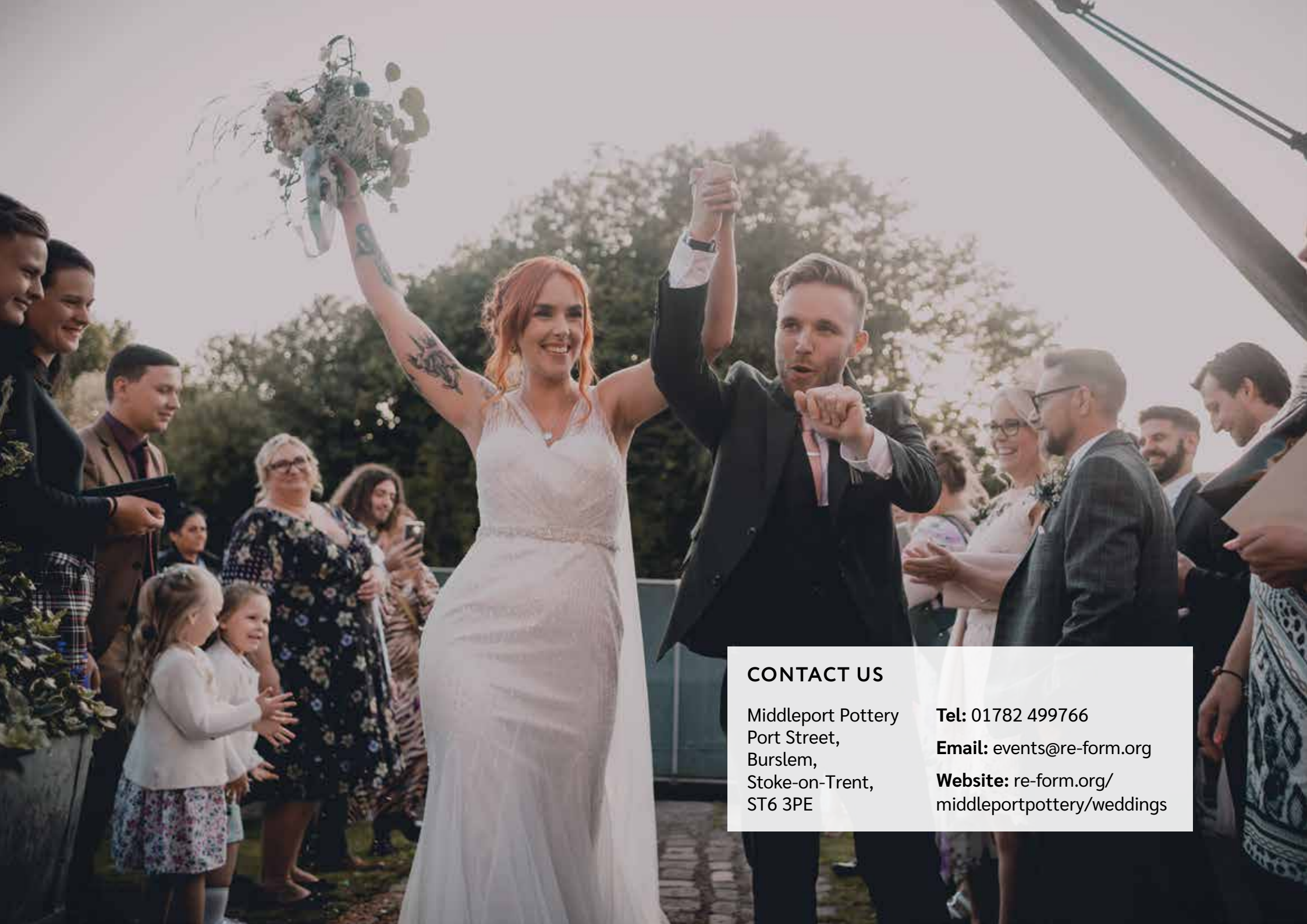




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A HERITAGE VENUE AS UNIQUE AS YOU

Your wedding day is the start of your life together; the next chapter in your journey and an occasion to be captured in time and form part of your memories for the future.

Why not celebrate it at the timeless Middleport Pottery; a Grade II* listed Victorian pottery factory located beside the historic Trent and Mersey canal in the heart of Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire.

Visiting Middleport Pottery is an absolute must. All wedding and civil partnership enquiries receive a free tour of the site to explore all it has to offer.

STEEPED IN LOCAL HISTORY

We know we're a bit different than your regular wedding venue but that's exactly what makes us so unique. We want you to have your wedding your way – in your style, within your budget and most of all a day for you to remember.

The site has been completely renovated, whilst maintaining its integrity and industrial roots – one surviving bottle kiln, 1800s original brick features, cobble stone alleyways – all providing the look and feel of the bygone era.

Today, Middleport Pottery has a thriving community of creative studios, the world famous Burleigh pottery factory, has won many awards for its excellent visitor centre and has featured in many TV productions and films over the years.

What once was an old pottery site has now been converted into a living, breathing venue – the perfect unusual and historic place for you to say 'I do'.



SAY 'I DO' AT MIDDLEPORT POTTERY

A living, breathing heritage site makes the ideal backdrop to hold your ceremony. The spirit of the past lives on and you can be part of its impressive history by hosting your big day there. With lots of character, an informal feel, an abundance of photogenic areas to bring alive your day and the ability to cater for all budgets Middleport Pottery will not disappoint.

We are a Saturday only wedding venue and cater for one wedding a day so you are guaranteed our full attention on your special day. With a range of times available for your ceremony and exclusive use of the entire site from 4.00pm on the day of the wedding, access on the prior day to dress the rooms to your own taste or theme and full heritage access for photography you can create the perfect day to suit your style and budget.

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I wanted a venue with lots of character and an informal feeling. Middleport delivers just that.



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THE ONLY LIMITS ARE YOUR IMAGINATION

Middleport Pottery boasts a variety of spaces, both indoor and outdoor, so you have a choice for your civil ceremony, wedding breakfast, reception, dance floor... the options are endless! We offer 2 distinct wedding packages to suit different tastes and budgets.

You design and decorate the space to suit your day. So whether you want art deco, vintage, rustic, steam punk themed or a traditional wedding why not plan your ceremony and celebration in one of the most historic venues in the heart of the Potteries that you can find.

The indoor spaces showcase many of the original features including the historic moulds used in the Burleigh factory – many over 130 years old! Our picturesque canal side area holds outdoor seating and tables offering views right out to the water.

Our venue oozes charm and history and you'll be guaranteed to find the perfect backdrop to capture your special day.





CIVIL CEREMONIES AND CELEBRANT OCCASIONS

Our historic buildings and rooms are now licensed to perform civil ceremonies and we welcome all wedding, civil partnerships and celebrant led ceremonies. So if you plan to have your ceremony and reception in the one place – no problem!

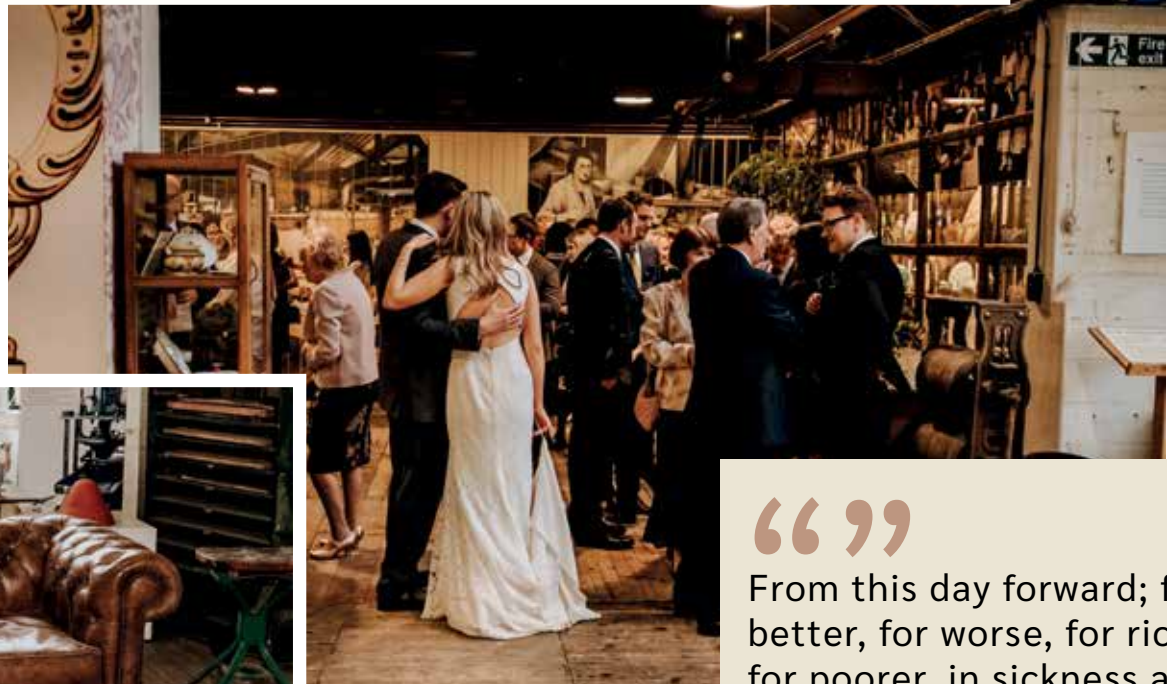
We provide the venue but you will need to arrange and pay for your local registrar to attend and carry out your ceremony.

Access to a room to have your pre-ceremony meeting with your registrar will be made available. And if you're holding your reception at Middleport Pottery you can then move into one (or all) of our other spaces for your wedding breakfast.

Whether it's a wedding, civil partnership or celebrant led ceremony why not make your wedding vows at Middleport Pottery.



Picture courtesy of Adam Gruning.



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From this day forward; for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part.



THE DAVENPORT GALLERY

A unique and flexible space with an informal feel, the Davenport Gallery is ideal for welcome drinks or can be used as a quiet space after your wedding breakfast with its comfortable sofas. It's an ideal area to display seating plans or gift table or simply use a space to keep children amused with some play activities.

A perfect spot for those individual touches you may wish to bring to your day – a sweet trolley, candy buffet or photo booth – the list is endless!

Maximum capacity is 20 people.

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THE REGAL PEACOCK

The Regal Peacock is a beautiful bright room full of natural light from the many windows that can be seen from the front of the building. A selection of the Burleigh archive collection is housed in this space bringing guests back in time.

The room hosts wooden tables and wooden cushioned chairs and is located on the upper floor. It is fully accessible and on the same level as the lift.

Maximum capacity for ceremony is 120 people and banqueting 90 people.



THE BURGESS ROOM

The stunning Burgess Room is our signature room. It hosts a selection of the original moulds used in the Burleigh factory from their 130+ years of manufacturing on the site. Fans of the Great Pottery Throw Down will recognise this room made famous as the judging room or perhaps in one of the other many British TV shows and films in which it has featured.

The room is located on the upper floor and is on the same level as the lift, and therefore accessible to everyone.

Filled with rustic charm the wooden tables and wooden cushioned chairs are a reminder of the industrial use it has seen over the years.

Maximum capacity for ceremony is 60 people and for banqueting 60 people.





THE ARDEN MEZZANINE

The Arden Mezzanine is a lovely open space area located above the Packing House Café and has a relaxed, informal feel. The flexibility of this room offers endless choice - transform it into a buffet area, children's play area, games area or even a dance floor.

Note this room is not located on the same level as the lift and therefore careful consideration of your guests is required when booking this area. Maximum capacity for ceremony is 20 people and for banqueting is 30 people.

CANAL SIDE

Overlooking the Trent and Mersey this picturesque location has outdoor tables and chairs overlooking the water and is a beautiful spot to sit and relax during the day or early evening.

If you don't wish to stick to the traditional wedding breakfast or want to save on costs our dedicated caterers can help you select the perfect menu for your day incorporating the tastes and cuisines you wish for. You could even include 'Claude' the cool vintage Citroen HY van which is a pop up bar; perfect for couples who wish to use the outdoor areas and courtyards facing the canal around the venue.



TRAVEL IN STYLE

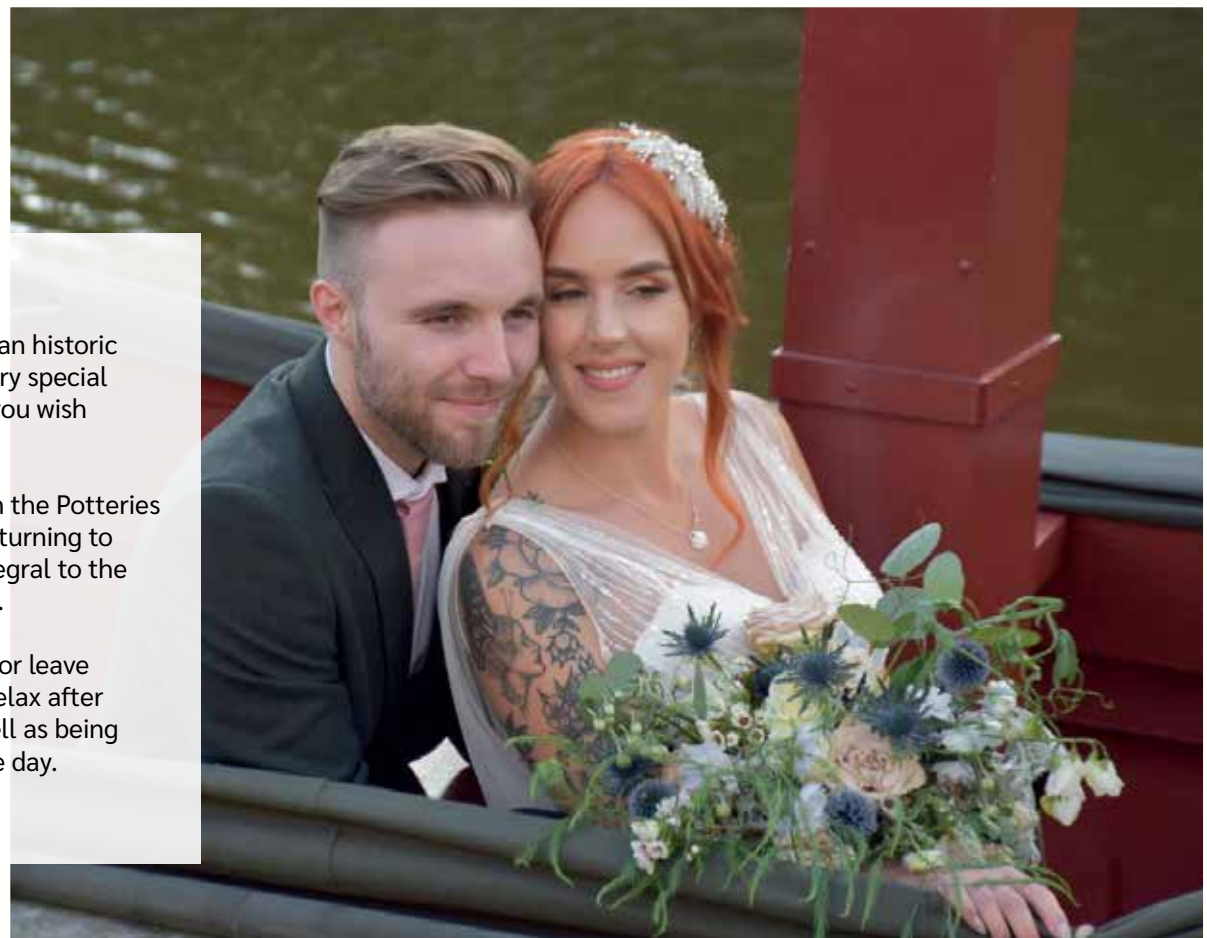
A WHIMSICAL WAY TO TRAVEL

Want something a bit unique? Why not travel in style on an historic narrowboat? You can surprise your guests and use our very special wooden hulled 70 ft long narrowboat 'Dane' in any way you wish throughout the day.

Dane began its working life in 1947 was a familiar sight in the Potteries carrying china clay from the Mersey to Stoke-on-Trent returning to Liverpool with pottery for export. Dane's history is as integral to the pottery industry as the bottle kilns at Middleport Pottery.

With space to accommodate the wedding party to arrive or leave in style or for the special couple and up to 10 guests to relax after the ceremony it adds a special element to the date as well as being perfect to capture unique photographic mementos of the day.

Maximum capacity is 12 passengers and crew.



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YOUR WEDDING BANQUET

Our aim is to ensure you have the wedding that suits you, where you can add your own distinctive touches to suit your requirements and budget.

We only work with fantastic local catering companies* who know our venue inside out and will look after all the banqueting requirements for your wedding breakfast – no matter what your budget.

Our inhouse bar, which will be set up in the Burgess Room, provides a range of refreshments to suit your theme from creative cocktails to the classic fizz drinks and an inspired range of quality craft beers, wine, ciders, spirits and vintage soft drinks.

We are happy for you to work with your own suppliers to decorate and make the venue personal for you; but to make things easier we do have a large list of preferred suppliers who are familiar with the site and can offer a range of options – whether that's wedding favours, flowers or vintage accessories from our artists at Middleport Studios and Harper Street or a personalised wedding gift service from Burleigh Pottery.

You may be marrying in an historic setting but our team and accredited suppliers are experienced in delivering the very best service, supporting you from the moment you book, right through your day and until the last guest leaves.

Our FAQs will also help answer most questions you may have and we are always happy to help.

*Catering is restricted to our accredited suppliers



GENERAL INFORMATION

OUR LOCATION

With close links to the Potteries and excellent travel links via road, rail or canal Middleport Pottery is located just off the A500, between Junction 15 and 16 of the M6 Motorway.

CAR PARKING

We have free car parks around the site including a dedicated accessible car park for Blue Badge holders only.

ACCESS

Lift to most upper floor rooms. Accessible and baby changing toilet facilities on all levels.

WEDDING PROCESS AND PAYMENTS

- Book a venue visit
- Request a temporary hold on your special date
- Choose your caterer and obtain a banqueting quote
- Speak to The Fabulous Fizz Bar to discuss your drinks refreshments and wedding drink packages
- Secure the availability of a registrar, if required
- 14 days after receiving your banqueting quote email to reserve the venue for your special day
- Provide signed terms and conditions, full names and addresses, chosen wedding venue package
- Pay venue deposit*
- Pay caterer deposit
- Secure dates for itinerary and set-up planning meetings
- 60 days prior final meeting and finalise all payments
- One day to go – decorate your rooms!
- Relax and enjoy your special day!!

*Venue deposits are 50% and non-refundable



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