



ARNOS VALE

WEDDINGS



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Congratulations on your engagement and welcome to 45 acres of beautiful woodland!

Right in the heart of Bristol, Arnos Vale is the perfect location if you're looking for something a little bit different. Mix and match our three unique venues for your ceremony, wedding breakfast and evening celebrations.

Nestled in the woods you'll find our woodland wedding venue the Underwood Centre, imagine birds singing and fairy lights twinkling as you toast marshmallows around the fire. Our iconic venue the Spielman Centre welcomes you with grand steps and elegant pillars, a stunning fusion of Victorian architecture mixed with modern glass design. Finally, our Grade II listed Anglican Chapel is the centrepiece of our venue collection, giant wooden doors open to the grandest of halls complete with original Victorian features.

Our list of preferred caterers offer delicious menus that are perfect for your wedding celebrations, from beautifully presented canapes or classic barbecues, to lavish formal dining experiences ensuring your guests are well fed throughout the day.

Spring and Summer is ideal if you're looking for a blanket of wildflowers, fresh greenery, and warm evenings. In Autumn the leaves are turning and an orange glow fills the estate, this is the perfect time for opulence and a rich, bold décor. Take in the crisp air with a Winter wedding, think cosy blankets, collections of ash-coloured foliage and bright berries. Whether you opt for sumptuous decoration or add minimal accents to your chosen venue you can create a truly bespoke atmosphere for your special day. We offer weddings every day of the year excluding Christmas and the New Year period.

You are welcome to bring in your own decorations to embellish our venues or alternatively we have a list of additional items which you can hire from us including fairy lights, ivy from the estate and more. We also have a team of local suppliers that we are delighted to recommend, they can help transform your ideas into a reality.

To make the most of what this gorgeous site has to offer, you can mix and match our three unique venues for your ceremony, wedding breakfast and evening celebrations. the wedding you've always wanted.





THE UNDERWOOD CENTRE

Wander up the woodland path to discover our magical venue the Underwood Centre. The large oak beams and rustic tin roof of the Underwood Centre compliments the surrounding woodland perfectly. Fairy lights hang from the canopy to provide a twinkle to your ceremony and wooden benches offer informal seating for your guests.

Imagine birds singing and warm sunlight glistening through the trees as you take your vows. After the ceremony make your way to our rustic drinks shed for a celebratory glass of bubbly followed by toasting marshmallows around the fire pit (great for kids... and adults too!)

For an informal feast for you and your guests; think afternoon tea, picnic hampers, sharing platters, BBQ or hog roast. Picnic benches can also be ordered to provide extra seating for your drinks reception or woodland menu.

We can accommodate up to 80 guests at the Underwood Centre (60 seated and a further 20 standing) furry friends are also welcome at this venue – it wouldn't be the same without them! You are welcome to decorate up to three hours before your ceremony and we also have a list of additional items that you may wish to hire.

The Underwood is licensed for civil ceremonies and partnerships, alternatively you can hold a Handfasting ceremony. We are licensed for music and entertainment. You can combine the Underwood Centre with our other two unique venues to continue your wedding celebrations into the evening. We ask that all guests have departed the Underwood by sunset or 9pm whichever is first, your wedding coordinator will create a timeline based on your preferred wedding date.



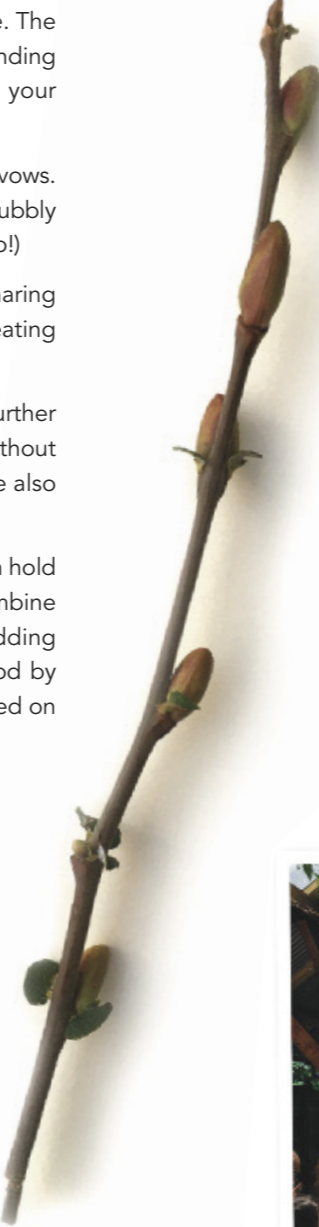
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THE SPIELMAN CENTRE

As you walk around Arnos Vale admire the impressive pillars of our Spielman Centre. Designed by Charles Underwood in 1839 this Victorian building was built from the finest materials of its day, the attached Atrium café brings a modern twist to the building and an extra space for you and your guests to use for your evening celebrations.

Imagine walking up the grand stone steps, through the large wooden doors into an elegant interior with magnificent leaded windows allowing natural light to flood the room. Wooden chairs are provided for your guests and the natural décor offers a blank canvas for you to create a truly bespoke atmosphere for your special day.

After your ceremony make your way outside for confetti, a glass of bubbly and canapes. Whilst your guests are relaxing take a few moments alone with your partner for some beautiful pictures in 45 acres of stunning woodland.

Indulge in a hearty buffet, afternoon tea or informal sharing feast. If you'd prefer a more formal dining arrangement we have space for a sit down meal for up to 70 guests. There are long trestle tables available on site or we can source round tables for an additional cost.

As the sun starts to set, pop on your dancing shoes! Your band or DJ fits perfectly in the Spielman Centre and with the additional use of the Atrium café bar and the woodland terrace this really is the perfect venue for your evening celebrations.

The Spielman Centre is licensed for civil ceremonies and partnerships for up to 90 guests. We are also licensed for music and entertainment and can accommodate up to 140 guests for your evening reception. Mix and match the Spielman Centre with the Underwood Centre or Anglican Chapel for your individual requirements.



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THE ANGLICAN CHAPEL


Complete with original Victorian features the Anglican Chapel is the centrepiece of our venue collection, admire beautifully carved columns and the stunning bell tower before you step inside the grandest of halls.

Ornate floor tiles guide you into a vast space with elegant curved windows and marble wall plaques giving a classic yet stylish atmosphere. Imagine soft light glistening through the windows as you declare your love and announce your vows.

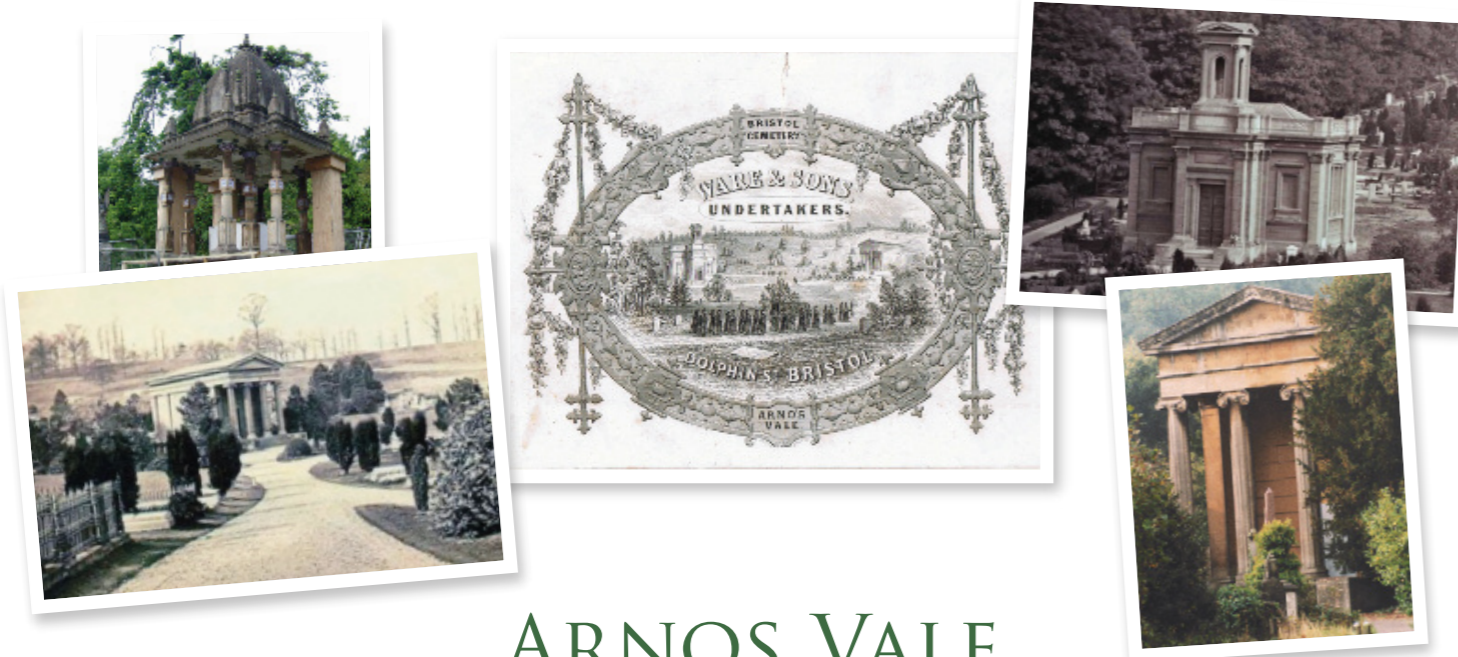
For your celebratory drinks reception, make your way outside for a glass of champagne and delicious canapes whilst our staff members transform the room for your wedding breakfast. Choose from our preferred caterers for seasonal menus, from an afternoon tea or buffet to a formal sit-down meal certain to impress your guests. After your meal take a stroll into our woodland for that picture-perfect backdrop whilst your guests prepare for the evening entertainment.

The Anglican Chapel is licensed for a traditional church ceremony of up to 100 guests and can accommodate up to 100 guests for your wedding breakfast (menu restrictions may apply in low season). You can combine the Anglican Chapel with the Underwood Centre or Spielman Centre for your evening reception to create a truly bespoke wedding day.



 
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ARNOS VALE CEMETERY

Queen Victoria had only recently ascended to the throne when Arnos Vale's gorgeous Garden Cemetery was opened in 1839. The Cemetery was designed to be visually attractive in the style of an ancient Greek Necropolis, with neo-classical mortuary chapels and gate lodges set in a beautiful garden of trees and plants.

Within a few years Arnos Vale was the most fashionable place to be buried with many prominent Victorian and Edwardian families buying elaborate memorials within the 45 acre estate. These included social reformers such as George Muller, Mary Carpenter and Raja Rammohun Roy who is considered by many as the Father of the Indian Renaissance.

In the late 1980s Arnos Vale reached a critical situation, with fewer burials and a preference for cremation, income dwindled and there was less money to pay for staff and maintenance. Changes in social outlook led to vandalism and indifference and many of the once-splendid memorials toppled and the grounds became over-grown.

By 1998 Arnos Vale had reached crisis point and the owners announced they were closing the Cemetery. Due to public pressure the gates were left unlocked and a few dedicated volunteers took responsibility for opening and closing them on a daily basis, a vital task which staff now perform today.

The 45 acre site is of considerable ecological importance. Having started as countryside it has progressed through Georgian estate, Victorian Cemetery to the present day with almost no use of chemical pesticides or insecticides. It is now a rare urban haven for wildlife and plants.

Arnos Vale is now a registered charitable trust with the 'Friends of Arnos Vale' continuing to restore and preserve the site for future generations. As well as the four main buildings, 25 burial monuments have been listed as being of historical and architectural importance by English Heritage.



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