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The city of Lancaster has a rich history and heritage, with stunning Georgian and Edwardian architecture of national importance. Three of its most famous buildings are the Ashton Memorial, Lancaster Town Hall and The Storey.

Over in Morecambe you can celebrate in first class style on the coast at The Platform. This converted Edwardian railway station is perfect for a vintage themed reception. Perfectly located to watch the sun set on your special day with the stunning backdrop of Morecambe Bay, the photographic opportunities are world class.

If you are looking for somewhere special and unique to hold your wedding ceremony, or a venue with a difference to hold your reception, make an appointment today for a tour of our beautiful buildings and to discuss your individual requirements. Prices can vary depending on your needs so are not included in this brochure.



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**T**he iconic Ashton Memorial within Williamson Park is set within 54 acres of beautiful woodland. The park's panoramic views over Morecambe Bay to the Lake District provide stunning backdrops for photographs and for watching the sun set on your perfect day.



### LANCASTER TOWN HALL

An impressive historic building offering grand and richly decorated rooms of various sizes. The magnificent marble staircase is perfect to pose for photos. Catering and bar facilities are available and there is a sprung dance floor - everything you need to party the night away.

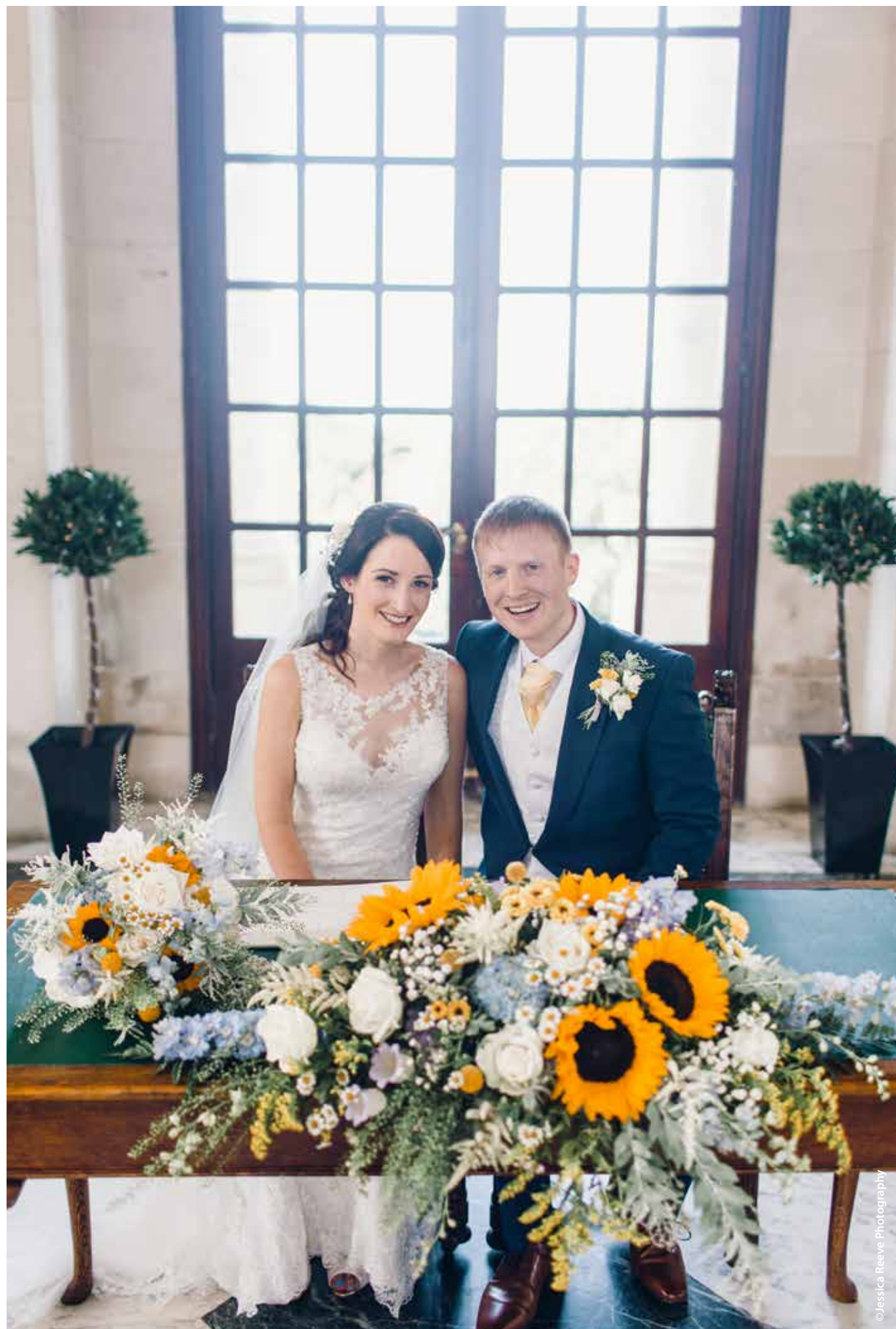
### THE PLATFORM

Just the ticket if you are looking for a distinctive venue by the seaside. Beautifully restored and retaining Edwardian style, this award winning building will transport you and your guests to a bygone era.

### THE STOREY

This prestigious Grade II listed building was built to commemorate Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee. It also acts as the gateway to Castle Hill and the medieval Lancaster Castle and Lancaster Priory Church. The elegant historic rooms are now licensed for ceremonies as well as receptions. A building built in celebration and perfect to host your most special occasion.





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# The Ashton Memorial

The Ashton Memorial is the quintessential romantic wedding venue and is set in the heart of Williamson Park and dominates the scenic Lancaster skyline.

This breath-taking Grade I listed Edwardian folly is the perfect place for you to get married.

Commissioned by Lord Ashton and completed in 1909 the Ashton Memorial is the nearest structure to the central point of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, truly making it one of the most unique and romantic buildings in the heart of the United Kingdom.

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With stunning marble floors, sweeping staircases and magnificent views across Morecambe Bay and the Lake District, the Ashton Memorial is one of Lancaster's most exclusive venues for weddings.

Available to hire for a two hour ceremony slot, the ground floor of the Memorial is licensed for marriage ceremonies and you and your guests will have sole access to the architectural splendour of the whole building including the breath-taking views from the first floor viewing gallery.

You can hire the Ashton Memorial any day of the week throughout the year at 10am, 12pm, 2pm and 4pm.

## TIME TO CELEBRATE

After your ceremony why not celebrate with a Champagne toast, canapés or even a trip to the Butterfly House. Here at Williamson Park we go the extra mile to ensure that your day will be memorable.

## RECEPTIONS

You can hire the Ashton Memorial and have exclusive access after your ceremony into the evening. Working closely with our wedding team we can help you create the most special day of your lives. We can give you advice on catering, music, decorations and so much more. The Ashton Memorial can be hired for a private function 6.30pm - 11.30pm daily.

## WHAT WE OFFER

Drinks packages – There is the option for post ceremony drinks, this can either be done via our corkage package or our drinks package. Please see our drinks menu for further information.

Free car parking – You and all your guests have free car parking in the Quernmore Road car park which is closed off to the general public (with the exception of disabled visitors).

A wedding team with no complications – Your booking will only be handled by one person from start to finish.

## LET US HELP..

Here at the Ashton Memorial we pride ourselves on our knowledge and attention to detail when it comes to your special day. If you need any advice or guidance on planning your big day please don't hesitate to get in touch with our team.

## HOW TO BOOK

To book the Ashton Memorial for your ceremony please ring or email the Wedding Co-ordinator, to discuss availability on 01524 33318 or [williamsonpark@lancaster.gov.uk](mailto:williamsonpark@lancaster.gov.uk)

Please note that the building is closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.





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# Lancaster Town Hall

Lancaster Town Hall is a building suited to a special occasion.

From the moment you enter the grand entrance, to the magnificent white marble staircase; ideal for photographs, to the richly decorated rooms, its grandeur is perfect for your wedding day.

With a licence to hold civil wedding ceremonies or partnerships and receptions, it is perfect if you're looking to hold your entire event in one location. There are rooms of various styles and sizes to choose from which can be decorated to your specifications. The fully equipped kitchens can be hired in conjunction with your choice of caterer.

Our friendly staff will be on hand to help make sure your day goes to plan.

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There are a number of magnificent rooms to choose from in which to hold both your civil ceremony and your reception:

The Council Chamber creates an intimate setting for your ceremony with up to 40 guests, arranged in a horseshoe and banked seating. Boasting historic detailing, the oak panelled Council Chamber houses the original Mayor's Chair and ornately carved seating dating from 1909.

The Reception Room and the Banqueting Room are beautiful oak panelled rooms, ornately decorated with plenty of natural light. These rooms can be used for both civil ceremonies and receptions.

Combine the two rooms and hire the Banqueting Suite. It offers greater flexibility for larger events. The solid oak screen dividing these rooms can be raised up to accommodate up to 180 people with space for a dance floor and bar facility.

## TIME TO CELEBRATE

The Ashton Hall was originally built as a concert hall which is evident in the great height of the ornate ceiling which has received awards for its restoration. The focal point above the stage is a magnificent pipe organ housed in the original antique oak case. With size comes flexibility and the capacity to host 600 guests or 250 dining. There is a sprung dance floor and bar facility to ensure your celebration lasts well into the night. The large stage offers endless opportunities for decoration and ensures all your guests see the bride and groom say "I do".

## AFTER THE CEREMONY

The Memorial Gardens situated beside the Town Hall provide a beautiful setting for your outdoor photographs and a chance for your guests to mingle.

## LET US HELP

Here at Lancaster Town Hall we take pride in our knowledge and attention to detail. If you need any advice or guidance on the arrangement of the venue for your big day please don't hesitate to get in touch with our team.

## HOW TO BOOK

For more information or to arrange a viewing, please contact our hospitality team, on 01524 582583 or email [roombookings@lancaster.gov.uk](mailto:roombookings@lancaster.gov.uk)





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For the first time ever, The Storey is now licensed to hold wedding ceremonies as well as receptions, catering to all your needs in this historic setting.

Originally built between 1887 and 1891 to commemorate Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee, this Grade II listed building is one of the most recognisable in Lancaster.

The Storey commands the gateway to Castle Hill, with a backdrop of the castle itself. It has an important historic past of its own and is waiting to be part of your future.

# The Storey

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There are a variety of rooms available within The Storey to hold both your civil ceremony and receptions, each with their own unique characteristics:

The Music Room retains beautiful original architecture and is a stunning backdrop to your ceremony. The room is steeped in history as it was once part of the city art gallery and can host 80 guests for a ceremony or 100 for an evening reception. Available to hire on its own or with the Gallery next door.

The Gallery is an amazing space flooded with natural light top-lit by a glass ceiling lantern. It is possible to seat up to 110 people for a ceremony or 150 for an evening reception, and is dominated by a marble statue of Queen Victoria and the Prince Consort. Be truly creative in how you set out this space and take advantage of those grandiose ceilings.

The Auditorium is a blank canvas with audio and visual technology at your disposal to create an atmosphere that reflects you and your day. Great for up to 80 ceremony guests or 100 reception guests. The Printroom Café and Bar is ideally located next door which gives a perfect overspill and bar access for your guests.

The Reading Room benefits from beautiful architecture and a superb view over the city of Lancaster. It can accommodate up to 40 people for your ceremony or 50 for an evening reception, making it the perfect, intimate space for your special day.

## WHAT WE OFFER

A warm welcome awaits bride, groom and guests in the contemporary entrance and the public spaces are marked with artistic references and philosophical quotations.

The elegant first floor rooms are suitable for large or small civil ceremonies and receptions and are flooded with natural light from the large Georgian windows and atrium ceilings. The Printroom Café & Bar downstairs offers you flexibility to keep your celebrations going into the early hours with plenty of options for catering and drinks (e.g. wedding breakfasts, buffets and bars).

## LET US HELP...

The events team at The Storey take pride in their knowledge and attention to detail. If you need any advice or guidance on setting up the venue for your big day please don't hesitate to get in touch with our team.

## HOW TO BOOK

The Storey is conveniently located in the town centre and is only a minute's walk from Lancaster Train Station. It is also home to the Visitor Information Centre who can assist with advice and booking accommodation for your guests. More details can be found in the back of this brochure.

For more information or to arrange a viewing, please contact the hospitality team on 01524 582392 or email [roombookings@lancaster.gov.uk](mailto:roombookings@lancaster.gov.uk)





# The Platform

For a first class occasion, celebrate in style at the Platform, Morecambe.

The beautiful former railway station, built in Edwardian times, has won awards for its restoration.

Host your reception at the Platform, the perfect place to start your life-long journey.

Whilst retaining much of the old style of the original Midland Railway, the venue has 21st century facilities offering a range of hospitality options.

Imagine celebrating your special day with family and friends beside the seaside. Situated across from Morecambe Promenade with spectacular views across the bay to the Lakeland hills, there are endless photographic opportunities to capture memories that will last forever.

## WHAT WE OFFER

With a spacious layout, there is flexibility to create your perfect seating plan with room to accommodate up to 120 guests seated and up to 150 for an evening reception.

There is a stage, sound and lighting system that you can use and plenty of space to create a dance floor. With kitchen facilities available for use with your choice of caterer and a licensed bar in the main room, we can ensure your guests enjoy a great party.

## LET US HELP

The friendly team are highly experienced in organising events and can help you plan the perfect party to end your perfect day.

You and your guests will have sole access to the whole building. The forecourt and gardens are also available and provide wonderful photographic opportunities. Perfectly located across from Morecambe Bay, with the stunning backdrop of the Lake District hills, you and your guests can watch the sunset on your special day.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Platform does not have a marriage licence so it is not possible to hold your ceremony in the venue. Why not use one of our other venues including the Ashton Memorial, Lancaster Town Hall or The Storey for your ceremony and head on over to Morecambe for the reception.

The Platform is also home to the Visitor Information Centre who can assist with advice and booking travel and accommodation for your guests. More details can be found in the back of this brochure.

## HOW TO BOOK

For more information or to arrange a tour of the venue please contact the Platform Manager on 01524 582803 or email [platform@lancaster.gov.uk](mailto:platform@lancaster.gov.uk)





**T**hank you for helping our wedding ceremony & drinks reception run so smoothly

- Tess and Pete -



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**S**taff are welcoming and friendly, our guests were well looked after, the food was amazing - many commented that it's the best wedding food they'd ever had

- Adam and Michael -



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**T**he Platform is a fantastic venue for a wedding and everyone had the best time!

-Shauna Cox -



**T**hank you so much for all your help and excellent service on our wedding day, we had a wonderful day, I can't believe how much we enjoyed it. You and the team took all of the stress out of the ceremony.

- Vickie and Andy -  
(not pictured)



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## Wedding Planner

A USEFUL PLACE TO WRITE YOUR NOTES, IDEAS  
AND THINGS TO REMEMBER FOR YOUR EVENT.

### CHECKLIST

☐ Choose a Date

☐ Venue

☐ Registrars

☐ Bridesmaids

☐ Best Man

☐ Wedding Dress

☐ Suit Hire

☐ Photographer

☐ Entertainment

☐ Catering

☐ Florist

☐ Transport

☐ Hair and Beauty

☐ Bridesmaid Attire

☐ Wedding Cake

☐ Decorations & Favours

☐ Guest List

## Accommodation

FOR YOU AND YOUR GUESTS  
IN AND AROUND LANCASTER  
AND MORECAMBE.

The Visitor Information Centres  
in Lancaster and Morecambe  
offer advice and a complete  
Accommodation Booking Service for  
all your guests, together with expert  
advice and suggestions on things to  
do in Lancaster, Morecambe and the  
Lune Valley.

Our friendly and knowledgeable staff  
will be happy to provide you with  
lists of accommodation and will even  
handle the booking for you, leaving  
you to focus on the wedding itself.

### LANCASTER VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

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