Ceremonies

in the

London Borough of Merton
Welcome to Morden Park House, a delightful Georgian building set amid beautiful parkland in the London Borough of Merton.

Elegantly restored by English Heritage in 2000 the house has three ceremony rooms, an elegant staircase ideal for photographs and a walled courtyard. The perfect meeting place for your guests.

Whether you live in the borough or just feel Morden Park House would be the right setting for your special day we want to help make your occasion something to remember.

Your special event could be a marriage ceremony, the renewal of marriage vows, registering a civil partnership or naming a child. You may even choose to become a British citizen at Morden Park House.

Each of these momentous moments can take place in this delightful setting and our staff will be on hand to make sure your celebration is truly wonderful.

May I take this opportunity to invite you to visit us to see for yourselves the elegant and charming rooms we have available.

To ensure all guests feel at ease there is a lift to all floors and parking is available next to the house or outside the courtyard.

We also have a number of other venues in the borough licensed for civil ceremonies and would be happy to provide you with further details of these.

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**Booking your Ceremony**

You may book your civil ceremony up to one year in advance by telephone, fax, email or in person. Remember, to secure the date and time you want it is important to book well in advance. Priority is given to those who come to Morden Park House in person a year to the day before the ceremony. Please feel free to visit us at any time to take a tour of the building and view the rooms and elegant staircase. It is necessary to book if you wish to visit on Saturdays.

To have your ceremony at any of the other licensed venues in the borough you need to book with us in the same way but please contact the venue first to make sure it is available.

If you would like to marry in church please call the priest or vicar first for advice on whether or not you need to contact the register office.

Following your booking we will send you a provisional confirmation letter explaining what to do next.
Wherever you live, both of you must attend the register office in the council tax area in which you have been staying for the previous seven clear days. At the register office you must present your documents and give notice of your intention to marry or form a civil partnership.

This does not apply to those subject to immigration control who must attend together at a designated office such as Morden Park House. If you have any queries about your paperwork you should contact the Home Office but please get in touch with us if you need guidance.

If either of you have changed your name for any reason we may need to see legal documentation to support this, for example a deed poll or statutory declaration. Please contact us, or your local register office, if you need any advice.

You cannot marry or form a civil partnership if you are under 16. If you are under 18 you will normally need consent from a parent or guardian. Please contact the superintendent registrar to discuss the paperwork necessary for your circumstances.

Following the legal waiting period of 15 clear days, if no objections have been received, you may marry at the location given in your notice statement.
Renewal of Vows

This is a chance to renew vows to one another to celebrate an anniversary or a lasting relationship.

Some couples might choose to share a silver or ruby anniversary by renewing their vows in front of others.

Newly weds, on the other hand, might use a renewal of vows ceremony as a chance to enjoy a precious moment with loved ones here following a marriage abroad.

Whatever the reason staff at Morden Park House will guide you through all the options to make the occasion memorable.

This is not a legally binding ceremony and has no legal effect.

Commitment ceremonies

Couples who want to commit to each other but for whatever reason are unable to do so or do not wish to make a legally binding commitment can seal their relationship with a commitment ceremony.

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Baby Naming

A naming ceremony is a special way of celebrating your child’s birth and welcoming a new arrival into the family. It is an opportunity for parents and those close to the child to make promises and commitments for the future.

We encourage parents to choose the text for the ceremony and to include readings which make the ceremony personal to their child.

A naming ceremony is not just to celebrate a new birth. All your children can take part. This may be of particular interest to couples who would like to have a naming ceremony for their children following their marriage.

Naming ceremonies can be held in any of the ceremony rooms at Morden Park House or at any of our licensed venues.

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There are no legal preliminaries to any of these ceremonies. They are not legally binding and have no legal effect. However, the celebrant will need to see a certified copy of the birth, marriage or civil partnership certificate where appropriate.
Marriage Rooms at Morden Park House

The Sheridan Room

This charming room, recently redecorated in green and cream, provides an intimate setting for any ceremony. The French windows open directly onto the park - ideal for photographs under the magnificent trees, which also provide an inviting canopy on hot summer days. Alternatively photographs can be taken on the striking staircase in the centre of the house. The Sheridan Room seats 20 guests but you may invite up to 30 to join you on your special day.

A virtual tour of the room, the house and grounds is available on our website at www.merton.gov.uk/living/register/registeroffice.htm

The Lord Nelson Room

The Lord Nelson Room has been beautifully decorated in pale lemon and a vibrant blue. It was formerly the gentlemen’s games room and has elegant Georgian bay windows and a crystal chandelier. The view from the windows is of the impressive courtyard with its magnificent horse chestnut trees. Fresh flowers add to the wonderful ambience, making the room perfect for any ceremony.

There is seating for 40 guests as well as direct access to the central staircase for your exclusive use, providing a magnificent photo opportunity.

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The Ewart Room

The Ewart Room at the top of the house provides a delightful setting for your ceremony with its beautiful architecture typical of an 18th century house.

This room seats up to 100 guests and the staircase will be for your exclusive use from the moment you arrive.

Fresh flowers are provided to enhance the room but you are invited to add your own decorations such as ribbons and ties if you wish. The room is big enough to accommodate live music such as, a string quartet, and we would be delighted to discuss any requirements you might have with you. An extended appointment is needed for a ceremony in this room so early booking is advisable.

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Citizenship Ceremonies

Morden Park House offers both group and individual citizenship ceremonies where those who have successfully applied for British citizenship can celebrate.

There is an extra charge for individual ceremonies but these do mean you can invite your family and friends and chose a date and time convenient to you, as long as it is during our opening hours.

During the ceremony each citizen is required by law to take an oath and a pledge of allegiance. The National Anthem is then sung and afterwards the citizenship certificates are presented and photographs can be taken.

The ceremony and the special surroundings make this an occasion to treasure.

Merton Register Office
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DIRECTIONS TO MORDEN PARK HOUSE

BY UNDERGROUND
Take Northern line to Morden. Cross over the road and either catch a bus (80.93 or 154) or turn right and walk along the A24 for approximately 20 minutes to Merton College. Take right turn immediately before college buildings. Morden Park House is located at the end of this lane.

BY ROAD
FROM M25
From the M25 (Junction 9) take the A24 signposted to Epsom and travel north in the direction of Morden. Approximately 8 miles further on you will pass a sign ‘Welcome to Morden’ followed by a stretch of parkland on the left. Traffic lights are at the top of the hill with a lay-by on the left. Merton College buildings are on the left beyond the lay-by. At the set of traffic lights immediately past these buildings turn left. Signs to the Register Office and Morden Swimming Pool are visible at this junction. Proceed to the end of the lane. Morden Park House will be visible and a pay and display car park is on the right.

FROM CENTRAL LONDON
Travel through Wandsworth or Wimbledon until the A24 is reached. Follow the directions to M25 and Dorking. Ignore signs to Morden Hall Park as this is a completely different building. Follow A24, pass under the railway bridge and turn right immediately prior to Merton College. See above and map.

Staff will be pleased to assist if you cannot locate us. Please telephone 0208 274 5777.
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For more details please contact The Enterprise Office,
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