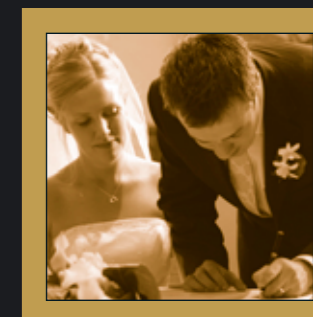
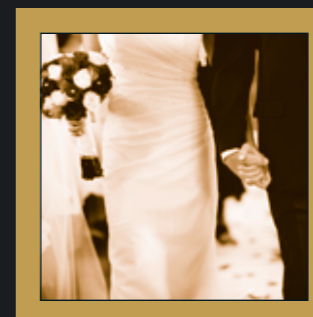
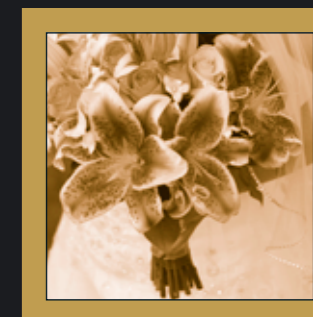
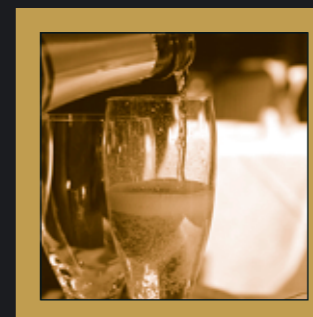




Weddings at the Dower House

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spend that special day with us



Congratulations

We are delighted that you are considering the beautiful Dower House as your wedding venue and have the pleasure of providing you with our wedding information.

The Dower House is idyllically situated in the market town of Knaresborough, with its many ancient walkways, cobbled alleyways and historic buildings.

Knaresborough is surrounded by some of the most varied and beautiful scenery to be found anywhere in the whole of the United Kingdom.

The town itself is just a stone's throw away from the cosmopolitan centre of Harrogate, Leeds and York and is situated just 4 miles from the A1. The town is also served by all major road networks and just 25 minutes from Leeds/Bradford airport.

The location and surroundings of the Dower House make it a perfect place for holding a small and intimate or large celebration.

I do hope you will consider choosing the Dower House as the venue for your wedding and can assure you our personal service experience and attention to detail will make your day very special.

Please feel free to contact us should you require any further information.

Kind regards

General Manager and the team
at the Dower House



Built in the 15th century the Dower House of Knaresborough has a full and interesting history.

It has been known by several names, three of these being 'Lylley Hall' in the 1500's. 'Bond End House' between 1750 and 1910, and 'The Dower House' from approximately 1911.

The house is situated in Bond End in the area of Knaresborough known as 'Tentergate'. In medieval times, this was the area where the bondsmen or serfs of the town lived – hence the name Bond End.

Records have been tracked back in the Slingsby Archives to 1541, when a clear entry has been found of a lease from "Thomas Slingsby of Scriven to Richard Slater and Margaret his wife of 'Lylley Hall', barn and kiln in the area of Tentergate". The Slingsbys are an old well-known Yorkshire family and at one period they were one of the

largest landowning families of the north of England. Sir William Slingsby discovered the 'Tewitt Well' in Harrogate in 1571. Sir Henry Slingsby was a prominent Royalist during the Civil War and was executed on the 8th June, 1658, being the last person to have his head exhibited on Micklegate Bar in York.

Although the house is now called Dower House and was attached to the Slingsby estate, there is no record of any Dowager Lady Slingsby having lived here. The last person connected to the Slingsby estate to live in the house was the agent Mr F.A Hartley who resided here from 1904 to 1938.

It was some years later that the house, now a grade II listed building, was brought and gradually converted into the hotel of character that it is today.



Civil ceremonies at the Dower House

The Dower House is a licensed venue for the solemnisation of marriages and civil partnerships.

A choice of rooms are available for the ceremony, which can cater for the smaller marriage of about 10-25 people to the larger gathering of up to 120.



venues available are:

venue	civil ceremony	drinks reception	wedding breakfast	evening
The Swaledale	up to 25 guests	35	18	20
The Terrace	up to 30 people	60	25	n/a
Restaurant 48 and Terrace	up to 85 people	100	112	130
The Nidderdale	up to 112 people	80	55	95
Marquee	up to 120 people	150	120	150

Once you have decided on a civil ceremony, you will need to make direct contact with the superintendent Registrar for North Yorkshire County Council and liase with the hotel over the arrangements for the ceremony.



Extras which will add sparkle to your wedding:

You may consider the following extras which will add sparkle and success to your reception:

Alternative reception drinks

- bucks fizz
- white wine punch
- pimm's
- champagne
- house wine
- open bar
- mulled wine
- kir royale
- gin and tonic
- dawa cocktail
- slingsby punch

prices available on request

Wines - Please see our comprehensive list

Canapé selection prior to your wedding breakfast
- further details on request

Table Linen - White linen is included free of charge.
Coloured table linen can be arranged, subject to availability from £50.00

Entertainment - Disco and bands on request

Flowers - You may provide your own, or the hotel can organise these for you:

- Posy bowls from £12.00
- Oval arrangements from £25.00
- Garland for the top table/cake from £25.00
- Presentation bouquets or baskets £15.00

Alternatively you may like balloons instead of flowers and we will be happy to put you in touch with the right people

Toastmaster - Our experienced manager can preside for you or alternatively a professional Toastmaster can be arranged



The wedding menus include the following:

Personal ownership of your wedding by our general manager or senior manager

Sunday lunch for the bride and groom upon confirmation of the wedding

Feature suite for the bride and groom with full Yorkshire breakfast

Red carpet welcome

Flower arrangement for the top table

Cake stand and knife

Menu, place cards and table plan printing

A member of our experienced staff to act as your toastmaster

Car parking with over 100 spaces

Full use of our corniche leisure club including indoor pool

A camera on each table to collect a record of your special day

Menu tasting for the bride and groom before the wedding, of their chosen menu

see separate inclusions for our 'grand wedding for a grand' programme

Accommodation at the Dower House

We offer accommodation rates for your guests if they wish to make a weekend break whilst enjoying your wedding reception. Also the night prior to the wedding day and the night after. (Subject to availability).

Should you have guests who wish to stay overnight, the Dower House has a number of special bedrooms with four poster and other feature beds both in the old and new parts of the building. All rooms are furnished to the highest standard and offer all the modern gadgets that one would expect in the 21st century.

Residential guests are also free to use the superb facilities of our Corniche health and leisure club.





Booking Information

www.ashdalehotels.com

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www.cornicheclub.co.uk

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www.restaurant48.co.uk

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www.dowerhouse-hotel.co.uk

Written confirmation along with £400 non-refundable deposit will be required at the time of booking.

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Final details and full prepayment must be received at least eight weeks before the event.

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The hotel will accept a reduction of up to 10% of numbers originally booked.

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The hotel will always charge for a minimum of 90% of numbers originally booked.

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Prices are inclusive of 17.5% VAT.

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The hotel reserves the right to change any conditions within these menus without prior notice.

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We advise a cancellation insurance in the event of any unforeseen circumstances as payments are non-refundable.

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For children under 12 years old there is a reduced charge or; if preferred, a children's menu.



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