Weddings at The Bear Inn

THE PERFECT VENUE FOR YOUR SPECIAL DAY



Alderwasley, Derbyshire



Welcome to The Bear

Whether it's a small, intimate reception or a full ceremony with 100-plus guests, every wedding at The Bear Inn, Alderwasley, is unique. We offer a truly personal service and look forward to helping you create the rural wedding of your dreams.

Contact us today to arrange your visit to The Bear

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About The Bear Inn

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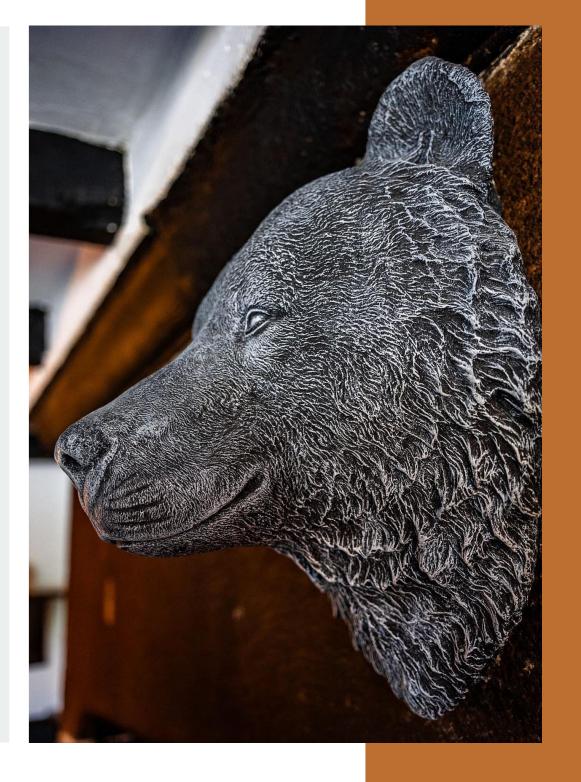
Nestled above the picturesque Derbyshire village of Alderwasley and surrounded by stunning countryside views, The Bear Inn offers the perfect rural wedding location. Just six miles from Matlock and 12 miles from Derby, the venue is accessible yet feels like a world away.



Built in 1528, and a coaching inn since 1735, The Bear has been welcoming guests for over 275 years. Now grade II listed, its rustic charm and character has been beautifully preserved.

Inside, it is like stepping back in time, with The Bear's unique atmosphere, quirky interiors and friendly hospitality creating a warm welcome for you and all your guests. As a wedding venue, The Bear is also versatile, with a choice of spaces to reflect your own individual taste and style. There is on-site boutique hotel accommodation as well as extensive outdoor space too.

Fully licenced for civil ceremonies, The Bear can also accommodate wedding breakfasts and evening receptions, making it an unforgettable countryside venue for your marriage celebration.













The venue

Oozing rural charm, The Bear Inn is a relaxed and informal space which can be adapted to your own wedding plans.

As well as onsite accommodation and parking, our wedding venue facilities include:

Bear Hall

Bright and spacious, with wooden floors and high vaulted ceilings, Bear Hall has a welcoming character all of its own. As a sizeable annex to the main inn, it is also a versatile wedding venue that can accommodate up to 110 seated guests and 150 standing. Bear Hall has its own private bar, ample dance/music space and the option of private access, making it perfect for a rustic wedding celebration, all-year-round.

The Bear Inn

Within the pub itself, we also have two intimate seated areas which are ideal for small party weddings, champagne afternoon teas and 'bijou' wedding celebration dining.

The Grounds

Outside, The Bear has a large lawned garden and relaxed seating area, boasting stunning views across the rolling hills of the Derbyshire Dales.

We can also accommodate outdoor weddings during the summer – please call our events team to discuss how we can create your perfect celebration.

Wedding packages

It's the details that make a wedding day so special...

We know that organising a wedding can be a little daunting, which is why we strive to provide an exceptional service at an affordable price. And that means you get an unforgettable wedding celebration that's also totally personal to you.





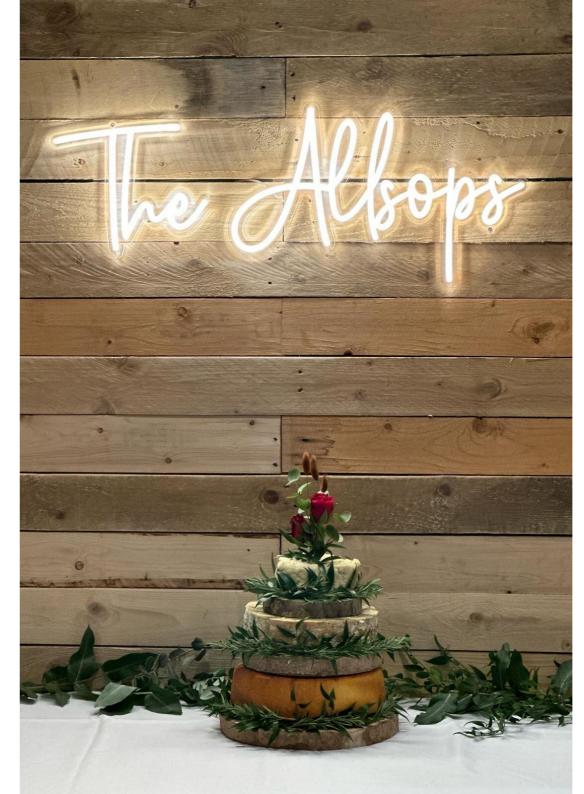
The Bear Essentials Wedding Package

The Bear Essentials Wedding Package provides the starting point for your special day.

With The Bear Essentials Package you get:

- All-day venue hire of Bear Hall
- Use of the hall's tables, chairs, tableware and furnishing
- A private bar
- Bar and waiting on staff
- Support from The Bear's Event Management Team
- Access to The Bear's partner list of wedding services

You will also be offered exclusive access to The Bear's accommodation (subject to availability), including a bridal room to get changed in (please note: accommodation will be at extra cost).



Bespoke Wedding Service

If you need more support with planning your wedding, The Bear's events team can assist with our Bespoke Wedding Service. From personalised menus, champagne receptions and room decorations to marquee hire and evening entertainment, we can tailor The Bear Essentials Package to match your budget as well as your vision for your wedding day.

Bijou Weddings

If a smaller celebration is on your wedding wish list, then we can work within your budget to make it a reality. We specialise in intimate wedding packages for wedding parties of less than 25, including midweek celebrations, afternoon tea and wedding breakfasts. Please call us to discuss your specific bijou wedding requirements.

Contact our events team on 01629 822585 today to start planning your perfect wedding at The Bear!





Catering for your big day

From canapes and buffet receptions to formal sit-down wedding breakfasts and bespoke dishes, we will ensure your reception is a truly mouth-watering experience.

Our chef and events team will work closely with you to create an unforgettable menu that works with your vision of your special day. We can also provide outdoor catering and can accommodate specific dietary requirements.

Contact our team today to discuss how we can perfectly cater for your dream wedding.











Staying at The Bear

With seven ensuite hotel rooms and two cosy self-catering cottages,
The Bear has the perfect on-site accommodation for the special couple and selected wedding guests.

Each with its own unique character, the rooms in the main hotel offer everything the wedding party needs. Think sumptuous king-size beds including four posters, relaxing baths, invigorating showers and quirky interiors as well as a delicious breakfast. And rooms can also be opened up for the bridal party to relax and prepare on the big day.

When booking your wedding at The Bear, you will be offered exclusive access to our accommodation at preferential rates, subject to availability.









FAQs

When I hire Bear Hall, can you help me organise my wedding?

Our Bear Essentials Wedding Package gives you the flexibility to organise your big day, but with the full support of our events team to ensure that every step of your wedding planning goes smoothly. However, if you need more bespoke support, we can also offer tailored wedding packages, including full planning and management. Please call our team to discuss – we'd love to hear more about your specific wedding plans.

What time can we have access to Bear Hall to set up?

You have the hall for the whole day and will have access from 9am so that you can set up for your wedding. If you have an early ceremony or reception and need to gain access the night before to set up, please let The Bear events team know.

Can we have live music or a DJ?

Bear Hall has space for music as well as a dance floor. We also have the necessary music and entertainment licences to ensure you all have a fabulous evening!

Can we use our own caterers?

When booking your wedding at The Bear Inn, you will be required to use our catering services. Whether it's a buffet or a full banquet, our talented chef and catering team will create a personalised menu that's perfect for your wedding day.

What time can our wedding reception go on to?

This depends on the day of your wedding; for example, on Friday and Saturday, last orders are at 11pm. With sufficient prior notice, we can apply for a late licence, subject to an extra cost. Please chat with our events team if you are considering a later finish time for your reception.

Can you help with sourcing suppliers for our big day?

Yes, we can! Our events team can provide a personalised package of support for your wedding, including our own cakemaker and florist, as well as evening entertainment options. We also have a personally recommended list of suppliers to cover all other aspects of your wedding and reception. We would be delighted to discuss your wedding plans to ensure you get the very best service from The Bear and our suppliers.

Where can our guests stay?

Onsite, we have seven ensuite hotel rooms and two self-catering cottages, which you can book (subject to availability). We can also help you with our recommendations for accommodation nearby for your other guests.

How much parking space do you have?

The Bear Inn has a free car park onsite, which can accommodate up to 70 cars and is available for your guests to use. We can also arrange additional parking nearby if required.

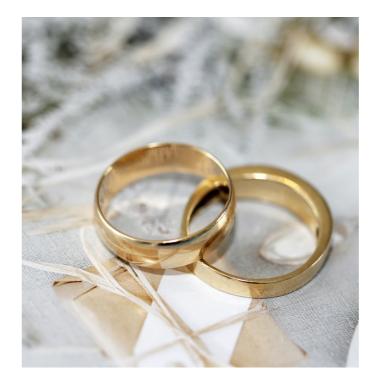
How accessible is the venue?

Unfortunately, due to the building's age, layout and listed status, The Bear Inn cannot provide disabled access or facilities.

If you have any more questions about holding your wedding at The Bear, please call our events team on 01629 822585 or email events@thebear-inn.co.uk









Are you ready to start planning your dream wedding in the countryside?

Get in touch with our events team to arrange a visit to

The Bear Inn so we can show you around and discuss your

specific wedding plans.

Contact: The Bear Events Team on 01629 822585

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We look forward to welcoming you to The Bear!



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