone: 01634 841 375 / 07976 835 054

Email: toastmasterpeter@btinternet.com

Website: www.southeast-toastmasters.co.uk

Peter Tautz: Peter is professionally trained by and now a full member of The London Guild of Toastmasters. Peter has worked for clients at venues all over London and the South of England. He has the experience and knowledge to adapt his style to his client's requirements. If you're looking for a toastmaster; whatever you want, his presence will make all the difference to your big day.

Telephone: 07966 157 688

Website: www.righttoastmaster.co.uk

Babysitter / Event Creche:

Sammy Sitters: Sammy Sitters can provide a baby-sitting service or event crèche during your event, either in the venue or within a designated area or bedroom.

Website: www.sammysitters.co.uk

Tel: 07736 844442

Team Building:

The Wright Event: The Wright Event has been organising corporate events and team building activities for over 20 years. They have run many events at Hever Castle and whatever the objective – to motivate staff, incorporate team building in to a staff day out or boost morale and team spirit in the workplace, the Wright Event go the extra mile to ensure your event runs smoothly, is cost effective and stress free. They are brilliant at understanding what you're looking for; ensuring your brief is fulfilled and with their

knowledge of Hever and the grounds to offer, they can advise what they think would be best for your event.

Telephone: 01732 529 511

Website: www.thewrightevent.co.uk

Please note additional facility fees are applicable for certain activities using the Hever grounds – please speak to your Events Coordinator for more details.

Off-Site Accommodation:

Lingfield Park Marriott Hotel and Country Club: The Marriott Hotel at Lingfield Park is a four* spa hotel that overlooks the beautiful racecourse. It is situated 15 minutes from Hever Castle if you're travelling by car and boasts an impressive 116 bedrooms. If you would like to consider accommodation alongside your Italian Gardens wedding then the Marriot at Lingfield Park will be the most logistically simplistic option for you.

Telephone: 01342 830 920

Contact: Samantha Karvounis

Email: skarvounis@lingfieldpark.co.uk

Website: www.lingfieldpark.co.uk