

Marriage and civil partnership ceremonies with Cornwall Registration Service

On 23 June, the Government announced that small marriage and civil partnership ceremonies could resume. Guidance was published earlier this week by the Government and our governing body, the General Register Office, and we have worked our way through it to ensure we are complying with all of the new rules. The guidance is very clear and will result in reduced capacity in our ceremony rooms. We will be adhering to the recommended 2m distance between households for the safety of our customers and the ceremony registrars.

Distinctive or Classic ceremonies: the total capacity for each venue is listed below.

Simple ceremonies: we can accommodate 4 guests at every open venue but some have restrictions on the number of households.

Registration office capacity includes all present (2 ceremony registrars, couple, guests, photographer, etc) and will be as follows:

		Total capacity	Ceremony registrars	Couple	Guests (to include 2 witnesses)
Bodmin	Chy Trevail	15	*2	2	13 people across 4 households
Bude	The Visitor Centre	8	2	2	2 households of 2 people
Camborne	Jayne Hooper House	12	2	2	2 households of 4 people
Helston	Isaac House	10	2	2	2 households of 3 people
Launceston	The Guildhall	15	*2	2	13 people across 4 households
Liskeard	Graylands	8	2	2	2 households of 2 people
Penzance	St John's Hall	14	2	2	2 households of 5 people
St Austell	Polkyth House	15	*2	2	13 people across 4 households
Truro	Dalvenie House	8	2	2	2 households of 2 people
Falmouth	Registration Office	Closed	The Falmouth and Launceston registration offices are based within buildings that are not yet open and are not currently available for marriage or civil partnership appointments. **		
Launceston	Registration Office	Closed			

*Ceremony Registrars are not included in the total capacity for ceremonies in Bodmin, Launceston and St Austell from 28th September 2020

**We will contact all couples with marriage or civil partnership appointments at Falmouth or Launceston Registration Offices to discuss their options.

It is important that these numbers are adhered to as this is the total number permitted to enter the building.

All who attend will be required to submit contact details for the test, track and trace system which will be held for 21 days after which it will be disposed of securely.

In our ceremony rooms photographers are not permitted to walk around the room and there will be no opportunity for formal photographs of signing the register.

Venues: venues will be complying with the same guidance and you should confirm their maximum capacity direct with them. Please remember that all numbers include everyone present except for venue employees.

We appreciate that the reduction in capacity will be a disappointment to some of our couples. We don't know how long this guidance will be in place but, if you would like to move your ceremony, please email ceremonies@registration.cornwall.gov.uk.