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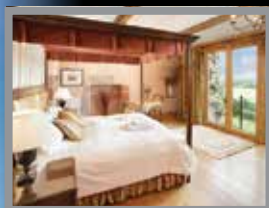
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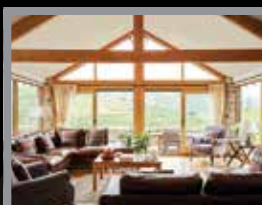


Grade I listed castellated manor house located four miles from the Lake District National Park. Provides accommodation for up to 24 guests within Blencowe Hall itself and up to 54 guests overall including its cottages. All set within its 30 acres of elegant gardens and grounds.

With terraces, lawns, a bubbling rill and an orchard, idyllic nooks abound to explore. If you need more space for your party of up to 100 guests, you have the Blencowe Hall Byre and/or marquee field.

BLENCOWE HALL, BLENCOWE, NEAR GREYSTOKE CA11 0DF

HAUSE HALL



Hause Hall Farm is an intimate wedding venue for parties of up to 18 guests. It is set in a fabulous location on Hallin Fell in the Lake District National Park.

Guests are welcomed for a beautiful country wedding with a stunning glass extension and broad sandstone terraces overlooking the sweeping hills and fells above Ullswater.

Hause Hall Farm has been renovated to the standard of a five-star hotel and is offered for wedding celebrations on an exclusive use basis.

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MELMERBY HALL



Set within 25 acres of sandstone walled gardens and wooded grounds in the foothills of the Pennines, Melmerby Hall offers accommodation for up to 18 guests in Melmerby Hall itself and for up to 32 guests overall including the cottages in its gardens and orchards.

Larger parties are welcomed to the airy and spacious Melmerby Hall Stables reception rooms and parties up to 100 guests may opt to have a marquee/tipi on its Archery Lawns.

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WELCOME TO WESTMORLAND & FURNESS CEREMONIES

Westmorland & Furness Registration and Ceremonies Team offer a warm and friendly welcome to everyone.

Working across a large proportion of the romantic and picturesque county of Cumbria, we provide the perfect backdrop for all your ceremony needs. We have something for everyone here, from quaint villages to busier market towns, all of which are set between the spectacular lakes and magnificent mountains of the Lake District National Park and along our dramatic coastline.



WELCOME

Whether you are getting married, forming a civil partnership, holding a civil naming ceremony or renewing your marriage vows, we have 100 stunning venues for you to choose from, including our own Registration Offices, which provide charming settings for a range of ceremonies. We offer some of the best ceremony locations in the country, including rustic barns, stately homes, historic buildings, impressive castles and luxurious hotels. Many of the approved venues can host not just the ceremony but also your reception as well. With such a plethora of options available, you are certain to find a perfect ceremony venue to suit your individual style and budget.

To host your special ceremony in the midst of this natural beauty is a dream for any couple and it is becoming increasingly popular for ceremonies to take place outdoors. Legal ceremonies, including wedding and civil partnership ceremonies, are now allowed to take place outdoors providing they are on approved licensed premises. Our Bespoke Ceremonies, also allow greater flexibility to have your ceremony in your chosen location, to discuss this, please contact our team.

Our experienced team are looking forward to guiding you through the process of organising your ceremony and helping to make your ceremony special. Whether you want your ceremony to be bespoke, traditional, themed or something more extravagant, our team of dedicated ceremony staff are passionate about providing an experience you will treasure. We look forward to working with you.

Contact Our Ceremonies Team
0300 373 3300

Email: registration.service@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk
www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk

COME

YOUR CEREMONY

AT A REGISTRATION OFFICE OR APPROVED VENUE

When you are planning a ceremony, a good place to start is finding your ideal venue. All civil ceremonies, either at one of our Registration Offices or one of our Approved Venues, are arranged by contacting our team who will be happy to advise you.

If you decide that one of our Registration Offices is your venue of choice, please contact our Ceremonies Team who will discuss your options and book the room for you.

If you have chosen to hold your ceremony at one of our Approved Venues, it is your responsibility to provisionally book the venue prior to contacting our team. When contacting our team, it is advisable to have three or four alternative dates or times available, as it is not always possible to accommodate your first choice. This is to ensure our Ceremony Officers are available to attend your ceremony.

You may provisionally book your ceremony up to 24 months in advance with a non-refundable deposit. Once a booking has been made, there would be administration fee for any amendments.

It is important to note that if you have chosen an Approved Venue, once you have booked your ceremony with our team, it is then your responsibility to confirm dates and time of the booking with the venue. You must also pay any fees due to the venue.

Please remember, a booking cannot be made unless you are legally free to marry or form a civil partnership. For example, you must be in receipt of papers to prove that you are divorced or have been granted a dissolution.

PLEASE NOTE:

On your special day, please help us and our other couples, who are holding a ceremony on the same day, by arriving at the Registration Office or Approved Venue, at the appropriate time.

The groom / partner is expected to arrive 30 minutes before the ceremony and the bride / partner should arrive 15 minutes before the start. The Ceremony Officers will often need to attend other ceremonies on the day.

Should the services of an interpreter be required, please contact the Ceremonies Team for advice.



PERSONALISING YOUR CEREMONY

MAKE IT YOUR OWN

There are various options available for your civil partnership or marriage ceremony.

In both ceremonies there are certain words, prescribed by law, which must be used. In a civil partnership, it is optional whether these words are read or spoken aloud. In a civil marriage, these are known as the declaratory and contracting words and there are three options available for you to choose from. In the lead up to your ceremony, you will be provided with these options and will then be able to make your decision.

Within your ceremony, you can choose to include up to two readings or you may include your own personalised vows instead. During your ceremony, there are times when you may choose to have music playing. You can include music which is special to you.

All readings, personalised vows and music choices must not have any religious intent or be offensive and must be submitted to the Ceremonies Team prior to your ceremony for approval. You should discuss your approved readings and music choices with the venue with regards to copyright.

You must provide two witnesses. It is advisable that they are over the age of 18 and understand English as well as the significance of the ceremony they are witnessing. They will be asked to sign the marriage or civil partnership schedule at the end of the ceremony.



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B E S P O K E C E R E M O N I E S

Have you dreamed of having a completely unique, personalised ceremony, which celebrates your relationship with the story of your love?

Our Bespoke Ceremony allows you to work with one of our experienced Ceremonies Officers to turn your ceremony dreams into reality.

Say “I do” YOUR WAY

Our Ceremonies Team will be delighted to lend our expertise and to advise you of the options available to allow you to create a ceremony that is tailored specifically to you.

What is included?

- Your legal marriage or civil partnership ceremony.
- The option for your ceremony to be held at an Approved Venue across Westmorland & Furness.
- The opportunity to work with your Ceremony Officer prior to the ceremony to customise your own personalised ceremony script.
- The option to include ‘your story’, readings, personalised vows, ceremony gestures or musical performances to suit your wishes.
- A longer ceremony time of up to 60 minutes
- A commemorative certificate signed by your witnesses presented to you as a keepsake of your special day.

What if my chosen venue doesn’t have a licence to hold weddings?

If your chosen venue does not have a licence, our Bespoke Ceremony allows for a legal ceremony to be carried out at a register office either on the same day or on an alternative day followed by a unique event allowing you to celebrate in style.

Not included:

Statutory fees payable e.g. Notice of marriage / civil partnership or legal certificates.

Please note, if the ceremony is to take place anywhere other than an approved venue, the location must have public liability insurance and may need to be inspected before the ceremony can be approved.

How do I book?

Please contact us to discuss your requirements

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E: registration.service@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk

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CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

PLAN YOUR CEREMONY

WITH WESTMORLAND & FURNESS REGISTRATION AND CEREMONIES TEAM

The formation of Civil Partnerships is available to all couples, both same-sex and opposite sex couples. Whereas a marriage is formed by verbally exchanging vows, a civil partnership is formed by the signing of a civil partnership document.

Registering a civil partnership will give your relationship legal recognition. This will give you added legal rights and pension benefits, as well as responsibilities.

You can celebrate the formation of your civil partnership in any of our Register Offices or Approved Venues.

How far in advance can I make a booking?

A legal notice of formation of civil partnership is valid for 12 months however, you can make a provisional booking for the formation of your partnership up to two years in advance. A non-refundable deposit is payable at the time of booking.

Legal Preliminaries

Before you can form your civil partnership, there are certain formalities which are required under law. You must both attend the Register Office in the district in which you live to inform them of your intention to form a civil partnership. This is called 'giving notice' and you must attend in person. There are fees to pay to your local Register Office when you attend this appointment.

After giving notice, you must allow at least 28 clear days before the formation can take place. Your civil partnership formation must then take place within twelve months of the date you gave notice.

Fees

Please contact us to discuss fees or visit our website for a full list of these.

How do I book?

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BROADOAKS COUNTRY HOUSE

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Heather Glen
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CROSTHWAITE, LYTH VALLEY LA8 8HR



The Punch Bowl Inn offers a relaxed, informal, chic and stylish wedding venue. If you are looking for something away from the ordinary, this is a perfect venue, small and exclusive.

Our restaurant, lounge and bar dining room are licensed for civil ceremonies. The restaurant seats a maximum of 42 for a wedding breakfast and can cater for up to 70 for a buffet incorporating the bar area.



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LINDETH FELL

LYTH VALLEY ROAD, WINDERMERE LA23 3JP



Make our special place your own for the day.

Lindeth Fell - a new wedding venue for the Lake District - for Exclusive Use small weddings of up to 36 people. Licensed for your ceremony, with the entire house and grounds for your party to enjoy. Enjoy private use of this pretty Arts & Crafts house, sat beautifully in mature designer gardens that give it complete privacy while facing out over Lake Windermere and the mountains beyond.

The house has 14 double bedrooms, including 2 single rooms, two sitting rooms, a bar and a west facing dining room with panoramic views – plus garden terraces below. Your wedding will be treated as a private house party, and tailored to your wishes for the day (or two).

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LINDETH FELL

STORRS HALL

WINDERMERE LA23 3LG



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Storrs Hall offers one of the most idyllic venues in the Lake District with an extraordinary backdrop for a wedding celebration. The elegant Grade II listed Georgian Mansion sits within 17 acres of landscaped grounds on the picturesque shoreline of Lake Windermere.

Whether you dream of a small intimate wedding or an exclusive use house party, Storrs Hall offers you an unforgettable wedding day.



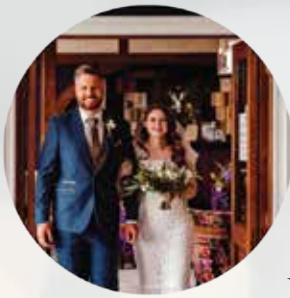
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STORRS HALL

LINDETH HOWE

LINDETH DRIVE, LONGTAIL HILL, BOWNESS ON WINDERMERE LA23 3JF



LINDETH HOWE YOUR DAY - YOUR WAY

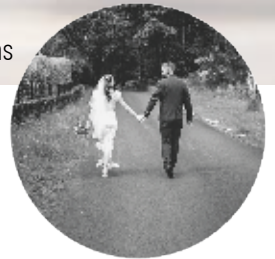
Lindeth Howe is based on the outskirts of Bowness On Windermere. it has 32 bedrooms.

Built in 1879 and being formerly owned by Beatrix Potter we have a unique history that will capture the imagination of your guests.

All the team believe that each wedding day should be as unique as you are, we work with you to make your day perfect.

From our Simply you and me package for just you and your beloved to a full exclusive use takeover for up to 120 and everything in between, we can make your day as perfect as your love for each other.

Licensed for Civil Ceremonies including outdoor ceremonies in our 6 acre private gardens



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THE GRANGE HOTEL

GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 6EJ

The Grange Hotel, a four-star gem in South Lakeland, boasts panoramic Bay views and a historic Victorian charm dating back to 1866. Nestled in an idyllic elevated position amidst mature woodland, the hotel features elegant neo-Italianate interiors and beautiful landscaped grounds with two gazebos licensed for Civil Weddings. Known for its impeccable service, the Grange Hotel offers an ideal and stylish romantic setting for your special wedding day.



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On the shores of Lake Ullswater and set in 22 acres of landscaped gardens, Leeming House is the perfect location for your wedding. Our hotel, an elegant Georgian mansion, can host up to 120 guests for your celebration and you'll enjoy fabulous terrace views over the lake and Cumbrian fells.



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Welcome to your wedding at Askham Hall.



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Fall head over heels for our Grade II listed Victorian mansion nestled on the edge of Lake Windermere.

A wedding at Fallbarrow Hall offers privacy and exclusivity allowing you to create a wedding with a difference for up to 50 guests. Licensed for civil ceremony, embrace the Hall's unique location overlooking Lake Windermere and enjoy luxury accommodation for up to 36 guests.

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Town Head Estate offers the most breathtaking location for your wedding day.

At Town Head, you have the freedom to create your dream day. Choose from a ceremony in the Barn, on the terrace overlooking the lake, by the shore or even an elopement in the Boat House. With ten bedrooms on site, Town Head provides the perfect setting for your exclusive wedding.



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A STUNNING SETTING WITH LAKE ACCESS
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OVERLOOKING WINDERMERE



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A Grade II listed Georgian Mansion set in its own landscaped gardens
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Roundthorn Country House can be exclusively yours for the day.



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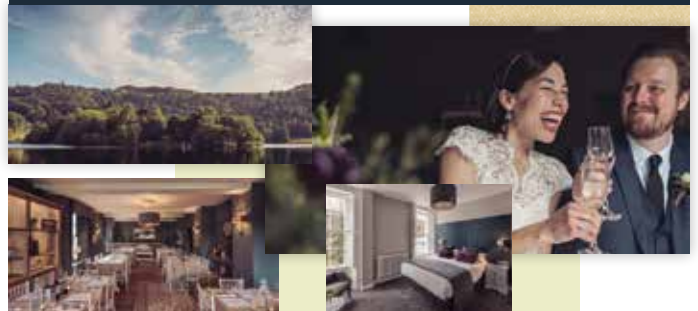
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professional experience
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memorable, but is also
tailored exactly to your
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WHEATLANDS LODGE

OLD COLLEGE LANE, WINDERMERE LA23 1BY



Wheatlands Lodge-Windermere is a Five Star Luxury Boutique Hotel and Wedding Venue situated in the centre of the Lake District. A unique venue for small and intimate ceremonies, from elopements to weddings of up to 30 people. We also specialise in Vows Renewal and Commitment Ceremonies. Licensed areas include our beautiful gardens and our grand ceremonies room.

Just minutes from Lake Windermere, ideally located for that all important photography. Please contact Mike and Lynn for more information

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GHYLL BARN

PARK HOUSE, LONG MARTON, APPLEBY CA16 6BY



Ghyll Barn is a truly bespoke venue nestled in a private location below the foothills of the Pennine Way.

The reclaimed and rustic interior has been lovingly curated by the family team to bring you the perfect setting for your ceremony and celebrations.

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CASTLE GREEN HOTEL

CASTLE GREEN LANE, KENDAL LA9 6RG



Overlooking Kendal Castle and the Lakeland Fells, Castle Green Hotel is a 4* Hotel on the edge of the Lake District National Park and boasts an array of contemporary facilities, including ceremony and function spaces to accommodate up to 250 guests, in a truly breathtaking 14 acres of grounds.

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LAKEWATER HOTEL & SPA

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The perfect wedding backdrop...
for your wedding by the lake



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THE LILYMERE ESTATE

SEDBERGH LA10 5EJ



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From enchanting marquee weddings on manicured lawns to intimate elopements in our boathouse, our venue ensures exclusivity and natural beauty.

Create your perfect day at Lylmere, where every element is chosen by you to reflect your personal style.

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A booking for a marriage or civil partnership cannot be made unless you are legally free to marry or form a civil partnership and are in receipt of any papers to prove this, if relevant.

Payment for any ceremony is required in advance, and full payment must be made 12 weeks prior to the day.

If the ceremony will take place within 12 weeks, full payment is required at the time of booking.

It is the couple's responsibility to ensure that the legal formalities and notices are complete and that the necessary authorities have been obtained before the ceremony. It is the responsibility of the couple to book, and confirm, dates and arrangements with Approved Venues, and to pay any fees due to the premises.

Any rights of copyright for music, readings, etc. permitted at the ceremony are a matter for you and the venue.

It is very important that you and your guests arrive in good time, at least 30 minutes before the start of your ceremony.

This will allow you to be interviewed before the ceremony and for your guests to be seated.

The Ceremonies Officers will see each party privately and separately to check details and final arrangements.

Whilst every effort will be made to make sure your ceremony starts on time, you should appreciate that circumstances beyond the control of the Ceremonies Officers may occasionally cause delays.

It is essential that the ceremony proceeds at the correct time as our staff may have other ceremonies after yours, any unnecessary delays may result in them having to leave to attend other ceremonies.

Unfortunately, the Registration Service cannot accept responsibility for any delays beyond its control.

If you need to discuss any of these points or have any other questions, please contact the Ceremonies Team
T: 0300 373 3300

E: registration.service@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk



REMEMBER...

remember

outdoor CEREMONIES

More and more people are now choosing to be married or form a civil partnership outdoors. Until recently, civil ceremonies had to take place inside or under a permanent licenced structure. Due to a change in legislation, we are now able to conduct ceremonies at approved venues in their outdoor areas without the need for a licensed structure.

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The areas still have to have prior approval before any legal ceremony, so please speak to your venue regarding the outside areas available. Please remember that, with the great British weather being what it is, it will not always be possible to hold a ceremony outdoors due to inclement weather, which may include rain, wind or even very hot and sunny conditions with no shade.

It will be the Registrars' decision on the day whether the ceremony can take place outdoors. They will need to consider the safety and wellbeing of the guests as well as the protection of the Schedule, which is the only official record of the ceremony.

Please do not let it spoil your day if the ceremony cannot take place outdoors for whatever reason. Make sure you have a back-up plan and select another room at the venue and remember, it should be big enough to accommodate all your guests.



GIVING notice

When getting married or forming a civil partnership, each couple must give notice.

Giving notice means making a legal declaration that you are both free to marry each other or form a civil partnership. You will need to provide certain documents when doing so.

Although you may have a civil ceremony in any district within England and Wales, you must give notice to the Registrar in the district where you live and will need to make an appointment with the Registration Office in the district where you live.

The appointment will take approximately half an hour to an hour to complete, and a fee will be payable to the Registrar.

Your notice of intent can be given within one year of your ceremony and there should be a minimum of eight weeks from giving notice to your ceremony taking place.

It is the couple's responsibility to ensure that the legal formalities and notices are complete and that you have obtained the necessary authorities.

For further information, please contact our Ceremonies Team on 0300 373 3300
registration.service@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk
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Most importantly, please note that it is your responsibility to arrange the following:

- To book your ceremony with the Registration Service for the district in which the ceremony is taking place.
- To book any Approved Venue and arrange the details of the day.
- To ensure that the legal formalities are completed in sufficient time to allow the ceremony to proceed.



Who needs to 'Give Notice'?

When getting married or forming a civil partnership, you must give notice and this must be done in person at the appropriate Registration Office. In general, notice must be given in the district where you live.

Where do you 'Give Notice'?

If you both live in the same district, a joint appointment should be made with your local office. If you live in separate districts, but still within England and Wales, then you should make individual appointments with your local Registration Office, if possible, around the same date.

You must be resident in the district where you give notice for the preceding eight days prior to the appointment and on the ninth day you will be free to give notice. If you wish to have a ceremony in a district where you do not reside, you will need to contact both the venue and the Registration Service of that district to make arrangements and agree the venue, date and time of your ceremony.

Once you have done this, you can then contact your local Registration Service and give your notice to marry or form a civil partnership to the Registrar in the district where you live.

When to book Your 'Notice' appointment?

Whilst you can book your ceremony more than a year in advance, your notice of intent can only be given within one year of your ceremony.

There is a minimum period between giving notice and getting married or forming a civil partnership. Our Ceremonies Team can advise you of the minimum number of days in advance you may give your notice.

For administrative purposes, we recommend you allow a minimum of eight weeks from giving notice to your ceremony taking place. Once the notice of intent has been given, your details will be publicly displayed at your local Register Office for 28 days.

What do you need to take to your appointment?

When you attend your appointment, you and your partner will need to provide information including proof of age, nationality and evidence you are free to marry or form a civil partnership. You will also need to provide documents that prove your identity.

When you book an appointment, our officers will advise you of what you need to bring with you. A fee is payable at the appointment so please take a bank card with you to make the payment. The Registrar will tell you when your marriage / civil partnership schedule will be issued.

If you are getting married or forming a civil partnership in another district, please advise the Registrar where to send your schedule.

Special Conditions

Please be aware that some special conditions may apply in the following cases:

- If either party is not a British Citizen
- If the marriage / civil partnership is to take place outside of England or Wales.
- If either party is resident outside of England or Wales.

If any of the above applies to you or your partner, please contact one of our Registration Offices for further advice.

Immigration Control

If one, or both of you, is subject to immigration control, you will need to follow special procedures. You will need to give notice at a specially designated Registration Office.

Music

You can choose your own recorded music to be played for the entrance of the bride / partner, at the signing of the schedule and as you exit the ceremony. Your music choices must be approved by the Ceremonies Team prior to your ceremony via your ceremony planner. Your music must not have any religious connotations or inappropriate language.

Recorded music must be supplied by the couple and played on your own device. If your ceremony is taking place at an Approved Venue, such as a hotel, you can discuss music with them.

Witnesses

You need to provide at least two witnesses. It is advisable that your witnesses are over 18 years of age who must attend the ceremony. They must speak and understand English as well as the significance of the ceremony.

Parking

The availability of parking varies at each venue/Registration Office. For further information, please contact our Ceremonies Team who will be happy to advise.

Photos

Official photographers are welcome to take photographs before the formal ceremony providing the ceremony begins on time and is not delayed as a result of photographs being taken.

Official photographers may also take photos throughout the ceremony.

All photography, whether professional or otherwise, must be agreed prior to the start of the ceremony with the Ceremonies Officers.

Words & readings

You can choose to say special words to each other or add readings to your ceremony. These should be submitted on the ceremony planner and approved by Ceremonies Team prior to the ceremony. The readings and vows must not contain any religious connotations or offensive language.

Traditional Ceremony:

Two readings or personalised vows.

Bespoke Ceremony:

Personalised ceremony script which can include vows, readings and gestures.

Whilst every effort will be made to make sure your ceremony starts on time, you should appreciate that circumstances beyond our control may occasionally cause delays.

On the day, our Ceremony Officers may have other ceremonies after yours, any unnecessary delays may result in them having to leave to attend other ceremonies. Unfortunately, the Registration Service cannot accept responsibility for any delays beyond its control.



Video

Video recording is at the discretion of the Ceremonies Team. Only one video camera is to be used and the person recording the ceremony should remain in one position. Video equipment must be battery operated only.

Confetti

Confetti is a familiar part of a wedding, but please ask your guests not to throw confetti inside the building.

Animals

Animals or birds are not permitted in our Registration Offices.

The use of any animals or birds at a ceremony in an approved venue is at the discretion of the venue.

We must be advised of the presence of any animal or bird at a ceremony at least 6 weeks prior to the ceremony.

You can inform us of this on your ceremony planner.

No Smoking

Westmorland & Furness County Council has a no smoking policy on all its premises and this includes offices, ceremony rooms, car parks and grounds.

Insurance

If, for whatever reason, you need to change your plans, it could be extremely expensive. We would recommend you take out the appropriate insurance.

We require the groom/first partner to be at the venue a minimum of half an hour before the ceremony is due to start. They will then have a brief pre-ceremony interview with the registrars to check details and final arrangements.

The bride/second partner should arrive 15 minutes before the allocated ceremony time. They will then have their interviews.

For couples who are getting ready at the venue, we ask that you are fully dressed, with hair/make-up completed 30 minutes prior to the ceremony so you are ready for the pre-ceremony interview with the ceremonies officers..

Guests

The maximum number of guests you can have varies depending on the venue. It is very important that our guests arrive in good time – at least 30 minutes before the start of your ceremony.

They should be seated in the ceremony room 15 minutes prior to the start of the ceremony. All guests must have a seat and should be seated throughout the ceremony.

If you need to discuss any of these points or have any further questions, please contact our Ceremonies Team.

T: 0300 373 3300

E: registration.service@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk

COUNTDOWN

24 MONTHS

You can now make your booking for your wedding/civil partnership.

12 MONTHS

Contact Registrar to arrange to give notice
Research wedding professionals (photographers, DJ's, florists)
Set Budget
Choose theme and style.

9 MONTHS

Prepare playlist.
Book your honeymoon.
Decide on best man, bridesmaids, page boys, ushers.
Start making guest list.
Email save the date cards.
Say 'Yes' to your dress or get suited and bootied.

6 MONTHS

Arrange transport.
Begin thinking about your gift list.
Choose your florist and place order.
Order stationery including invitations.
Finalise honeymoon arrangements.

4 MONTHS

Buy ring/rings
Organise stag/hen parties
Choose reception menu and order cake

2 MONTHS

Return ceremony planner to Westmorland & Furness and Furness Registration Service
Ensure that any music is in a format compatible with the equipment at the Registration Office or Approved Venue.
Chase up guests who have not replied.
Order currency for honeymoon.
Give final guest list to caterers.
Book hair appointment.
Check transport arrangements.

2 WEEKS

Make up/Hair trial
Gift for your spouse to be.

3 MONTHS

Contact Westmorland & Furness and Furness Registration Service to pay ceremony fees.
If the ceremony will take place within 12 weeks, full payment is required at time of booking.
Go over final honeymoon arrangements and check your passport is up to date.
Book overnight hotel, if necessary.
Send out wedding invitations, gift list and local accommodation lists to guests who may need it.
Buy attendants' presents.
Buy your going away outfit.

1 WEEK

Time your journey to make sure there are no unexpected delays.
Give your gown, suits and bridesmaids' dresses a final check for fit.
Ensure all hired clothes are collected in time.
Pack for your honeymoon.





COPY certificates

Couples often require a copy of their marriage or civil partnership certificate, primarily for legal purposes.

Certificates are no longer issued on the day of the ceremony. Certificates can be purchased after the wedding through the Registration Office in the district where your ceremony took place or directly from the General Register Office.

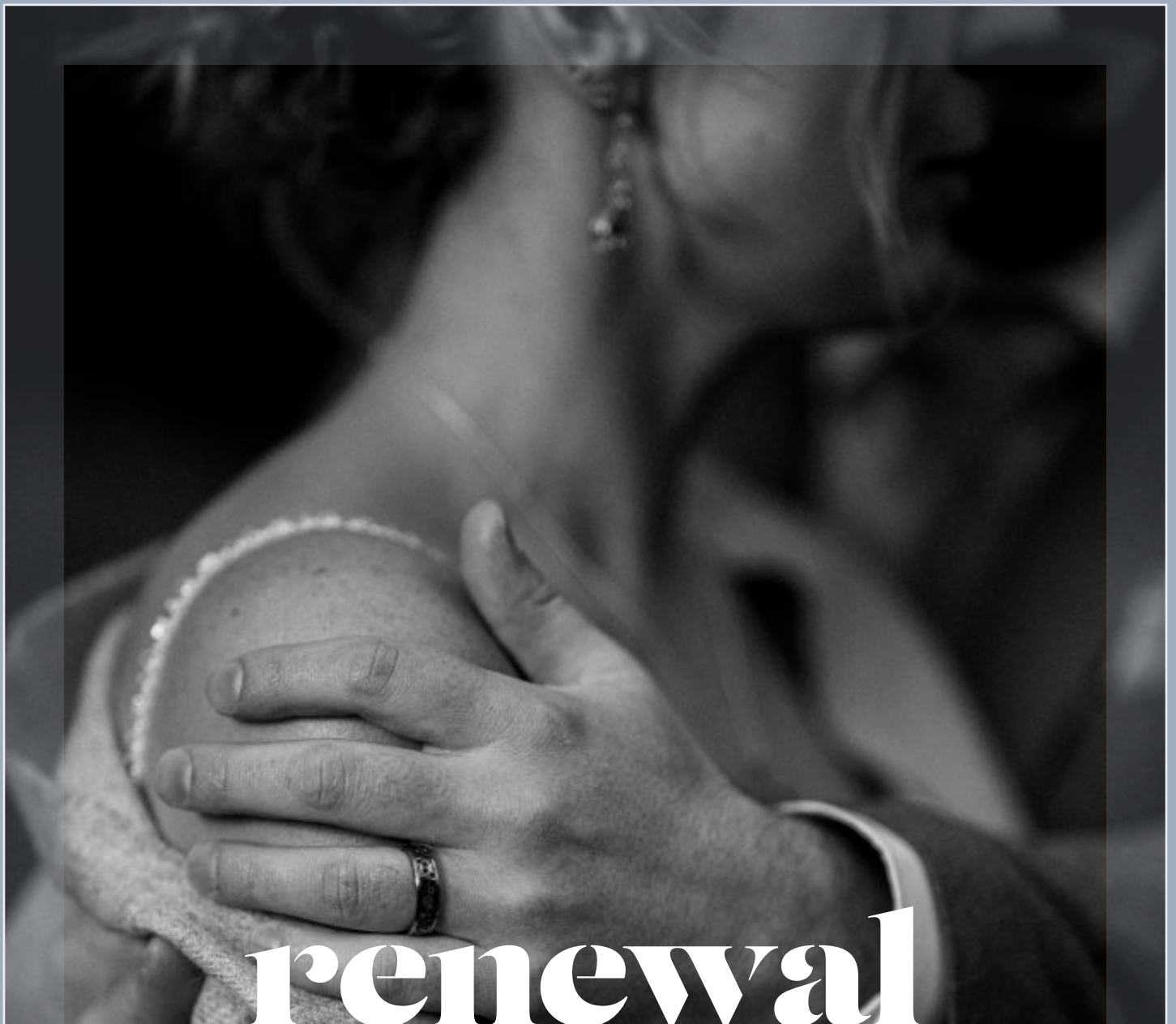
Certificates for ceremonies that have taken place in Westmorland and Furness can be ordered online at www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk

Don't forget you may need to change your passport.

Check with your travel agent or the country's consulate if you are travelling abroad for your honeymoon. You can change your passport details at any time within three months before the ceremony, although you will not be able to use it until after your ceremony.

For further information please check www.gov.uk





renewal OF VOWS

Our Renewal of Vows ceremonies provide an opportunity for couples to renew their commitment to each other in a non-religious celebratory ceremony.

Often, they are used to celebrate special anniversaries and are a great opportunity to gather family and friends together to celebrate in a way that suits you.

They can also be used where an official ceremony has already taken place, perhaps following a wedding abroad. They provide fantastic opportunities for those who were unable to attend to enjoy the celebrations and be involved.

As this is not a legal ceremony, the possibilities are endless – perhaps you might enjoy a twilight ceremony or even a themed celebration.

Every ceremony is different so you can create something unique for you to remember and treasure.

You will have the opportunity to work closely with our experienced Ceremonies Officers to tailor a ceremony that is special for you and your loved ones.

Any couple, regardless of age or gender, can arrange a celebratory ceremony. Couples do not have to live in Westmorland and Furness.

We offer renewal of vows ceremonies in our Registration Offices as well as approved premises across Westmorland and Furness.

If you would like to use a different venue, for example a village hall or marque in your garden, this would need to be discussed beforehand.

Any location used must have public liability and may need to be inspected before a ceremony can be approved.

NAMING



Any parent can arrange to hold a naming ceremony to celebrate the joy your child / children bring to your life with your friends and family.

Naming ceremonies can also be used to introduce adoptive children and stepchildren into your family. It can form a part of family bonding with an extended family unit.

You may choose to hold the ceremony as a standalone ceremony or on the same day as your wedding or civil partnership, prior to or following your ceremony.

To personalise and make your ceremony unique to you, you may choose from a selection of poems and readings.

A naming ceremony provides an opportunity to:

- Welcome the child or children into the family and wider community.
- Announce the name/s that have been chosen, with the option to give the reasons for the choice of name/s.
- Make promises of commitment to nurture and support the child / children into adult life.
- Choose other adults prepared to promise to be special and supportive to the child / children.
- Gather together close family and friends to celebrate the special occasion.
- Present your child / children with a special gift to mark the occasion.

Our Registration Offices provide excellent locations to hold your naming ceremony.

Our Approved Venues are also suitable locations for your naming ceremony as they meet current fire and safety regulations and have public liability insurance. There may be other options available, if you are unsure of the suitability of a particular location, please contact our Ceremonies Team.



OUR register OFFICES



BARROW

Barrow Registration Office
Nan Tait Centre
Abbey Road
Barrow in Furness LA14 1LG

Available Monday to Saturday.

Holds a maximum of 70 people.

Our ceremony room in the Nan Tait Centre is a large room with lots of natural light.

Beautiful mirrors adorn the room's walls. The room is tastefully decorated in neutral colours.

Disabled access on ground floor.

No on-site parking available.



PENRITH

Penrith Registration Office
Penrith Library
St Andrew's Churchyard
Penrith CA11 7YA

Available Friday to Saturday.

Holds a maximum of 20 people.

Our ceremony room has character features, including fireplace. It is filled with natural light. It is within an office.

Located on first floor, access is available via a lift however the room is accessed by several steps.

No on-site parking available.





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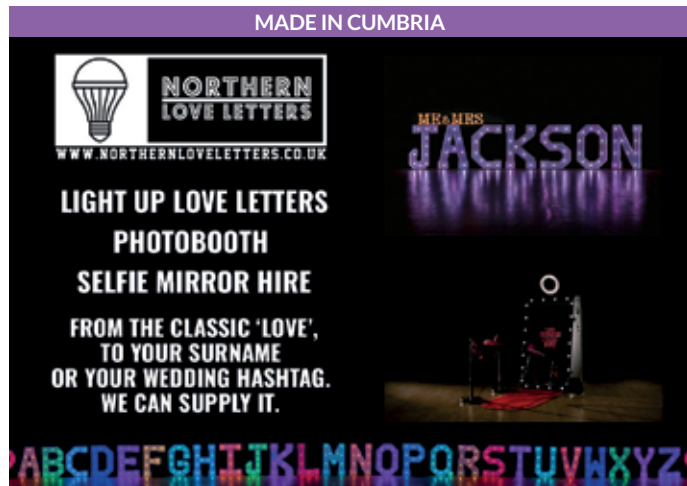
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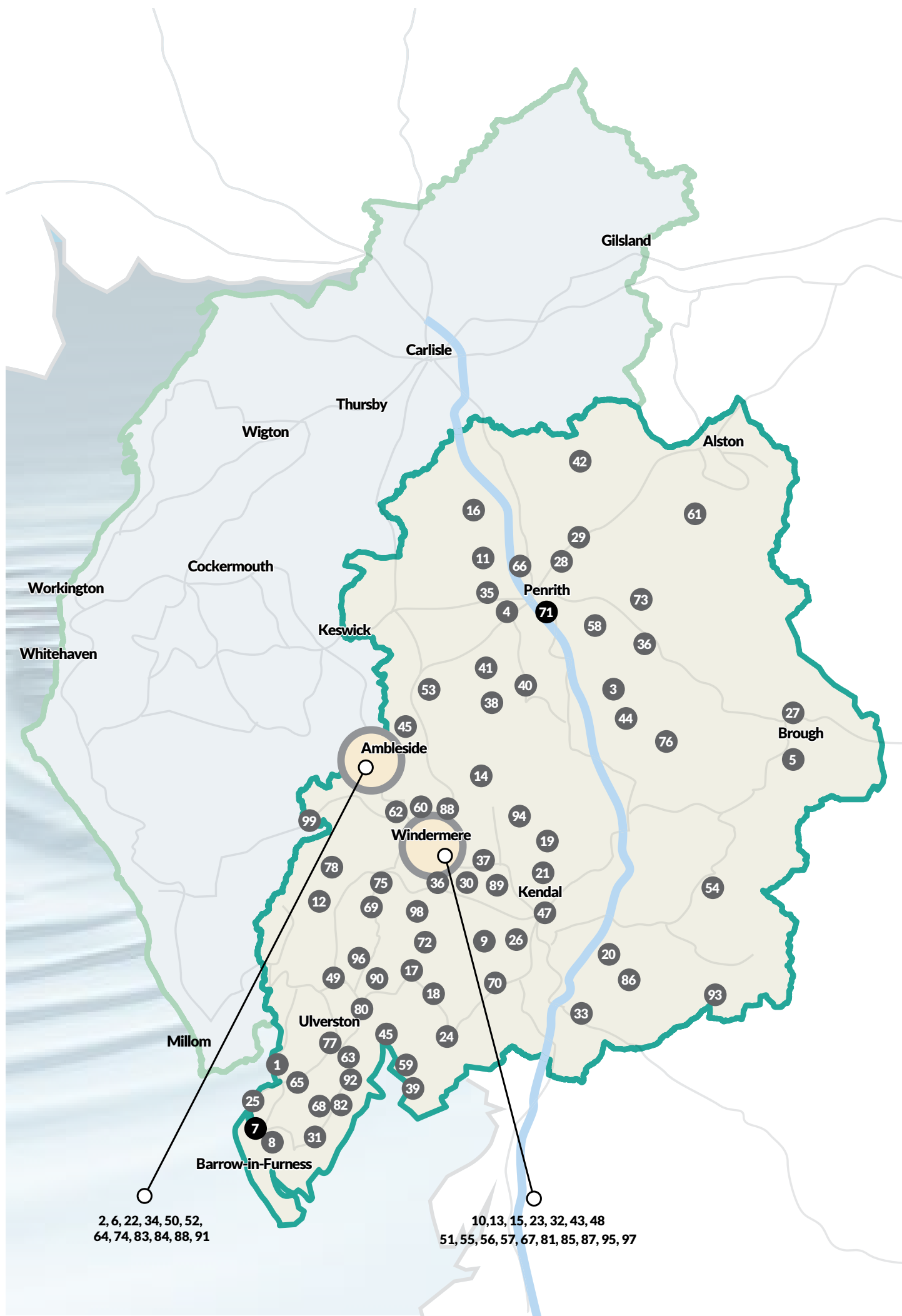
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