

Cornwall Council Ceremony Room Capacities for 'Classic' and 'Distinctive' Marriage and Civil Partnership Ceremonies

We have reviewed the number of guests that can be safely accommodated within our ceremony rooms in accordance with the latest government guidance:

- Coronavirus (COVID-19): Wedding and civil partnership ceremonies, receptions and celebrations
- Meeting Friends and family (COVID-19).

There is no longer a legal restriction on the number of attendees at a ceremony. The largest number depends on how many people can be in the room with social distancing measures in place. Please see the table below for details. Column 3 shows these numbers.

The government guidance on 'meeting family and friends' has also been updated, with a greater emphasis on personal responsibility. Family and friends may choose not to socially distance based on their understanding of the risks this involves. This means that if your guests choose not to socially distance, the number of guests that can be in the room increases. Column 4 of the table below shows these numbers.

The number of guests that you invite depends on the social distancing measures your guests wish to observe. We can only guarantee the number shown in column 3 but, can accommodate up to the number shown in column 4. It is your responsibility to organise the relevant number of guests based on this information.

Room Capacity of Cornwall Council Ceremony Rooms

| Location | Ceremony Room | Guest numbers with 2m social distancing in place between households | Guest numbers without 2m social distancing in place between households | Comparison to Pre-Covid guest numbers |
|------------|--------------------|---|--|---------------------------------------|
| Bodmin | Chy Trevail | 13 (up to 4 different households) | 28 | Reduced by 12 |
| Bude | The Canal Suite | 4 (up to 2 different households) | 20 | Reduced by 8 |
| Camborne | Jayne Hooper House | 8 (up to 2 different households) | 28 | Not affected |
| Helston | Isaac House | 6 (up to 2 different households) | 23 | Not affected |
| Launceston | The Guildhall | 13 (up to 4 different households) | 30 | Reduced by 10 |
| Liskeard | Graylands | 4 (up to 2 different households) | 20 | Not affected |
| Penzance | St John's Hall | 10 (up to 2 different households) | 28 | Not affected |

| | | | | |
|------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|----|---------------|
| St Austell | Polkyth House | 14 (up to 4 different households) | 72 | Not affected |
| Truro | Dalvenie House | 4 (up to 2 different households) | 20 | Reduced by 11 |

Please note that:

- 'Statutory appointment' marriage or civil partnerships remain unaffected and allow for 2 guests. Currently we are not able to offer these appointments at the Falmouth or Launceston Registration Offices.
- 'Simple' ceremonies remain unaffected and allow for 4 guests.

At all ceremonies guests must continue to wear face coverings at all times (unless they have a valid exemption). The couple may remove their face coverings during the ceremony.

If your booking is affected you can if you wish, postpone or cancel. Please email us at ceremonies@registration.cornwall.gov.uk.

Please note that:

- We will continue with maintaining 2m between yourselves and our staff.
- Ceremony registrars have the option to wear a face covering during the ceremony.
- We will continue to follow all government guidance.
- All attendees 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.

If you are holding your ceremony at a non-Cornwall Council venue you should confirm the maximum number of guests directly with them.