

Celebrate on Scilly



Council of the
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Registration
Services

Welcome

Congratulations on your forthcoming celebration from the Isles of Scilly Registration Service.

Within this guide you will find information on all the celebratory services that are offered here on the Islands; weddings, civil partnerships, civil naming and renewal of vows. It also includes detailed advice ranging from legal requirements and procedures to licensed venues and services.

Our friendly and professional team is here to help you create a ceremony that will exceed your expectations and ensure a memorable day that you and your guests will never forget.

Isles of Scilly Registration Team

Front page photo: Chris Hall

“From the moment we first emailed with the half-formed idea of getting married on holiday on Scilly, you were really helpful in assisting us with our plans, thank you.”



“We felt very looked after and it gave us enormous confidence that the day would go well. We had the most wonderful wedding, which will remain one of the happiest memories that we have as a couple”



“In every respect we had the most wonderful time and it all started with your friendly and welcoming communication before we even arrived.”



Welcome to the Isles of Scilly



30 miles off the coast of Cornwall, and surrounded by beautiful blue ocean, the Isles of Scilly are a world apart from everyday life. The small archipelago contains five inhabited islands each with its own personality and attractions. Just 2,000 residents call Scilly their home. There are few cars. However, the waters are busy with colourful launches that travel between the islands.

From A-list celebrities to regular yearly visitors, the Isles of Scilly for decades has attracted people to its laid back, relaxed pace of life. Benefitting from the influence of the Gulf Stream - and with the UK's mildest climate - Scilly offers white-sand beaches, crystal-clear waters, exotic plants and star-filled skies.

Accessible by ferry on the Scillonian III, or by air with Skybus, the islands are a peaceful getaway where you can enjoy the friendliness of the local community, fill your stay with activities from horse riding to kite surfing, or simply find a deserted stretch of beach all to yourself.



Booking Your Civil Ceremony

When choosing a civil marriage you can personalize your own ceremony and design the event around all that is important to you.

On booking a ceremony with us we will provide you with a marriage planner which includes a choice of ceremony words; this will help you to decide the best place to incorporate music and readings into the ceremony. It also helps us to understand the style of wedding you want and helps to give it that personal touch.

Many couples do not realise that they are entitled to add music and readings to the ceremony whether this is to take place in the Isles of Scilly Register Office or an Approved Venue. Civil ceremonies are by definition nonreligious ceremonies and the law prevents the use of any religious music or readings. Couples are permitted, however, to have the two wedding marches (Mendelssohn and Wagner) if they wish. The Superintendent Registrar should be consulted on any readings or music well in advance of the ceremony.

You will need two people to act as witnesses; they can be friends, relatives or even somebody you have just met, it is preferable that they are sixteen years or over although in law there is no age limit. They will witness your marriage and sign the marriage register.

Confetti may be used outside the Isles of Scilly Register Office and the Old Wesleyan Chapel providing it is biodegradable. Please check with the other Approved Venues as to whether confetti is permitted.

You must ensure that the number of guests invited to your ceremony does not exceed the agreed occupancy figure for the ceremony room. We regret that for insurance and safety reasons, extra guests cannot be accommodated.

The marriage ceremony must be carried out in accordance with the laws of this country.



Photo: Gibsons of Scilly

“It was a bit daunting trying to arrange a wedding on the Isles of Scilly but we couldn’t believe how kind everyone was to us and the determination of the locals to make everything go so smoothly.”



Photo: Barefoot Photographer

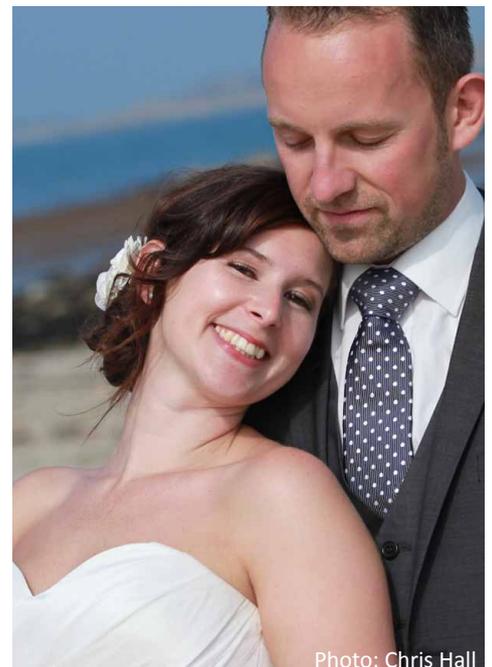


Photo: Chris Hall



Photo: Gibsons of Scilly



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You can choose to marry at either the Isles of Scilly Register Office or any of our licenced venues regardless of whether you live here on the islands or on the mainland. Many visitors each year choose to have their special day on Scilly.

You can start thinking about booking your ceremony with the Isles of Scilly Register Office up to one year in advance.

If you have decided to marry in The Isles of Scilly Register Office or the Council of the Isles of Scilly owned Old Wesleyan Chapel, you should contact the Superintendent Registrar for the Islands to discuss a date, time and the venue.

If you have decided to marry at another Approved Venue on the Islands then you should first contact the venue directly to make a provisional booking; the Superintendent Registrar should then be contacted to confirm her availability.

Without the attendance of a Superintendent Registrar and a Registrar there can be no marriage at an Approved Venue.

Approved Venues are premises approved by the Local Authority for civil marriages. Please check the facilities offered by establishments, particularly in relation to disabled facilities.

There is a Registrar's fee payable to the Council of the Isles of Scilly for carrying out your ceremony and the Isles of Scilly Register Office will be able to give you this information. Apart from the Isles of Scilly Register Office, the Porthcressa Beachside Room and the Old Wesleyan Chapel, a fee is also charged for the hire of the premises; please contact the venue directly for further information.



Photo: Chris Hall

Giving Notice of Marriage



Photo: BareFoot Photographer

Notice of Marriage is the completion of official forms before a Registration Officer of the district in which you live and each person marrying or forming a civil partnership in either a Register Office or an Approved Venue must attend to this before a ceremony can take place; it is easy if you both live in England or Wales and are not subject to Immigration control.

Notices are a legal statement given and signed in person; both parties should attend their local Register Office as soon as possible after Notice can be given.

Notice of Marriage can be given any time between 15 clear days before your ceremony and up to 1 year in advance. e.g. If the ceremony is taking place on the 17th August 2013 notice may be given between 18th August 2012 and 1st August 2013.

A Notice of Marriage, once given, is only valid for the venue stated on it, although the date and time of marriage can be changed. Therefore you will need to confirm a venue before giving Notice.

A fee is charged for each Notice to be given. Once Notice of Marriage has been given it is displayed outside the Register Office for a minimum of fifteen clear days, after which an Authority for each person (Certificates for Marriage) is issued; an Authority is valid for 12 months from the date that you gave Notice.

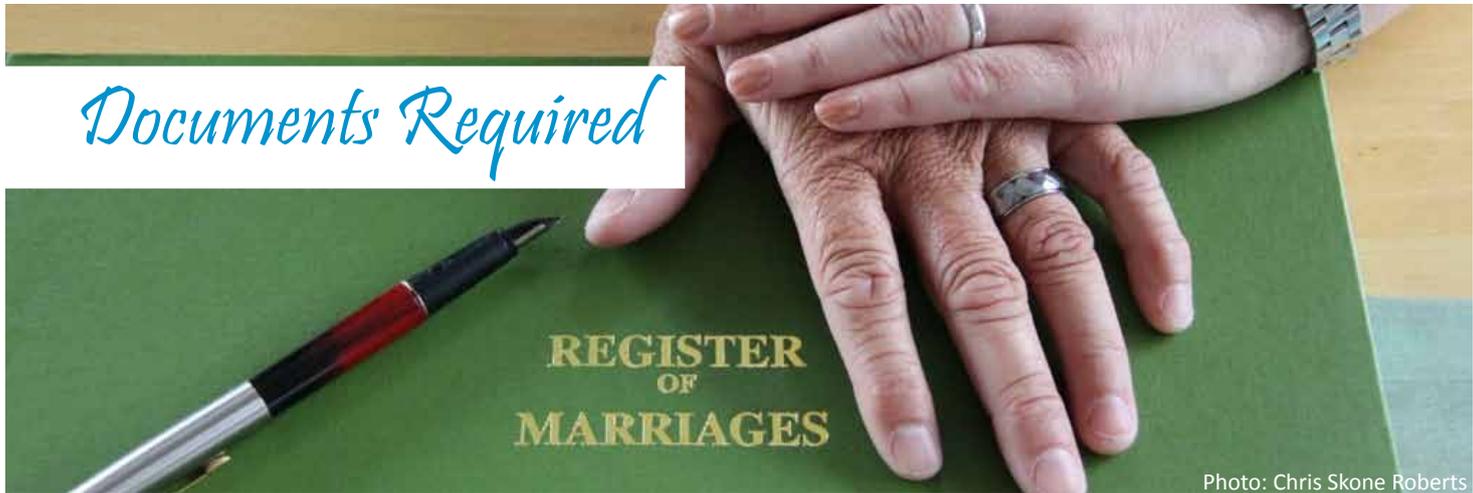
If Notice of Marriage is given at a Register Office on the mainland, you will need to collect the Authorities and ensure they are handed to the Registrar on Scilly ahead of the ceremony as they are the legal documents allowing the marriage to proceed; it is advised, therefore, that you allow yourself enough time to deliver the Authorities ahead of your ceremony. This can be done in person or by post.

If either party is neither a British nor EEA citizen and is subject to immigration control, then both parties must give Notice of Marriage at a designated Register Office. Any Register Office can give information on this matter or you can contact the Home Office. A list of Designated Register Offices can be found on the Home Office website: www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk



Photo: Anya Quinn

Documents Required



REGISTER
OF
MARRIAGES

Photo: Chris Skone Roberts

“Your kindness, humour and generosity of time was much appreciated. We couldn’t have picked a better, more special place, to start married life.”

“A big thank you for your help above and beyond the call of duty.”

When you attend before the Superintendent Registrar to make the formal arrangements you will need to produce certain documents.

Proof of ID

Valid Passport - this is the preferred documentation

or

Photographic Driving Licence and a **Full Birth Certificate**

(if you were born on or after 01/01/1983 and you do not have a passport, you will also need a birth certificate of either of your parents who has British Nationality)

Proof of residence

This is usually a utility bill e.g. **bank statement**, **council tax bill** etc.

Depending upon your circumstances you may also require the following:

Proof that you are free to marry

If you have been previously married or in a Civil Partnership.

Decree Absolute/Annulment/Dissolution Certificate or **Death Certificate** accompanied by your **previous marriage/Civil Partnership Certificate**

Evidence of a change of name

Deed Poll document or **Statutory Declaration document**

Correct fee

There is a charge for each Notice of Marriage taken

Persons under 18 years of age must submit written consent from the appropriate parent/guardian/authority. Any Register Office has forms for this purpose.

Your local Register Office will advise you on which documents are required depending on your own personal circumstances when you make your appointment.

Please be aware that photocopies are not acceptable.



Photo: Chris Hall

Venues

The Isles of Scilly has a range of venue options. Whether you desire a grand affair in an Elizabethan Castle or a small intimate affair in the Isles of Scilly Register Office, there is something to meet your wishes on the Isles of Scilly.

There are seven venues where you can host your wedding or civil partnership, as well as churches mentioned later in this brochure.

Of the seven venues, there are three venues owned by the Council of the Isles of Scilly and four external venues.

The simplest ceremony is provided at a statutory price of £45 in the Isles of Scilly Register Office. This is a simple legal ceremony with enough room for the couple and two witnesses. However for a more stylised event - whether you want extravagant glamour or personalised intimacy - there are a range of other venues to choose from.

All venues offer a customised and personalised experience, allowing you to tailor the ceremony to make it perfect for you. Many will also offer other services, from accommodation to meals.

For further information on cost and accessibility of all the venues, please contact the venue directly.



Photo: Chris Skone Roberts

Photo: Gibsons of Scilly

This small intimate room is attached to the Isles of Scilly Register Office. The room is available for small ceremonies of 14 persons (the couple and 12 guests).

The south-facing glass facade of the room offers a light and airy feel with uninterrupted views of Porthcressa beach and the sea.

The Beachside Room is the most recently constructed wedding and civil partnership venue on the islands, opening its doors to its first weddings in May 2013.

The new Beachside Room is open for ceremonies throughout the year.



www.scilly.gov.uk/ceremonies-registration

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The Old Wesleyan Chapel



The Old Wesleyan Chapel is an Approved Venue owned by the Council of the Isles of Scilly.

This listed building, constructed in 1825 using local granite quarried at Peninnis on St Mary's, has been tastefully decorated and has a wonderful character and atmosphere.

The central atrium of this old chapel where ceremonies are held is also used as the Council Chamber and Magistrates' Court, it maintains an air of gravitas yet is still intimate. It is the perfect location for ceremonies both large and small.

The Old Wesleyan Chapel is available throughout the year and can accommodate a maximum of 75 guests.



"We loved the Old Wesleyan Chapel and for us it made our wedding very special to have it in such a location."

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Juliet's Garden Restaurant is set above Porthloo Beach a short distance outside Hugh Town. You can have your ceremony in the beautiful balcony room, enjoying the panoramic views across the harbour and neighbouring islands, and then enjoy an excellent meal, canapés or mini cream teas.

From its superb setting you can watch the fabulous sunset whilst sipping champagne on the terrace as a perfect end to your special day.

Juliet, Alison and the team will endeavour to make the occasion as memorable as possible.

Open throughout the summer, this intimate and yet spacious venue is perfect for a modern, personal, wedding.



Photo: Chris Hall



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"Our guests are still talking about the wedding. If we had to do it all again, we most certainly would be back at Juliet's letting Alison work her magic!"

www.julietsgardenrestaurant.com

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Photo: Chris Hall

The Elizabethan Star Castle Hotel stands on the fortified Garrison Hill to the west of Hugh Town. Commanding magnificent views of the sea and isles in every direction, the castle has a range of rooms available for your ceremony, allowing you to find a space perfect for you.

Couples can choose from the Castle Dining Room, a Grade 1 listed room with an original Elizabethan fireplace; the Conservatory, with a light, outdoor feel with grapevines growing overhead; or the Castle Lounge, a small intimate room enjoying striking sea views.

Star Castle offers a perfect combination of modern, elegant service in a setting steeped in heritage; a romantic fairytale location perfect for your special day.



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www.star-castle.co.uk

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The Tregarthen's Hotel sits at the edge of Hugh Town on St Mary's. Perched on the hill of the Garrison, islands dot the horizon as you gaze out to sea, enjoying spectacular views across St Mary's Harbour to St Martin's and the Round Island Light House.



With a variety of spaces from the Ocean View glass conservatory, the Lounge Bar, Garden Terrace (with canopy, attractive outdoor lighting and heating) and a delightful sea view Restaurant, Tregarthen's aims to offer complete flexibility for your special day.

With accommodation that is both light, airy and peaceful, alongside fresh local food, Tregarthen's offers a relaxing and luxurious stay on the Isles of Scilly.



"For a wedding right by the sea, combining sumptuous comfort, great food and stunning views, Tregarthen's Hotel is the ultimate venue."



Photo: Gibsons of Scilly

St Martin's On The Isle



Photo: Chris Ha

(St Martin's hotel is not currently open for business. Please enquire for more information.)

Situated on the tranquil island of St. Martin's, the hotel offers a stunning and unique setting for your special day.

Set on the secluded western side of St. Martin's, the hotel faces west overlooking white sandy beaches and clear, blue ocean with uninhabited islands framed by wonderful sunsets in the evening.

This modern building, built in 1987 after gaining permission from H.R.H Prince of Wales, offers every comfort in a traditional looking granite building. St. Martin's on the Isles offers a secluded, stunning wedding, and its dedicated staff will be on hand to make sure your day is just as you want.



"You made the whole occasion a wonderful celebration. A truly memorable time for us all – thank you – we'll be back soon to relive it!"

www.stmartinshotel.co.uk

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Planning the Perfect Ceremony

The venue, date and time have been booked and now you must both decide on the content of your ceremony – do you want a simple ceremony or a sophisticated formal affair?

Your marriage is an important occasion and we want to ensure that you enjoy a happy and memorable day. To help get you started when you have made your booking we will send you a marriage planner appropriate to your chosen venue, containing all the choices available to help plan your ceremony.

Things to Consider

Do you wish to see each other at the venue prior to the ceremony?

How do you wish to enter the ceremony room?

Do you wish to have any music and if so will it be live music or a CD?

Do you wish to have any poetry or readings and if so who will read them?

Do you wish to exchange rings, if so will you exchange one or two rings?

Who will present the rings or will you have them placed on a cushion?

Who will be your chosen witnesses?

Will there be a best man?

Will there be bridesmaids?

Will you have a professional photographer to do the photos?

Will you have the ceremony filmed?

Traditional Bridal Procession

It is possible in a civil ceremony for the bride to enter with an escort and join the groom and best man at the front of the ceremony room. The wedding march by Wagner or some other piece of chosen music can be used to accompany the procession into the room.

The bride would be holding the right arm of her escort as she walks into the ceremony.

The escort can be the bride's father, step father, family member or friend.

Once the bride has been escorted to the groom, the Superintendent Registrar (if required) will ask permission for her hand in marriage to be given. The escort will then be seated and then, if applicable, the bride will lift her veil from her face. Any bouquets can be handed to the chief bridesmaid or the Superintendent Registrar will place them on the table.

Traditional Departure

Once the registration is complete there will be a chance for photographs and then the happy couple will leave the ceremony room together. You can choose the wedding march by Mendelssohn or another piece of music of your choice.

Traditionally the bride will walk with her hand on her husband's left arm and her veil clear of her face. The rest of the party will walk behind in the same order as they occupied their seats except the bridesmaids who are normally behind the couple.



Photo: Chris Hall



Photo: Gibsons of Scilly

What happens on the day of your ceremony?

Arrival

Please arrive at your venue at least 10 minutes before your ceremony is due to start.

There will be two Registration Officers present during your Ceremony. The Superintendent Registrar (or her deputy) will officiate and the Registrar (or his or her deputy) will record the marriage in the register.

Immediately prior to the ceremony the Registrar registering marriage will see you both to confirm all the legal details on your Certificates for Marriage are correct – you may have moved house, had a birthday or changed your job since your notices were given. You can be seen together or, if you do not wish to see each other prior to the ceremony, separately.

It also gives you the chance to pay for any wedding certificates you may need.

The Superintendent Registrar will talk to you about your ceremony and help you with any last minute reassurances that you may need.

Whilst the interview is being carried out your guests will be invited in to the ceremony room to await your arrival.

The Ceremony

The civil ceremony is laid down in the Marriage Acts and you are required to make two statements. The first is the declaratory statement and the other the contracting statement; there is a choice of modern and traditional statements for each. You will find these set out in the marriage planner you will receive on booking.

The ceremony itself usually takes about 10 minutes but depends on whether or not you have chosen to have any music or readings.

Once you and your guests are seated the Superintendent Registrar will give a short introduction and welcome after which the ceremony will begin. You do not need to memorise your vows, the Superintendent Registrar will guide you through the entire ceremony.

Signing of the Register

After the Superintendent Registrar has completed the ceremony the Registrar will ask you to step forward and check the details carefully before signing the entry in the Register. This is very important as any errors cannot be corrected afterwards without legal authority.

People sign their name using their normal signature prior to the ceremony. You are not legally bound to use your partner's surname for the future and can continue to use your own surname if you wish.

After the couple have signed the register the two chosen witnesses will be asked to come forward and sign the register; finally the Superintendent Registrar and the Registrar will sign the entry after which your wedding becomes legal.

Marriage Certificate

Once you have signed the Register you will be presented with your hand written Marriage Certificate and there will be the opportunity for photographs.



Photo: Chris Hall

Personalising Your Wedding



Photo: Gibsons of Scilly / Claire Morley's Horse-Drawn Carriage

Flowers

In the Isles of Scilly Register Office we provide a modest vase of silk flowers. You are welcome to provide your own floral arrangements for your ceremony giving you the chance to decorate and personalise the room by incorporating flowers or foliage to match with your chosen colour scheme.

Please discuss any arrangements with the Superintendent Registrar and the venue prior to your ceremony.



Photo: Gibsons of Scilly

Photography and Filming

A wedding is an important occasion and most couples choose a professional photographer to record the event.

It is possible to have photographs taken during the ceremony. Although photographers are welcome, using a flash and clicking camera can detract from the occasion so please check with the Superintendent Registrar first.

Video recording is also permitted although the operator must remain stationary throughout.

No photography or filming can take place during the signing of the Register for legal reasons although a "re-run" can be created afterwards.

There are professional photographers on the islands – please see pages 20 and 21 for contact details.



Photo: Handpainted Signs

Music

During the ceremony there are various opportunities to have music played: assembling guests, entrance of the bridal procession, signing of the register, and exit of the couple.

This can be any music of your choice providing it has no religious content. It can be either a recorded CD or live music. For ceremonies on St Mary's there is a CD/mp3 player available on which to play your own music or if you wish we can supply standard civil ceremony music. Please ask one of your guests to be in charge of operating the music.

There are also some very talented musicians within the islands if you prefer live music – please see pages 20 and 21 for further information.

Please note that any rights for copyright for music permitted at the ceremony are a matter for the couple and the copyright holder.



Photo: BareFoot Photographer

Religious marriages on the Isles of Scilly are booked through the Vicar, Minister or Priest of the building. They will advise on whether you need to contact the Isles of Scilly Register Office as part of the procedure.

There are three religious denominations on the Islands – Church of England, which has a building on each of the main islands; Methodist, which has chapels on St Mary’s and St Martin’s; and Our Lady Star of the Sea Roman Catholic Church on St Mary’s.

There are resident clergymen for the Church of England and the Methodist Chapel but not for the Roman Catholic Church. If you or your partner are subject to immigration control please contact the Isles of Scilly Register Office for further advice.

If you are not a resident of the islands but wish to marry in one of our churches you will need to stay on the islands for seven full days before you can complete the legal preliminaries to marriage at the Isles of Scilly Register Office; an alternative is to marry at the Register Office allowing you to ‘give notice’ at your local register office and then hold a ceremony and blessing in the church of your choice....

Church of England

If you are planning a Church of England wedding on the Islands, the chaplain will advise you on the legal requirements. There is usually no need to involve the Register Office if you are resident on the islands.

If you do not live on the islands but have a special connection then the clergyman may still agree to marry you. If for any reason the chaplain is unable to call your banns or issue a common licence, but agrees to allow your marriage to be conducted in the church, it will be necessary for you to follow the procedure for civil marriages called ‘notice of marriage’ from page 6 of this guide.

Notice of marriage must be given personally to the Superintendent Registrar at the Register Office on St Mary’s. This is in lieu of banns. The chaplain will advise you if your legal preliminaries need to be carried out by the local Superintendent Registrar. If this is the case it is helpful to get a letter from the chaplain confirming that banns are not being read but there is agreement for you to marry in the church.

You do not need a Registrar present during a Church of England wedding ceremony.

C of E Canon Paul Miller
01720 423911
scillychaplain@btinternet.com

Methodist Chapel or Roman Catholic Church

If you are planning your wedding in either of the Methodist Chapels or the Roman Catholic Church you will first need to contact the Minister or Priest for the building to seek their advice.

For these weddings you will need to give “Notice of Marriage” to the Superintendent Registrar at the Isles of Scilly Register Office. (See page 6 for details).

With the exception of the Methodist Chapel on St Mary’s you will need to book a Registrar to be present at your ceremony so please contact us as soon as possible to arrange this.

Methodist Reverend Charlie Gibbs
01720 422406



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Civil Partnerships

The Civil Partnership Act was brought into force on 5th December 2005. This allows a legal and formal recognition of the relationship between two people of the same sex, through which they gain rights in law similar to married couples.

Civil Partnerships can take place in either The Isles of Scilly Register Office or any of our Approved Venues.

A Civil Partnership involves the signing of a schedule together. Although a ceremony is not a legal requirement of forming a Civil Partnership, the Isles of Scilly Registration Service offers the choice of a ceremony along with the registration.

Any couple wishing to form a Civil Partnership will each be required to give "Notice of Civil Partnership" at their local Register Office. After a 15 day waiting period the Schedule (Authority for Civil Partnership) will be issued and the Registration can take place. The Schedule is valid for 12 months and will state the venue in which the Civil Partnership will take place; if you subsequently decide to change the venue new notices must be given.

On the day of your ceremony you must arrive at the venue 10 minutes before your Civil Partnership is due to begin as the Civil Partnership Registrar will need to check all the details on the Schedule and collect any fees that may be due.

You will need two witnesses present during your ceremony who will also sign the Schedule. These can be friends or family but they must be old enough to understand what is taking place.

The Civil Partnership Registrar will welcome you and your guests and remind you of the legal nature of Civil Partnerships. The couple will say their chosen vows to each other, exchange rings or gifts (if applicable) and then, along with their chosen witnesses sign the Schedule after which you will be declared Civil Partners. There will then be an opportunity for photographs.

If you wish to know more about Civil Partnership Ceremonies please contact the Isles of Scilly Registration team for more information. We are here to offer guidance and support throughout and will do everything we can to ensure you have a happy and memorable day.

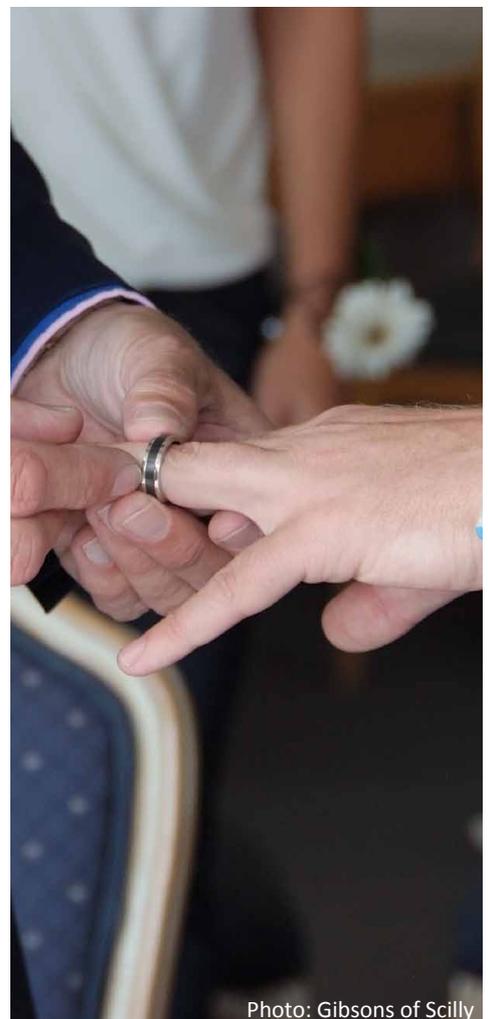


Photo: Gibsons of Scilly

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Required Documents



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When you attend before the Superintendent Registrar to make the formal arrangements you will need to produce certain documents.

Proof of ID

[Valid Passport](#) (this is the preferred documentation)

or

[Photographic Driving Licence](#) and a [full Birth Certificate](#) (if you were born on or after 01/01/1983 and you do not have a passport, you will also need a birth certificate of either of your parents who has British Nationality).

Proof of residence

This is usually a utility bill e.g. [bank statement](#), [council tax bill](#) etc.

Depending upon your circumstances you may also require the following:

Proof that you are free to form a Civil Partnership

If you have been previously married or in a Civil Partnership.

[Decree Absolute/Annulment/Dissolution Certificate](#) or [Death Certificate](#) accompanied by your [previous marriage/Civil Partnership Certificate](#).

Evidence of a change of name

[Deed Poll document](#) or [Statutory Declaration document](#).

Correct fee

There is a charge for each Notice of Civil Partnership taken.

Persons under 18 years of age must submit written consent from the appropriate parent/guardian/authority. Any Register Office has forms for this purpose.

Your local Register Office will advise you on which documents are required depending on your own personal circumstances when you make your appointment.

Please be aware that photocopies are not acceptable.





Under the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002, all applicants aged 18 years or over who are accepted for naturalisation or registration as a British Citizen must take a citizenship oath or pledge at a citizenship ceremony.

The heart of the citizenship ceremony will involve prospective citizens making either an oath or affirmation to Her Majesty the Queen and a pledge of loyalty to the United Kingdom after which a certificate will be presented.

Here on the islands, citizenship ceremonies are provided by the Council of the Isles of Scilly in the Isles of Scilly Register Office and this provides us with an opportunity to welcome new citizens into the community.

Procedure

Once the applicant has received his or her letter of approval from the Home Office he or she should contact the Registration Department to arrange a date and time for the ceremony. An applicant is required to attend a ceremony within three months of the approval being given otherwise a new application may have to be made.

Guests

You are welcome to bring guests with you to your ceremony. However, space will be limited to 8 persons including yourself.

The Ceremony

The applicant and any guests should arrive 10 minutes before the ceremony is due to start as documentation needs to be checked.

The ceremony will normally comprise of: introduction and welcome, address by a local dignitary, taking or affirming the Oath and Pledge, address by the Superintendent Registrar, the presentation of the Citizenship certificate.

The Home Office will send a copy of the Oath and Pledge to all applicants.

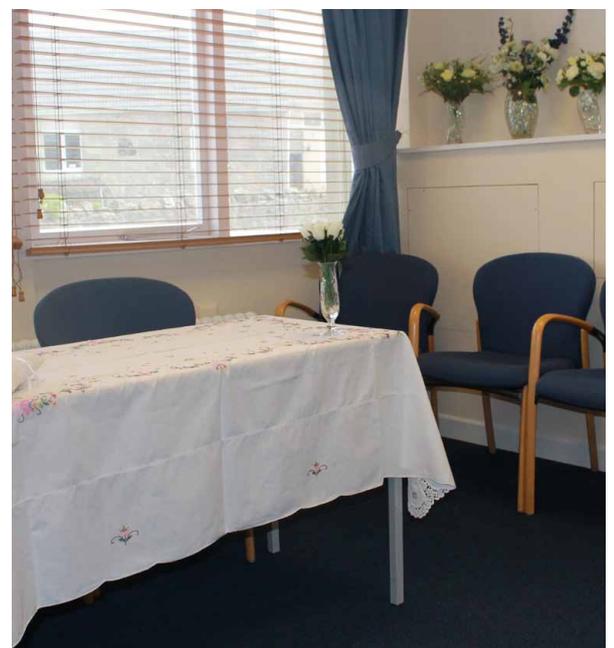
As the Oath is made to Almighty God you may wish to bring a holy book. This is a personal matter and is not something that is required for the purpose of the citizenship ceremony. If preferred, allegiance can be affirmed, rather than sworn before God.

Documents

Applicants must bring their Home Office approval letter and some form of photographic identity, for example a passport, or photographic driving licence.

Cost

There is no charge for a citizenship ceremony in the Isles of Scilly Register Office as these ceremonies are funded by the Home Office.





This ceremony is for any couple either married or in a civil partnership who wish to celebrate renewing their vows in a unique and personal ceremony.

Often these ceremonies are associated with a special anniversary, but it is just as appropriate for couples at any stage of marriage or civil partnership who wish to reaffirm their love and commitment to each other.

Many couples who have recently married or have had a civil partnership abroad choose to renew their vows before their family or friends on their return.

You do not have to live on the Isles of Scilly to hold your ceremony here and it can take place in either the Isles of Scilly Register Office or any of our Approved Venues.

The Renewal of Vows ceremony will be unique to you and as it has no legal status can be created by you with the help of the celebrant to be as personal as possible. As you consider and make your selections you will be creating a ceremony that reflects your relationship and also creating wonderful memories for you and your guests.

To help plan your ceremony we will send you a ceremony pack with suggestions which will help you make your choices.

This ceremony has no legal significance.



A naming ceremony is the perfect way to celebrate the birth of your child in a nonreligious ceremony and is a wonderful way to welcome your new arrival. You do not have to live on the Isles of Scilly to hold your ceremony here; this ceremony can take place in either the Isles of Scilly Register Office or any of our Approved Venues.

It is not just the birth of a child that can herald a celebration of a new addition to the family. Many couples may have children from previous relationships - and what better way to make these children feel part of a new family than by celebrating with a ceremony. For anyone who adopts a child, a Civil Naming ceremony is a great way of welcoming that child into their lives and declaring your commitment to giving the child a loving home.

Any parent or legal guardian with parental responsibility for the child can make the arrangements. Parents do not need to be married, and if you are having a Civil Marriage ceremony or a Civil Partnership Registration, a naming ceremony can be held immediately after.

To help plan your ceremony we will send you a ceremony pack with suggestions which will help you make your choices.

This ceremony has no legal significance and cannot be used to change the legal name of your child.



Ceremony Planners

Scilly Celebrations

Jenny can offer you professional assistance and be an Island point of contact to help with the planning of your special celebration.

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www.barefoot-photographer.co.uk

barefoot-photographer@hotmail.co.uk

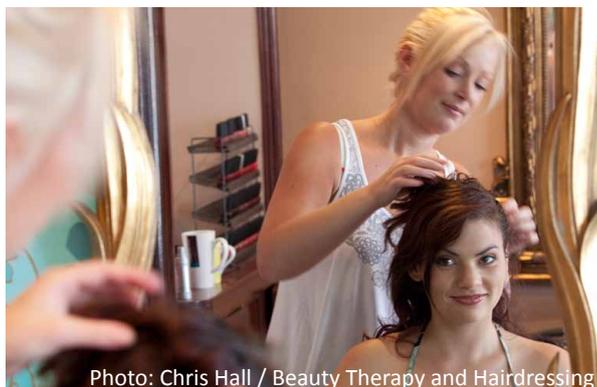


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Hair & Beauty

Blonde Hairdressing & Beauty Therapy

www.blondehairandbeauty.co.uk

kimberlysara@hotmail.co.uk

01720 423603

Cut Loose

rosannahicks@hotmail.com

01720 422232

Catering

Tanglewood

Able to provide a full catering service from bespoke wedding cakes to luxury picnics and full event management.

www.tanglewoodkitchen.co.uk

eat@tanglewoodkitchen.co.uk

01720 422 603 / 07799 706 573

Becky's Cakes

01720 423422

Flowers & Decoration

Churchtown Farm Flowers

www.scillyflowers.co.uk

zoe@scillyflowers.com

01720 422169

Penny Rogers

01720 422422

Vintage Chic Handcrafted Flowers

www.facebook.com/vintagechicgifts

vintagechic@outlook.com

01720 423550

Fay Page Jewellery

Perfect for wedding rings or other jewellery.

www.faypage.co.uk

fay@faypagesilver.co.uk

01720 423017

Hanpainted Signs

Popular as name places, wedding favours and thank you gifts.

www.hanpainted.com

hanpainted@hotmail.co.uk

07974 438172

Little Island Chocolate Company

Delicious organic chocolate wedding favours hand made on St Agnes

littleislandchocolateco@hotmail.co.uk

01720 422881



Claire Morley's Horse & Carriage

Music

Debby Crane & Debby Wainwright

Live music with violin, keyboards and vocals.
Suitable for any occasion.

07765 345092

Live Bands: Steamband, Roadrunner & Skaramanga

A selection of live bands to choose from for your wedding. Contact Chris Riguard.

07778 586591

All Squared Up

Live Band. Contact Richard Symons.

07824 337930

Travel to the Islands

Isles of Scilly Steamship Company

Small planes and ferry service to Scilly.

www.ios-travel.co.uk

08457 105555



Photo: Chris Hall / Don Williams's 1929 Riley

Scilly Breaks and Inclusive Holidays

For information on travel and accommodation.

www.islesofscillyholidays.co.uk

enquiries@islesofscillyholidays.co.uk

co.uk

01720 423239

On Island Transport

Don William's 1929 Riley

A classic car to arrive at your ceremony in style.

thebylet@bushinternet.com

01720 423855

Claire Morley

Horse-Drawn Carriage

A Swedish Phaeton built in 1894.

www.horsesonscilly.com

claire@horsesonscilly.co.uk

01720 423855



Photo: Andy Finch's Horse & Carriage

Andy Finch Horse & Carriage

www.scillycarriages.co.uk

01720 423146

Scilly Cart Company

www.scillycart.co

mail@scillycart.co

01720 422121



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The Isles of Scilly Tourism Information Office is here to help you find holiday accommodation for your ceremony. Whether you are looking to fit hundreds in hotels, or just a few in a campsite, the Isles of Scilly TIC specialise in finding the right accommodation for the thousands of visitors to the islands every year.

www.visitislesofscilly.com

tic@scilly.gov.uk

01720 424 031

Please note, that the businesses on these pages are offered as free listings, and whilst all these companies are able to provide a professional service, the Registration Team of the Council of the Isles of Scilly cannot take responsibility for the actions of any service mentioned on this page. However we do value feedback from people's ceremony experiences, so please do write to us and let us know about any aspect of your ceremony you want to comment about. Contact details can be found on the next page.

Fees & Charges

The table below gives fees and charges for ceremonies on the Isles of Scilly. These are the fees payable to the Local Authority, and there may be other fees to be paid to the venue.

Statutory Fees	2013/14	2014/15
Notice of Marriage (Per marriage)	£35	£35
Register Office Wedding (Monday to Friday)	£45	£45
Citizenship Ceremony	Free	Free
Marriage/Civil Partnership in the Porthcressa Beachside Room		
Monday to Friday	£130	£130
Saturday	£150	£150
Sunday/Bank Holiday	£199	£199
After 6pm		£299
Marriage/Civil Partnership at an approved venue on St Mary's <i>(includes Old Wesleyan Chapel, Juliet's Garden Restaurant, Star Castle Hotel, Tregarthen's Hotel)</i>		
Monday - Friday	£379	£385
Saturday	£399	£407
Sunday or Bank Holiday	£499	£499
After 6pm		£599
St Martin's on the Isles Hotel <i>(not open 2014)</i>		
Monday - Friday	£479	£485
Saturday	£499	£505
Sunday or Bank Holiday	£599	£599
After 6pm		£699

Payment Information

1. A deposit of £20 is payable within seven days of booking for a Register Office Ceremony and £50 for all other venues, this deposit is nonrefundable.
2. The remaining balance of the Registrar's fee must be paid no later than two months in advance of the ceremony by cheque/postal order or credit/ debit card and once paid is nonrefundable.
4. Items in black are statutory fees set by central government and are subject to change at short notice.
5. Please make all cheques/postal orders payable to "The Council of the Isles of Scilly"
6. For all other Fees and Charges associated with the Registration Service please see the Council of the Isles of Scilly website <http://www.scilly.gov.uk>



Extra Information

Legal points to note:

- Your ceremony cannot go ahead unless the legal preliminaries have been completed.
- Notice of Marriage or Civil Partnership must be given in person by you and your partner.
- Unless you or your partner is subject to immigration control you must give notice in the district in which you both live and notices are valid for 12 months only.
- The fees for giving notice and for marriages and civil partnerships in the Register Office are set nationally.
- The fees for an Approved Venue marriage or civil partnership or a non-statutory ceremony are set by the Local Authority.
- There can be no religious content in any civil marriage or civil partnership.
- This guide gives general information only and is not a complete statement of law. Please discuss your personal circumstances and wishes with us.



Other points to note relevant to an island wedding:

- Consider arriving on the islands a day prior to your ceremony as weather can often disrupt travel.
- Book accommodation and travel as early as possible, particularly during the busy summer months.
- During the winter months several of our Approved Venues are closed so please check with us or the venue prior to making any arrangements.



Our commitment

"The Isles of Scilly Registration team is committed to achieving high standards of excellence in its service and we positively welcome feedback from our customers. Your comments and views are always welcome."

How to contact us:

The Isles of Scilly Register Office
St Mary's
Isles of Scilly
TR21 0LW

Tel: 01720 424321

Email: registration@scilly.gov.uk

Website: www.scilly.gov.uk/ceremonies-registration

Opening hours – Tuesday 12:00:-13:30

Thursday 10:30-12:00

At all other times by appointment.

Emails and answerphone are checked regularly Mon – Fri excluding bank holidays.



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