

# SQUARE TOWER

Hampshire's Most Popular Wedding Venue



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# Square Tower Weddings

## **At The Square Tower, we make your wedding ceremony the perfect start to your wedded life.**

Every year a great many people step into this deeply historical site to utter those special words: 'I do.' What better place to start your married life together than a room that has been full of life for the past 500 years? We will be with you every step of the way to ensure we met your exact requirements, whether you are having an intimate wedding, a large celebration, a civil partnership ceremony or a renewal of vows. We will arrange everything to ensure your ceremony is both stress free and memorable.

Once you have secured your booking, there many options to choose from on how you would like to dress the tower. We will put an individual package together to suit your every need.



## What we offer

### **Exclusive use of the Square Tower for your Marriage Ceremony:**

Exclusive use of the venue for two hours will provide you enough time before the ceremony to complete any last minute decorating and ample time to welcome and seat your guests. This leaves time for photographs and for your guests and you to really enjoy celebrating your wedding in this wonderful building... Although we are fully licenced you are more than welcome to bring in your own drink and or canapés to give to your guests...

### **Wedding Receptions**

Many couples not only have their wedding ceremony at the Square Tower; they have their reception here too! We have access to fine caterers and we can run a bar for your evening functions. We have a specially discounted rate where you can book the whole day (9.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m.).

### **Music:**

We can play pre-recorded wedding music on our sound system or you may also like to think about live musical accompaniment for your entrance, ceremony or reception...



**The Square Tower has stood proudly on Old Portsmouth's coast line for over 500 years, through the reigns of Henry VIII, King Charles I and Charles II.**

It remains one of the most prominent and historic buildings on the harbour.



## *Square Tower History*

The Tower, originally built in 1494 as part of the fortifications, was initially home to the Governor of Portsmouth. Around 1584, it was converted into a store for gunpowder. But in 1642, during the English Civil War, the town's governor threatened to blow up the gunpowder in The Square Tower. As this would have destroyed half of the town, the gunpowder was relocated.

In 1635, the town was presented with a gilded lead bust of King Charles I to commemorate his safe return bust was set into the outside wall. You can still it see today.

Subsequently the Square Tower has had many uses including a meat and provisions store for the Navy and as a semaphore Tower forming a vital link between the Navy's ships and the Admiralty in Greenwich.

During the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, The Square Tower was manned during both two world wars and was also used by sea scouts and harbour pilots.

# Inside the Tower

The Square Tower is divided into three large rooms: two on the ground floor and one on the first floor. Ceremonies can be held in either of the two larger rooms.

Both of these beautiful rooms make superb settings for your ceremony. We can dress either room to meet your requirements. The Square Tower, visually stunning and rich with history, is indeed the ultimate wedding venue.



# The Lower Hall (licenced for 100 guests)

The lower room boasts a beautiful high red brick arched ceiling and is decorated with hand crafted coats of arms from past Governors of Portsmouth.

During the Tower's Restoration in the 1980s, workers uncovered two large brick fireplace with exquisite herringbone brickwork. One of these is located inside the lower room.



The Lower Hall has a blue theme.

# The Upper Hall (licenced for 80 guests)

The Upper Hall, a much more intimate space, features a brick arched ceiling along with magnificent black chandeliers. The Upper room also contains one of the only windows in continuous use throughout the building's history.

Most original windows were filled in, to keep the powder dry and secure, when the tower was converted into a gunpowder store in 1584. The original Tudor window is surrounded by amazingly thick walls – up to seventeen feet thick, in some places.



The Upper Hall has a burgundy theme.

# *The venue can be dressed to suit your needs...*

## **Flowers:**

The rooms come complete with artificial floral arrangements but you are welcome to change these for real floral decoration. We can recommend great local florists.

## **Candles:**

Setting the scene with candles enhances the deeply romantic atmosphere. In The Upper Hall there is a small ledge running the length of both walls which looks stunning when lit by tea lights.



## *Other ideas*

### **Chair covers:**

To make the space even more special, we can offer white chair covers with a bow on the back (just £2.00 per chair).

### **Photography:**

We are delighted to recommend excellent photographers who have photographed weddings inside The Square Tower before and know where all the best shots are.



## *Booking a viewing*

Viewing the venue is one of the most important parts to finding your perfect location.

To arrange a viewing, contact us to arrange a convenient time for you. Evening and weekend viewings are also available.

Steve and his team will meet you at The Tower and show you around this unique venue and talk you through your options.



# Making your booking

On booking the venue, we will ensure we put together a package that suits you perfectly and will ensure your ceremony is everything you wish for.

Once you have decided on your date and time, we will give you a provisional booking.

## Hire Fees:

The hire rates for the venue for a two hour slot:

Monday-Thursday	£300
Friday & Sunday	£600
Saturday & Bank Holidays/New Year's Eve and Christmas Eve	£700

For an all-day booking (9am – 10pm), the fee is just double this figure (£600-£1400).

To confirm your booking we require a non-refundable deposit of 50%.

Full payment for the cost of the wedding must be received one month prior to the wedding celebration.

Please, be aware you will need to also book your own registrar.

To do this call the **Registry Office** on **02392 829041**.

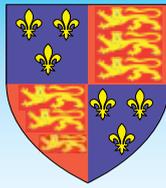
Thank you very much indeed for your interest in the Square Tower; if you have any further questions or if you would like to arrange a viewing please call **Steve Hender** on the number below.

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