VALE ROYAL ABBEY WEDDINGS

'A unique and breath-taking experience'

A wedding venue that exudes historical charm set in the heart of rural Cheshire

Vale Royal Abbey

We are immensely proud to present our 2026 wedding packages to you and to share with you some of the history that gives Vale Royal Abbey its unique and magical charm.

Vale Royal Abbey a privately owned, impressive and imposing building set with 150 acres of lush, mature ground, close to the River Weaver, Chester and Delamere Forest. It all began when on his way back from the Crusades in 1263, Prince Edward was caught in a storm. Fearing he would be shipwrecked, he prayed with the other passengers. He vowed that if he were saved, he would build a monastery. Although the ship was wrecked, Prince Edward survived and when he became King Edward I, he fulfilled his promise and Vale Royal Abbey was founded in 1270 with the first stone laid in 1277.

The site was blessed by the Bishop of St Asaph that same year and a sacred relic believed to be a piece of the holy cross was buried with the first stone of the alter. It took almost a hundred years to build the Abbey but with donations from the great grandson of Edward I, the Monastery was finally completed in the late 1360's. The project ran into problems in other ways too; the Abbey was frequently grossly mismanaged and relations with the local population were so poor and often resulted in large scale violence on several occasions and internal discipline was frequently bad.

Henry VIII's reform and dissolution measures saw the Abbey demolished in 1543. The sandstone was used to build a new house for one of the King's favourite courtiers. The Cholmondeley family bought the great house from their relations in 1615. The house remained in the Cholmondeley family though various Elizabethan and Georgian renovations before being rebuilt in 1833 and extended in 1861.

Today the great house, a Grade II listed building, stands proudly in the centre of Vale Royal Abbey Golf Course. It's grand exterior and large luxurious rooms are a testament to the beauty of the era in which it was built.

A more comprehensive history can be found on our website www.vra.co.uk

Where are we?

Located in Whitegate, a delightful and peaceful village in Northwich, Cheshire, we are easily accessible from the motorway network whilst at the same time offer a secluded and tranquil escape.

Our rooms

The Great Hall

This spectacular room commands impressive views over the splendid 18-hole golf course and is a truly magnificent room for your wedding breakfast.

With its impressive, high vaulted ceilings, displaying coats of arms and large wooden beams with twinkly fairy lights, the Great Hall seats up to 150 guests. With wooden floors throughout, this stunning and spacious room is bursting with natural light and elegance offering striking panoramic views of idyllic Cheshire countryside.

The Lounge Bar

Another charming and delightful room with incredible views across the golf course. This room is a particular favourite with our visitors and provides a relaxing environment for you and your wedding guests to enjoy.

The Library

The Library is where most of our civil ceremonies take place. This beautiful room gracefully compliments the Great Hall and is also the ideal setting for reception drinks and canapes following your ceremony. The Library also provides the perfect surrounding for your evening's entertainment with its fireplace, high ceilings and abundance of natural light.

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Outside

Vale Royal Abbey can be found at the end of a mile-long picturesque driveway and is simply breath-taking upon arrival. Wedding cars may arrive in the front courtyard for photographs - guests may park in the private car park to the rear. On the back lawn you can enjoy a drinks reception and mingle with your guests whilst nibbling on canapes and taking in the opulence of the Abbey's lavish grounds.

Our team

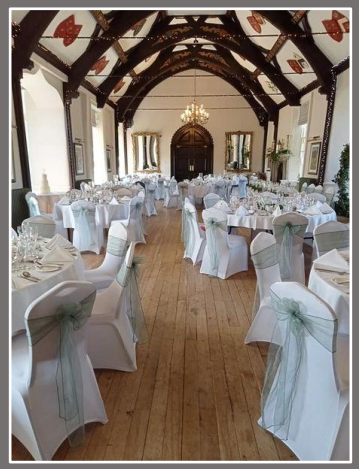
With a wealth of expertise and knowledge in the wedding industry, here at Vale Royal Abbey, we treat every single wedding like it's our first; we are never complacent. As we offer you exclusivity on the day, it enables us to really know our wedding couples and deliver a bespoke service with confidence and more importantly that personal touch. We are a small but very friendly team and every wedding is looked after by a dedicated Wedding Co-ordinator from your initial enquiry right up until the big day.

Exclusivity

Here at Vale Royal Abbey, we have the luxury of providing you with guaranteed exclusivity for you and your guests on your wedding day. We only ever host one wedding at any time, assuring you of our undivided attention at all times.

What's included

We know that every wedding is unique, so to make it easier for you, we have put together options for those who like complete freedom to build their own bespoke package and those who like the simplicity of an all-inclusive package.



FURTHER INFORMATION

Seating Plans

With our extensive experience, we will advise you on the most suitable layout for your wedding and will endeavour to accommodate your specific seating requirements. Our tables seat 8 guests, however, should you need larger tables, these can be acquired at a small charge.

We can comfortably seat up to 130 guests for a wedding breakfast on large round tables however should you need to cater for more, we can accommodate larger numbers using an alternative set up of rectangular tables. For the evening reception our maximum numbers are 200.

Minimum numbers do apply – please refer to individual packages for details.

Decorations

Table decorations or flowers are not included unless part of a package, but we would be happy to recommend local suppliers.

Corkage

It is not our policy to allow guests to provide their own beverages. Any guest found with their own alcohol may be asked to leave the premises.

Licencing

Bar opening hours:-

Monday – Wednesday
11am – 11.30pm
Thursday – Sunday
11am – midnight
These hours also apply to live music.

An extension till 1am is available at an additional cost of £200. Where there is a civil ceremony, the bar can be open for service prior to the ceremony however drinks are not permitted to be taken into the civil ceremony room.

Disabled Access

There is a lift available for anyone requiring disabled access. We also have a disabled toilet and a ramp located on the ground floor.

Fireworks

Fireworks are permitted and can provide a spectacular part of your wedding. We are pleased to advise that fireworks are permitted up until 10pm but they must be provided by a specialist licenced firework company and Vale Royal Abbey require a copy of the supplier's liability insurance.

Accommodation and Travel

There are many options for accommodation within a few miles radius of Vale Royal Abbey and we would be happy to supply details of those we would recommend. Ask your Wedding Co-ordinator for details.

Access

If access is required the day or evening before your wedding, please speak to your Wedding Co-ordinator when booking your wedding.

Bookings

Once you have decided on a date for your wedding, we will reserve that for you for a maximum of 14 days. During this time, we will require a £750 booking fee to secure your date. Booking fees are non-refundable and non-transferrable. If a booking fee isn't received within the allocated 14 days, Vale Royal Abbey reserve the right to release the date without informing you and without any liability on our part. Please refer to the Terms and Conditions for full details.

Once you have paid your booking fee, our Wedding Co-ordinator will write to you and let you know exactly what will happened between than and your wedding day. During that time, you can contact your dedicated Wedding Co-ordinator at any point to discuss your plans, or for any advice.

Registrars

Please contact the registrars direct to discuss.

Cheshire West and Chester, Goldsmiths House, Goss Street, Chester, Cheshire, CW1 2BG Tel: 01244 972938

Visit: cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

chesterregistryoffice@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Local Churches

St. Marys Church of England, Cinder Hill, Whitegate, Northwich, Cheshire, CW7 2BH | Tel: 01606 889995

St Johns Church, St Johns Church Office, St Johns Church Centre, School Lane, Hartford, Northwich, Cheshire, CW8 1NP | 01606 872255

MENUS AND PRICING

Vale Royal Abbey Wedding Package

Room hire day and evening	£2000
Room hire daytime only	£1250
Room hire evening only	£1250
Civil ceremony and aisle carpet	£525
Toastmaster	£300
3 Course Wedding Breakfast from	£49.00
Child's Wedding Breakfast	£22.00
Chair covers & bows	£5.00
Canapes (3 per person)	£9.25
Bucks Fizz	£5.95
Prosecco	£7.95
Champagne	£9.95
Bottled beers	£5.25
House wine per glass	£5.95
Evening buffet sausage/bacon baps and fries	£15.95
Evening buffet – hot and cold finger buffet	£18.50
Disco	£425
LED 16 x 16 White Dancefloor	£500

All-inclusive Lace Wedding Package - £8,000

(60 daytime guests, 100 evening time guests)

Package includes: -

- Room hire (exclusivity)
- Red carpet arrival (weather permitting)
- Civil ceremony
- Reception drink of Prosecco or bottled beers
- 3 course wedding breakfast (based on a set menu) for 60 guests **supplements may apply**
- Wine during the wedding breakfast (1 glass of 175ml house wine per guest)
- Sparkling Prosecco toast
- Evening buffet of bacon or sausage baps and skinny fries for 100 guests
- Chair covers and bows
- Cake stand and knife

Available Extras:

Additional daytime guests	**£95.00 per person**
Additional evening guests	**£15.95 per person**
Disco	**£425**
White LED 16 x 16 Dancefloor	**£500**

Minimum numbers of 60 adult daytime guests and 100 adult evening guests apply to this package. Extra items may be added to the package from the main wedding package but regrettably no items from the package may be substituted.

All-inclusive Confetti Wedding Package - £6,000

(40 daytime guests, 60 evening time guests)

Package includes: -

- Room hire (exclusivity)
- Red carpet arrival (weather permitting)
- Civil ceremony
- Reception drink of Prosecco or bottled beers
- 3 course wedding breakfast (based on a set menu) for 40 guests **supplements may apply**
- Wine during the wedding breakfast (1 glass of 175ml house wine per guest)
- Sparkling Prosecco toast
- Evening buffet of bacon or sausage baps and skinny fries for 60 guests
- Chair covers and bows
- Cake stand and knife

Available Extras:

Additional daytime guests	**£95.00 per person**
Additional evening guests	**£15.95 per person**
Disco	**£425**
White LED 16 x 16 Dancefloor	**£500**

Minimum numbers of 40 adult daytime guests and 60 adult evening guests apply to this package. Extra items may be added to the package from the main wedding brochure but regrettably no items from the package may be substituted. Please refer to the main Vale Royal Abbey wedding brochure for the terms and conditions of booking

MENUS (based on a set menu)

Canapes £9.25 (A minimum of 3 canapes must be chosen) additional canapes, £2.00 each

Soy cured salmon bilini, caviar
Whipped chicken liver parfait, red onion marmalade
Goats cheese arancini (v)
Smoked salmon tartlet, dill, caviar
Shepherds pie croquette
Spiced cauliflower tempura, coconut yoghourt raita (ve)
Prawn and sesame toast, kicap manis
Cream cheese, truffle, chive Gougére (v)
Crab beignets, charred sweetcorn
Spiced crisp tofu, wakame salad (ve)

Starters

Soup of the day
Chicken liver parfait - rosemary and redcurrant jelly, dressed frisee endive, thick sourdough crouté
Beetroot cured salmon - horseradish cream, beetroot gel, compressed sour apple (+£2pp)
Smoked chicken and leek terrine - mushroom ketchup, toasted brioche
Roscoff onion tarté-tatin-caramelised onion pureé, dressed leaves, crispy shallots (ve)
Spiced hummus - cumin oil, Garam Masala flatbread (ve)
Prawn, garlic and chilli fish cake -chive velouté, sweet pickled shallots (+£2pp)
Fig tart - pear gel, blue cheese and honey cream, walnut crumb (v)
Crisp confit duck leg - salt baked celeriac fondant, charred plum, smoked jus (+£2pp)
Goats cheese mousse tartlet - dried cherry tomato, Bloody Mary gel, tarragon oil

Main Courses

Roast sirloin of beef - beef fat fondant potato, roasted carrot, honey parsnip puree, Yorkshire pudding, gravy (+£3pp)
Pulled lamb shoulder - boulangere potato, hot and sour cabbage, carrot and caraway puree, brown sauce jus (+£4pp)
Corn fed chicken - seared breast, confit leg, boulangere potato, roasted carrot, buttered leek, mushroom and tarragon sauce
Oven baked cod - herb crumb, creamed dill potato, garlicky greens
Pithivier - butternut squash, beetroot, pinenuts, turnip puree, garlic cavolo nero (ve)
Pork loin - sous vide , sweet potato dauphinoise, creamed leeks, burnt apple pureé, cider sauce
Gnocchi - wild mushroom, ricotta, black garlic, aged parmesan, truffle (v)
Roasted cod - roasted cauliflower, pancetta, cauliflower puree, creamed garlic potato (+£3pp)
Braised beef shin - horseradish potato, glazed carrot, bourguignon sauce
Risotto - pesto, vine roasted cherry tomato, burrata (v)

If not stated, all main courses with be served with fresh and seasonal market vegetables

Desserts

Sticky toffee pudding - honeycomb, toffee sauce, honeycomb ice cream
Miso chocolate mousse - caramelised white chocolate, salted caramel ice cream
Lemon meringue - torched meringue, chocolate snow, raspberry sorbet, raspberry macaron
White chocolate cheesecake - raspberry jelly, raspberry sherbert, baked white chocolate, pistachio ice cream
Panna Cotta - lemon infused, blueberry compote, honey nut granola (ve)
Chocolate tart - cointreau and orange sorbet (+£2pp)
Bruleé - honey and rosemary infused, lemon shortbread (+£2pp)
Banoffee - banana parfait, caramel gel, baked dark chocolate, clotted cream ice cream
Reeses pieces brownie - peanut butter powder, salted caramel ice cream (ve)
Frangipane - Pistachio, white chocolate and raspberry, clotted cream

Freshly brewed coffee/tea at £2.00 per person

Petit Fours £6.25 (A minimum of 3 petit fours must be chosen) additional petit four, £1.50 each

Macarons
Petit citron meringué
Chocolate orange brownie bites
Vanilla fudge
Pistachio nougat
Mint chocolate cheesecake
Chocolate strawberries
Blueberry and lemon Madeleines
Coffee fudge
Chocolate and hazelnut shortbread

Evening Buffet

Package 1 £18.50 per person

Selection of sandwiches
Tomato, red onion, bocconcini and pesto salad
Tossed salad
Coleslaw
Duck and vegetable spring rolls
Cheese and pickle sausage roll
Bhaji, pakoras, samosas
Potato wedges

Package 2 £21.50 per person

Selection of sandwiches and wraps
Tomato, red onion, bocconcini and pesto salad
Tossed salad
Coleslaw
Duck and vegetable spring rolls
Assorted breads and flatbreads
Bhaji, pakoras, samosas
Potato wedges
Chicken satay skewers
Cheese and pickle sausage roll
Butternut squash and spinach 'sausage roll' (Ve)

Package 3 £25.50 per person

Selection of sandwiches and wraps
Tomato, red onion, bocconcini and pesto salad
Tossed salad, Coleslaw
Duck and vegetable spring rolls
Assorted breads and flatbreads
Bhaji, pakoras, samosas
Potato wedges
Chicken satay skewers
Cheese and pickle sausage roll
Butternut squash and spinach 'sausage roll' (Ve)
Lamb koftas
Slider burgers
Fat snags and confit onions

Cheeseboards - £14.50 per person
A display of British and continental cheeses, homemade, pickles, chutneys, celery, grapes, farmhouse breads served with a selection cheese biscuits and salted butter.

Hog Roast - £24.95 (minimum of 100 guests)

Whole suckling pig, carved and served with apple sauce, stuffing and soft rolls.

Hot Buffet (prices are per person)

Lasagne - Beef and vegetable, chips, salads, garlic bread	£17.50
Curry - chicken tikka or Bengal lamb, cauliflower and potato masala, pilau rice, naan	£19.50
Hot pot - Slow cooked lamb, vegetable, roasted new potatoes, pickled red cabbage	£19.50
BBQ - Pulled pork, maple glazed ribs, vegetable skewers, sweet potato wedges, roasted cajun corn, coleslaw	£18.50

Chef's buffet desserts (choice of 3) £9.50 per person

Lemon and raspberry posset
Chocolate and orange tart
Pina Colada panna cotta
Pecan tart
Miso chocolate mousse

Children's Menus (aged 2 – 12 years)

Starters

Garlic bread with or without cheese
Hummus with veg sticks
Soup

Main Courses

Chicken goujons, chips and peas
Penne pasta with grated cheese and garlic bread
Fish fingers, chips and peas
Cheeseburger, fries and peas
Cheese and tomato pizza with fries

Desserts

Ice cream sundae
Chocolate brownie with ice cream
Fresh fruit salad
Ice cream and a cookie

We hope you have enjoyed browsing through our wedding brochure. We have tried to keep it as simple and informative as possible with lots of photos to give you an idea of what a wedding is like at Vale Royal Abbey.

Please have a look though our menus and packages and if there is anything you need help with, please don't hesitate to call us.

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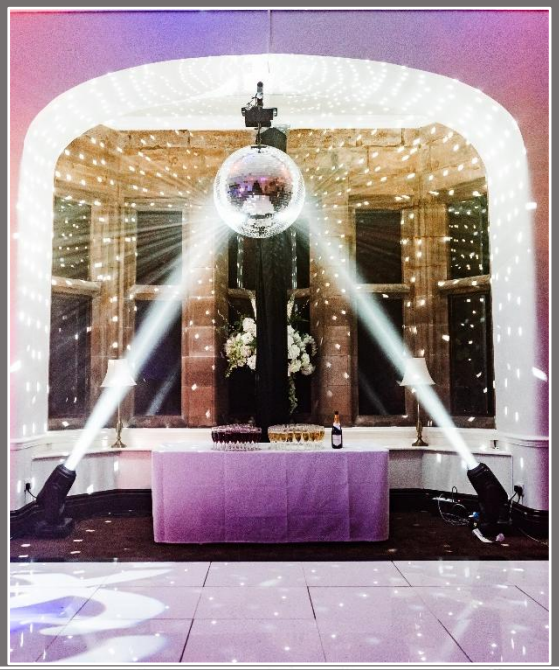

Vale Royal Abbey Booking Terms & Conditions

1. Provisional Bookings & Booking Fee

All bookings are provisional until confirmed by the submission of a fully completed booking form, signed terms and conditions and the appropriate booking fee. Provisional bookings will only be held for 14 days unless alternative arrangements have been agreed in writing. Vale Royal Abbey (VRA) reserves the right to release provisional bookings without notice if a booking fee has not been received within the agreed period. No booking is confirmed until the booking fee is received in full and a returned written acknowledgement has been issued. All booking fees are non-refundable and non-transferable and will be lost if the event is cancelled or postponed by the customer.

2. Confirmation

All bookings will be confirmed upon receipt of the relevant booking fee together with a copy of the signed terms and conditions. If the signed terms and conditions are not received with the booking fee, a further fourteen days will be allowed to return them. Failure to return the signed terms and conditions within this time scale will result in the booking being rendered null and void and the booking fee being retained in full by VRA.

3. Prices

All prices quoted at the time of booking include VAT at the current rate. VRA reserves the right to amend the price upon written notice to the client in order to reflect any change in costs beyond the reasonable control of VRA (including but not limited to change in VAT and import/export duties) up to four weeks prior to the event when final details and requirements have been confirmed and the final payment is due unless otherwise agreed in writing. If additional goods or services are provided to the customer, the customer shall pay the standard charges at prevailing rate on the day that they are provided.

4. Cancellations

In the event of cancellation, the booking is forfeited. The following are the maximum charges that will apply in addition to the forfeiting of the booking fee provided. In all cases the percentages will be calculated on our reasonable estimate of anticipated turnover from the booking.

With 24 weeks notice or less - 25%
With 12 weeks notice or less - 50%
With 4 weeks notice or less - 75%
VRA will endeavour to replace any cancelled bookings. If successful, this will be reflected in the final cancellation charge.

5. Final Numbers

Final numbers must be notified at least 21 days prior to the commencement of the event. This will be the minimum number for which you will be charged in accordance with our minimum number requirements. Failure to notify final numbers will incur charges on the numbers originally specified in the booking or the actual number of guests that attended whichever is the greater. If numbers drop by more than 10%, cancellation charges will be calculated in accordance with paragraph 4. Should numbers attending exceed those numbers booked and/or finalised VRA will endeavour to cater for such additional numbers but cannot guarantee such. Where numbers are in excess of the booked / final numbers provided, and Vale Royal Abbey can cater for such, then the actual number attending will be the number for which you will be charged.

6. Payment Terms

An invoice for the food and pre-ordered drinks content of the event will be submitted to you 21 days prior to the event based on the numbers booked / provided at that time and the verbal invoice amount communicated. This invoice must be paid in full at least 14 days prior to the event. Any further charges for additional final numbers, wine, drinks, etc. must be paid in full on the day. For wedding events, an interim payment of 50% of the approximate final numbers will be required. This date will be confirmed at the time of booking and will be approximately three months prior to your wedding. Any further charges for additional items must be paid for fully on the day or secured with bank card details prior to exchange of goods or services. We accept most major debit and credit cards.

7. Liability of the Club

VRA accepts no responsibility for loss or damage to any property of the customer or its guests other than such as may be caused as a direct result of any negligent or fraudulent act or omission of VRA. Any damage to the building or its contents caused by the customer or its guests is the responsibility of the customer. The customer agrees to pay VRA the full cost of any property which is stolen or damaged beyond repair. Where property is damaged yet repairable the customer will pay all costs incurred to rectify the damage. Should the customer wish to fix items to the walls, floors or ceilings, VRA consent is required in advance.

8. Credit Arrangements

Where a credit arrangement has been specifically agreed in writing, terms are strictly payment within 14 days from the date of invoice. We reserve the right to apply an interest charge of 3% above the base rate per month on outstanding amounts

9. Miscellaneous

9.1 Licensing

Under the new Licensing Act anyone who looks under the age of 21 years will be asked to show identification. Accepted forms of identification are driving licence or passport. Failure to produce identification will result in the refusal of service of alcohol.

9.2 Car Parking

Cars are parked on the premises or within the grounds of VRA entirely at the owner's risk and VRA disclaims liability for any damages to, or theft from or theft of, the customer's vehicles howsoever sustained.

9.3 Third Party Supplier

Should the customer choose to employ the services of a third-party supplier, VRA shall require a copy of the supplier's insurance policies at least one month prior to the event. If the supplier fails to provide proof of insurance, the supplier shall not be permitted into Vale Royal Abbey for the event VRA shall bear no liability to the customer. All displays/equipment must comply with statutory codes and regulations.

10. Force Majeure

In this Clause 10, 'Force Majeure' means any circumstance beyond the control of VRA including, but not limited to acts of God, fire, explosion, adverse weather conditions, flood, earthquake, terrorisms, riot, civil commotions, war, hostilities, strikes, work stoppages, slow-downs or other industrial disputes, acts of government, lack of power and delays by suppliers or materials shortages but for the avoidance of doubt, nothing shall excuse the customer from any payment obligations under the contract. If VRA is prevented or hindered from hosting the event by a Force Majeure Event, then VRA will endeavour to provide a suitable resolution.

11. Objections or Queries

Any customer wishing to raise objections or queries concerning their accounts must do so in writing within 7 days of the invoice date. Whereupon any amount not in dispute shall be paid in accordance with the payment terms and any balance immediately upon the amount being agreed between Vale Royal Abbey and the customer.

12. Booking Fee

Weddings (£750.00)

I/we accept the above terms and conditions as set out by Vale Royal Abbey.

Signed .....

Signed.....

Name/s.....

Name/s.....

Date .....

Name & Date of Wedding......

Amount of Deposit Enclosed .....

Payment Method ....