



# WEDDINGS AT GOLDNEY HOUSE







# GOLDNEY HOUSE & GARDENS

In the heart of Clifton, nestled behind high stone walls on Constitution Hill lies a magnificent 10-acre eighteenth century garden which showcases an Orangery, Steam Tower, Rotunda and what is believed to be the most exotic and best-preserved shell grotto in the entire country.

The glistening shell-lined grotto, famous Orangery and 10-acre ornamental gardens, full of secrets & surprises, have everything you need to ensure you have the wedding of your dreams. Outdoor ceremonies provide couples with options of flexible layouts and the peace and tranquillity of using a private outdoor space. They also include use of white folding chairs for up to 100 as shown in the image on the next page.

In 1714 Goldney House (formerly known as Goldney Hall) was erected by Thomas Goldney III. In 1864 the traditional Georgian design of the house was altered by eminent Victorian architect Alfred Waterhouse, who also designed the Natural History Museum. Whether it is the grandeur of Goldney House, or the stunning 10-acre gardens, Goldney House & Gardens has everything you need to make sure you have the most unique and unforgettable day.

When choosing Goldney House to be your wedding venue, you will have a dedicated and experienced Wedding Coordinator who will happily work with you to create a truly bespoke wedding.

We look forward to watching your vision come to life!





## CIVIL CEREMONIES

Goldney House is licensed to hold civil ceremonies in a variety of areas, both inside and out.

Couples are able to exchange vows under an arc of 14 Yew trees in our eighteenth-century Goldney Garden. These were likely planted at the time Thomas Goldney III developed the garden in the late eighteenth century and are one of the oldest features of the gardens.

Included with an outdoor ceremony is chair hire for up to 100.





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## CLIFTON HILL HOUSE & THE MAHOGANY PARLOUR

Clifton Hill House is a Grade 1 listed Palladian Villa and an excellent indoor option for larger ceremonies. Located on just the other side of Constitution Hill. Located just a 2 minute walk away from Goldney House, The Drawing Room can host up to 80 guests for a civil ceremony. This space boasts large sash windows overlooking beautiful gardens and views out to Brandon Hill.

The Mahogany Parlour is an intimate ceremony room for up to 40 guests located inside Goldney House. This stunning space has a highly decorative ceiling designed by Alfred Waterhouse, ornate wooden carvings and looks out over the extensive Goldney Gardens.

# INTIMATE CEREMONIES

For couples looking for a more intimate gathering we offer Monday to Thursday ceremony-only options.

- Couples can have an intimate ceremony in our Rotunda which holds up to 12 people.
- New for 2023, for couples seeking something different, our grotto is now licensed. Our shell-studded grotto can hold up to 20 people for your ceremony.

The Mahogany Parlour, Drawing Room and Orangery are also available for intimate ceremonies from Monday to Thursday.



Image: Tasha Park Photography





## AT A GLANCE

Civil Ceremony Room	Max Capacity
Goldney Gardens	100
Drawing Room	80
Mahogany Parlour	40
Rotunda	12
Grotto	20





## DRINKS RECEPTION

The Orangery overlooks an ornamental canal and a steam tower which create the perfect enchanting ambience for your drinks reception. The Gardens offer truly unique and unforgettable photo opportunities for you and your guests.



# THE ORANGERY

Guests will be enchanted by the timeless elegance that is The Orangery. Draped in wisteria, the floor-to-ceiling French doors allow your guests to flow effortlessly into stunning 10-acre manicured gardens.

Following your drinks reception guests will be welcomed into The Orangery for a sumptuous wedding breakfast prepared by our catering partner, Parsnip Mash.

The Orangery can cater for up to 110 guests for your wedding breakfast. This reception space is light and airy with exceptional garden views and neutral décor to suit all tastes.

As the day moves into night, additional guests are welcome to join you to celebrate and dance the night away. The Orangery can host up to 150 guests for the evening reception.



# THE GROTTO

Astonish your guests with an unforgettable trip to Goldney's infamous shell-lined grotto. Originally constructed in 1764 it is believed to be the best preserved grotto in the UK.

If you opt for the grotto upgrade during your drinks reception, guests will face a lion's den lit by skylights on entering the intricate cavern.

With over 200 different types of shell and Bath stone the grotto harbours many more secrets & revelations.

When hiring the grotto for your drinks reception, a trained and knowledgeable member of our team will be on hand to provide further history about the grotto and grounds to further amaze your guests

Alternatively, for couples seeking a unique and enchanting backdrop for exchanging vows, the Grotto is now a legal wedding ceremony venue for up to 20

An essential – for any Goldney Wedding!

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# FOOD

Wedding catering at the Orangery is supplied by Parsnip Mash. They are a local Bristol-based high-end event catering company and their talented team of chefs and event experts have been delivering exceptional catering for all types of events for over a decade! Their creative and flexible approach looks beyond the usual set menus. They offer imaginative culinary options to meet your unique needs. Parsnip Mash are committed to using locally-sourced, seasonal ingredients ensuring high-quality catering – always. They pride themselves on providing excellent service and inspired bespoke menus for even the keenest of foodies and are delighted to be the exclusive wedding caterer for the Orangery Goldney House.



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# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## How do I book a registrar for the ceremony?

Contact Bristol City Council. You can call them on: 01179 222 800 for rates and availability

## Do you offer any accommodation?

We do not have any on-site accommodation however we have strong connections to local hotels who offer us preferential rates. Please contact your Wedding Coordinator for a list of hotels.

## Is crockery, cutlery & linen included in the hire?

Cutlery, crockery, white table linen and napkins are all provided as standard within the menu pricing. Items such as upgraded glassware, crockery and charger plates would be at an additional cost.

## Can we decorate?

Yes absolutely! The Orangery has a timeless neutral décor which works with all colour palettes. You and your suppliers are welcome to come in from 9am on the day of your wedding to set-up and decorate the inside and outside spaces and really make the venue feel personalised to you. We do ask however that you please do not attach anything to the walls or fittings which could cause damage to the paintwork.

## Can I bring garden games?

Yes absolutely, lawn games such as boules, giant Jenga and croquet are all perfect entertainment during your drinks reception.

## Can I bring my own DJ/band?

Yes – you provide your own entertainment. We allow bands of up to 5 members. We require DJs and bands to have PAT testing, public liability & risk assessment documents. They would need to be an approved supplier. Please contact your wedding coordinator with details of who you would like to book prior to confirming the entertainment.

## How can I get to you?

**Car:** we can provide you with 2 car parking spaces on the day. The nearest NCP car park is approximately a 6-minute walk.

**Bus:** We're approximately a 4-minute walk from the closest bus stop

**Walk:** We're just outside of Bristol City Centre and only a short walk from the Triangle

**Train:** Bristol Temple Meads is around 15 minutes by car or 20 minutes by bus.







## THE NEXT STEPS

Once you decide you would like to go ahead please contact your wedding coordinator who will then confirm dates and explain the next steps of your journey with us.



*"Everything was amazing! Our wedding day was magical! Our guests had a great time! A huge thank you to our Wedding Coordinator!"*

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