

Civil Partnership Act what does it mean?

From December 2005 same sex couples will be able to register their partnership under the Civil Partnership Act 2004.

The act will allow same sex couples, male or female, to register their relationship with a Civil Partnership Registrar appointed by the local authority.

In legal terms

The Civil Partnership Act allows same-sex couples to make a formal, legal commitment to each other by forming a civil partnership.

Provisions in the Act include:

- employment and pension benefits
- access to fatal accidents compensation
- recognition for immigration and nationality purposes
- a duty to provide reasonable maintenance for your civil partner and any children of the family
- civil partners to be assessed in the same way as spouse for child support
- equitable treatment for the purpose of life assurance

Certain rules apply, if one party dies without having made a valid will.

The process of entering into a civil partnership will be administered by the local registration service. On the day of registration, each member of the couple will sign in the presence of the Civil Partnership Registrar and two witnesses.

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The Act also allows for same-sex couples who have entered legally recognised overseas relationships to be treated as civil partners in the United Kingdom.

Stockport Town Hall

Stockport Town Hall has a long history of hosting civil wedding ceremonies, receptions and other celebrations and is proud to announce a new civil partnership package.

Your ideal venue

Stockport Town Hall is a grade two-listed building known locally and nationally as 'The Wedding Cake Town Hall' The building and backdrop allow for an exceptional occasion with unique opportunities for photographs.

Stockport Town Hall has a range of facilities to meet your needs, including



- Ornate rooms to suit parties of 20 to 450 people
- Feature entrance hall and marble staircase
- Historic Council Chamber
- Magnificent ballroom
- Principals' waiting room

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Ceremonies and Packages

This is one of the most important days of your life and at Stockport Town Hall we pride ourselves on an excellent standard of service.

The couple, along with the help of the Civil Partnership Registrar, can determine how simple or elaborate the ceremony will be.

We offer various packages to meet your needs at Stockport Town Hall.

Partnership Ceremony

The Town Hall has a choice of 3 licensed rooms for ceremonies, which includes the Marble Staircase, Council Chamber and Committee Suite. We can also offer a Principals' waiting room whilst your guests enter the building through a renaissance styled feature entrance hall.

Ceremony and Drinks

Choose to have your ceremony in one of the Town Hall's ornate rooms followed by a drinks reception on the marble staircase. Optional canapés can also be served.

Ceremony and Partnership Breakfast

Enjoy a complete package at Stockport Town Hall including the ceremony in one of the ornate licensed rooms, drinks reception, partnership breakfast and evening buffet. Large parties can be catered for in the magnificent ballroom, available with a late bar until 1am.

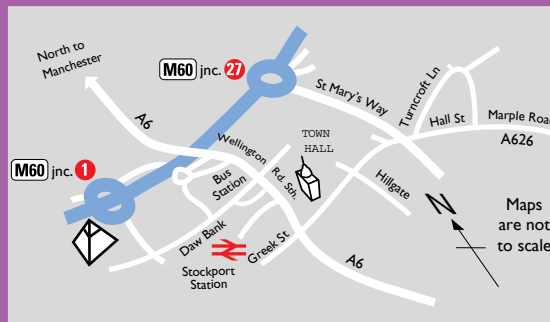
* Please note that events taking place in the ballroom are subject to additional charges.

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How to find us



Transport Links

Stockport Town Hall is situated 6 miles away from Manchester City Centre and has good transport links from the main line railway, bus station, airport and motorway and has excellent hotel facilities close by.

Stockport Town Hall has its own security patrolled car park for guests' use.



Fees payable

As well as paying the facilities fee to Stockport Town Hall, a fee is also payable to the Registration Service for conducting the ceremony.

The next step

Venue Management have an experienced team who are happy to discuss your requirements.

Flexible appointments can be made to view the facilities at Stockport Town Hall.

How to contact us

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The ideal venue for your partnership ceremony

