Civil Ceremonies

If you would like a non-religious (civil) ceremony you will need to decide where you would like to get married.

Guernsey

If you would like to get married in Guernsey during normal office hours 9am to 4pm weekdays (except public holidays) in a basic legal ceremony to be conducted in the marriage room at the Royal Court building by a Deputy Registrar, you will need to contact the Client Services team on 01481 725 277 or email Wedding@guernseyroyalcourt.gg to check availability for the time and date you would like and the booking will be entered into the diary and reserved for you. You then need to give notice of marriage. The policy at the Guernsey Greffe is to only conduct marriages in the Marriage Room at the Royal Court Building in normal office hours 9am to 4pm weekdays (excluding bank holidays)

For any other location or time you will need to contact a Civil Celebrant.

Once you have confirmed date, time, place and who will be solemnising the wedding you will need to give notice of marriage .

Alderney

If you would like to get married in Alderney in a basic civil ceremony between 9am and 4pm weekdays (except public holidays) at the Court House contact the Alderney Court Office court@alderney.gov.gg or telephone 01481 820050) to discuss with a Deputy Registrar and check availability and book the time slot. For any other location or time you will need to contact a Civil Celebrant. There are 3 Civil Celebrants based in Alderney. You would need to book the venue separately with the owner of the property.

Once you have confirmed date, time, place and who will be solemnising the wedding you will need to give notice of marriage .

Sark

If you would like to get married in Sark in a civil ceremony you will need to contact the Sark Greffier by email greffier@sarkgov.co.uk or Tel: 01481 832012 Public Opening Times: Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 2.30pm to 4pm to discuss with a Deputy Registrar the locations where and when they are prepared to conduct marriage ceremonies. If you wish to proceed with the marriage a booking will be made by the Deputy Registrar in Sark for the time and date specified. You would need to book the venue separately with the owner of the property.

Alternatively you can contact an Authorised Civil Celebrant and discuss whether they will travel to Sark to conduct the ceremony for you (currently there are no Authorised Civil Celebrants who reside in Sark) Once you have confirmed date, time, place and who will be solemnising the wedding you will need to give notice of marriage.

Civil Celebrant

If you would like your ceremony solemnised by an Authorised Civil Celebrant you will need in consultation with them decide on a location. If you are intending to marry out of doors you should also specify an alternative location in case of bad weather. You need to ensure that you have the property or land owner's permission to hold the wedding at the location. Your celebrant will discuss your requirements and advise you on the process and draw up a contract with you. Some fees will be payable directly to the Civil Celebrant