



BARNUTOPIA

WEDDING & EVENT VENUE IN NORTH SHROPSHIRE

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Getting Married at Barnutopia

Approved and licensed for ceremonies since 2017, Barnutopia offers exclusive hire of the entire glamping village, with flexible options to suit how you want to celebrate. Most couples choose a relaxed three-day, two-night wedding, typically Friday to Sunday or two nights midweek, with accommodation in luxury yurts and cabins. All accommodation is fully furnished with real beds, power, lighting, heating, and free WiFi. You can also add the campsite to create a more festival-style atmosphere.

Day hire is a popular alternative for local couples who do not need overnight accommodation. It provides exclusive use of the barns, outdoor spaces, and amenities for your ceremony and reception, without the commitment of a full weekend stay. It is ideal if you want the Barnutopia setting and privacy, but with a shorter celebration.



Your Wedding Your Way

Barnutopia's exclusive hire packages are designed to be flexible. You are not locked into fixed timings, suppliers, or formats. Whether you want a traditional ceremony, a celebrant-led wedding, or something more informal, the layout of the barns and outdoor spaces allows the day to flow naturally.

For most weddings, you can choose your own caterers, self-cater, use Barnutopia catering, or mix and match. Drinks receptions, dining, dancing, and evening gatherings can move between the event barn, Dutch barn, and outdoor spaces as the day unfolds.

Music and entertainment are equally flexible. Discos and bands can play until 11 pm Sunday to Thursday or midnight on Fridays and Saturdays, with the option to extend by one hour at no additional charge. After licensed hours, celebrations may continue at a lower volume, following staff guidance.

The focus remains on giving you the freedom to shape the day to suit you, rather than fitting into a rigid package.



Your Hire Options

Standard Hire

For weddings and formal events. Assisted DIY for 15 to 120 guests, usually with 35 to 40 guests staying onsite for one or two nights. Licensed for marriage ceremonies, celebrant weddings, vow renewals, milestone birthday celebrations, and similar events. Catering is flexible. You may self-cater, bring in mobile caterers, use Barnutopia catering, or mix and match. Event staff and additional services are included.

Day Hire

An alternative to standard hire for weddings without overnight accommodation. Includes exclusive use of the event barn, Dutch barn, outdoor spaces, and facilities for your ceremony and reception within a single day. Day hire weddings use Barnutopia catering and bar services.

Lite Hire

Lite hire is a fully DIY option for up to 45 guests, with everyone staying onsite for one or two nights. It is suited to relaxed, informal gatherings such as friends and family celebrations, hen and stag weekends, and similar events.



Site and Setting

Barnutopia is set in open countryside on the Shropshire–Powys border. The site combines open landscapes, historic agricultural buildings, and modern facilities in a layout that feels spacious but easy to navigate.

Licensed for wedding ceremonies, the venue offers a range of indoor and outdoor settings, including open fields, a sheltered dell, the long barn, the Dutch barn, and the Garden Room for smaller or more intimate ceremonies. These spaces can be used individually or in combination, depending on the size and style of your celebration.

Luxury glamping accommodation in yurts and cabins is complemented by shared amenities, allowing couples and guests to stay on site.

In 2017, Barnutopia's first wedding was featured on the prime-time ITV series *Give It A Year*, hosted by Baroness Karren Brady, where the venue was highlighted as part of a British business success story.



Ceremonies and Services

Barnutopia is licensed for marriage ceremonies and offers a range of indoor and outdoor settings to suit different styles of weddings. Couples may choose a legally binding ceremony, a celebrant-led ceremony, or a combination of the two.

Legal marriage ceremonies are conducted by the Shropshire Registration Service and take place in licensed structures or licensed outdoor spaces at Barnutopia. Booking and arrangements with the registrars are made directly by the couple.

Ceremonies may be traditional or informal, religious or non-religious, and are planned in advance so timings, layout, and practical arrangements work smoothly on the day. Our team coordinates on the day itself to ensure everything runs to plan alongside registrars or celebrants.



Food and Drink

Food and drink at Barnutopia is flexible, with clear options agreed in advance so everything runs smoothly on the day.

For weddings on Standard Hire, couples may choose how food is catered. You may self-cater, bring in mobile caterers, use Barnutopia catering, or combine options.

For drinks on Standard Hire, couples can bring their own alcohol (no corkage) or take advantage of the Barnutopia licensed bar. It is not possible to combine these options.

For Day Hire weddings, food and drink are provided by Barnutopia. This keeps arrangements simple for one-day events and allows the day to run efficiently.

For Lite Hire stays and group gatherings, guests usually bring their own alcohol and self-cater or use Barnutopia catering.

All food and drink arrangements are discussed ahead of time so expectations are clear for couples, guests, and suppliers.



The Long Barn

The large, licensed event barn dates back to the Park Hall Army camp, established in 1915. It was relocated to Tanycoed Farm in the 1970s and used as a cattle shed until the 1990s, after which it was largely unused until 2015, when Barnutopia opened. Today, the barn can seat up to 120 guests and includes a dry bar and a dedicated dance floor.

Adjacent to the long barn, the Dutch barn provides a flexible indoor–outdoor space and is often used for drinks receptions, particularly if the weather is unpredictable. Fire pits and logs are included with hire, and campfires are actively encouraged. In the evening, guests tend to gather in and around the Dutch barn, chatting in the firelight.

The former farm layout has been carefully adapted to support wedding ceremonies and receptions while retaining the character of the original buildings. Whether you are planning a full weekend celebration or a day-hire wedding, the spaces work together naturally for a relaxed country wedding without unnecessary complexity.



The Yurt Field

The yurt field is a grassed area at the heart of Barnutopia's site and a stunning location for outdoor ceremonies and celebrations. Positioned with views across the Shropshire countryside and the Gyrn Moelfre mountain in Powys, it provides a natural backdrop for "I do" moments and outdoor gatherings in almost any season.

This open space sits alongside the main glamping units and works well as a ceremony site, a drinks reception area, or a relaxed outdoor entertaining zone. Couples often choose the yurt field for its sense of space, countryside horizon, and versatility when planning their day.

Whether you want a festival-style ceremony, a marquee-style entrance, or an open-air setting with panoramic views, the yurt field gives you a flexible and scenic base from which to shape your wedding.



The Farmers Field

The Farmer's Field is a wide open space with far-reaching countryside views and is a popular choice for outdoor wedding ceremonies. Set just beyond the main Barnutopia site, it offers a strong sense of space and a relaxed, natural setting that works particularly well for larger gatherings.

Couples can hold their main ceremony in the Farmer's Field with the landowner's permission. When a legal marriage ceremony is planned, the legal signing is completed briefly afterwards on Barnutopia land, allowing the field to remain the focus of the celebration while meeting licensing requirements.

Practical details such as access, layout, and timings are agreed in advance so everything runs smoothly and respectfully alongside the surrounding farmland.



The Dell

The Dell is a sheltered, natural clearing within the Barnutopia site and offers a more enclosed outdoor ceremony setting. Surrounded by trees and greenery, it feels private and calm while still accommodating ceremonies of up to 120 guests.

It is a good choice for couples who want an outdoor ceremony with a sense of intimacy and protection from the elements. The Dell works particularly well for celebrant-led ceremonies, vow renewals, and relaxed wedding formats, with easy access to the barns and main facilities nearby.

As with all outdoor spaces at Barnutopia, the layout and practical arrangements are discussed in advance so the ceremony runs smoothly and fits naturally into the rest of the day.



Glamping Accommodation Continued



The Snug (Sleeps 3)

A converted stable in the red brick stable block dating from 1892. The Snug sleeps up to 3 guests in a double bed and a single sofa bed and is perfect for couples on their wedding night.



Lean-to Leo (Sleeps 3)

One of the two smaller sites at the east end of the site, Lean-to Leo sleeps up to 3 guests in a small double bed and an overhead single bunk.



Tiny House Tamise (Sleeps 3)

Another smaller unit at the east end of the site, Tiny House Tamise sleeps up to 3 guests in a double bed and an overhead bunk bed.



Cabin Connie (Sleeps 3)

A cute cabin on the yurt field, Cabin Connie sleeps up to 3 guests in a double bed and an overhead bunk bed.



Yurt Nanny Iris (Sleeps 4)

Yurt Nanny Iris is a wooden octayurt, comfortably furnished to accommodate 4 guests in a small double and bunk (single over single).



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Yurt Carianne (Sleeps 4)

A twin to Nanny Iris, Yurt Carianne is a wooden octayurt, comfortably furnished to accommodate 4 guests in a small double and bunk (single over single).



Stable Stephanie (Sleeps 5)

A converted stable in the red brick stable block. Stephanie sleeps 5 in a king-size bed and triple bunk (single over a small double bed). It is the only glamping accommodation with an en-suite toilet.



Yurt Bronwyn (Sleeps 6)

The largest yurt on the yurt field, Bronwyn is another wooden octayurt. Beautifully furnished with a king bed, a bunk (single over single bed), and a small double sofa bed, there is ample room for 6 occupants in Bronwyn.



Ranch House Ray (Sleeps 6)

Inspired by ranch houses from the American Midwest, Ray overlooks the yurt field and has a magnificent view of the Gyrn Moelfre in the Powys hills. Ray sleeps up to 6 in a double bed, triple bunk (single bed over double bed), and single sofa bed.



Yurt Axana (Sleeps 8)

A large wooden roundhouse at the east end of the site, Yurt Axana sleeps up to 8 guests in a king-size bed and two triple bunks (single beds over double beds).



Bunkhouse Bethan (Sleeps 10)

The largest glamping accommodation at the east end of the site, Bethan is inspired by Alpine mountain huts and sleeps up to 10 guests in 2 king-size and 2 single beds at ground level, and 4 single beds on the overhead platform.



The Décor Den

One of the pleasures of planning a DIY wedding is making the space your own.

Over the years, Barnutopia has seen the event barn and surrounding areas transformed in many different ways, from simple and understated to fully styled.

The venue has built a collection of decorations, and many couples also gift items after their weddings. These are stored in the Décor Den, a shared resource filled with practical and decorative pieces that couples are welcome to use when dressing the barn for their reception.

Most couples combine items from the Décor Den, such as window sashes, log slices, and other useful bits and pieces, with their own décor to create a look that feels personal rather than prescriptive.



All Welcome

Barnutopia is a welcoming and inclusive venue. We host weddings and events for couples and families of all backgrounds, identities, beliefs, and abilities.

We welcome same-sex weddings, mixed-faith ceremonies, non-religious celebrations, and events that do not follow traditional formats. You are free to celebrate in a way that feels right to you, whether that is formal, informal, traditional, or entirely your own.

Accessibility and comfort matter. If you or your guests have specific needs, we are happy to talk them through in advance and make practical arrangements where possible. Our team is experienced, respectful, and discreet.

Above all, Barnutopia is a place where people come together to celebrate. Everyone should feel comfortable, respected, and able to be themselves.



Hen Weekend Glamping

Barnutopia is a popular choice for relaxed hen weekends and friends-and-family gatherings. The setting works well for groups who want time together without a rigid schedule.

Lite hire includes exclusive use of the venue, with as many luxury glamping yurts and cabins as you need, (minimum 5).

The optional event barn provides a flexible indoor space for meals, games, or evening celebrations. Groups typically self-cater, bring in a pizza van, or book Barnutopia breakfasts, suppers, or activities. We are happy to help with planning where needed, while keeping things informal.

Hen weekends and gatherings typically accommodate 15 to 45 guests, depending on how the accommodation is used.



Gatherings and Retreats

Barnutopia is well suited to gatherings and retreats, from small group getaways to larger shared experiences.

Lite hire includes exclusive use of the venue, with as many luxury glamping yurts and cabins as you need (minimum 5).

The optional event barn provides a flexible indoor space for workshops, group sessions, or evening gatherings.

Groups typically self-cater but may book Barnutopia meals or activities. We are happy to support planning where needed, while keeping arrangements straightforward.

Gatherings and retreats typically accommodate 15 to 45 guests.



Our Animals

Barnutopia is home to a small number of friendly animals who live on site and are part of everyday life here. Many guests enjoy meeting them during their stay, and it is common to see visitors stopping for a quiet moment or offering approved treats under guidance.

To protect both guests and animals, we ask that pens are not entered unless invited and that any advice on feeding and interaction is followed. Children should be supervised around animals at all times.

Their presence enhances the relaxed, rural character of Barnutopia and is something many guests remember from their time here.



From Engaged to I Do

A handy checklist to help you plan your wedding so the day goes smoothly.

The Basics

- ☐ Date
- ☐ Venue
- ☐ Marriage notice
- ☐ Wedding insurance
- ☐ Registrar or celebrant-led
- ☐ Rings

Guests

- ☐ Headcount and guest list
- ☐ Save the dates
- ☐ Invitations
- ☐ RSVP deadline

Wedding Party

- ☐ Bride and groom
- ☐ Parents
- ☐ Best man and/or woman
- ☐ Bridesmaids
- ☐ Groomsmen
- ☐ Flower girls and page boys
- ☐ Wedding dress & fittings
- ☐ Dresses and suits
- ☐ Accessories & shoes

Suppliers

- ☐ Photographer
- ☐ Videographer
- ☐ Hair & makeup
- ☐ Florist
- ☐ Children's activities
- ☐ Photo booth
- ☐ Sweet cart
- ☐ Other entertainment
- ☐ Supplier contracts

Style & Décor

- ☐ Overall vision and vibe
- ☐ Barn décor
- ☐ DIY
- ☐ Venue stylist
- ☐ Floral arrangements
- ☐ Tables and chairs
- ☐ Layout & seating plan
- ☐ Table settings
- ☐ Signage
- ☐ Guest book

Logistics & Admin

- ☐ Accommodation
- ☐ Transport
- ☐ Supplier timings and access
- ☐ Wet weather contingency
- ☐ Toilet facilities
- ☐ Parking
- ☐ Accessibility
- ☐ Power requirements
- ☐ Special arrangements

Order of the Day

- ☐ Ceremony space
- ☐ Ceremony time
- ☐ Vows and readings
- ☐ Aisle walk music
- ☐ Signing the register music
- ☐ Confetti moment
- ☐ Reception drinks
- ☐ Reception meal
- ☐ Speeches
- ☐ Music and first dance
- ☐ Supper and campfires

Food and Drink

- ☐ Venue catering
- ☐ Mobile caterer
- ☐ Dietary requirements
- ☐ Reception drinks
- ☐ BYO alcohol
- ☐ Drinks packages
- ☐ Licensed bar
- ☐ Wedding cake
- ☐ Snacks (e.g. crisp wall)

Music and Entertainment

- ☐ Band or musicians
- ☐ Mobile disco / DJ
- ☐ Playlist
- ☐ Noise curfew

After the Day

- ☐ Pack-down
- ☐ Returns (hire items)
- ☐ Thank-you cards
- ☐ Preserve bouquet
- ☐ Clean and preserve dress
- ☐ Honeymoon

Notes

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We can bring a unique and memorable touch to your wedding. From handcrafted cakes, desserts and indulgent soft serve or scooped ice cream, to traditional German beer and gourmet German Street food including Charcuterie platters, Bratwurst, Bockwurst and Currywurst with our very own homemade secret recipe, if you are looking for something fun and different, you have come to the right place.

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