HAMSWELL HOUSE

With its honeyed Cotswold stone and glorious panoramic views, this is quite simply one of England's most romantically beautiful and enchanting houses. The 16th-century manor is set in 50 acres of gardens in the Cotswolds AONB, and is the home of Rupert and Victoria Legge. The award-winning venue is available for exclusive hire for a wedding to remember. For your ceremony, there's the glorious 18thcentury orangery with huge arched windows, or alternatively you can exchange your vows under the boughs of a 400-year-old lime tree. For a traditional English church setting, the charming St Mary the Virgin is nearby. Afterwards, toast the nuptials with champagne on the terrace (there's no corkage fee) and there's also a splendid marquee that can seat 200. Guests can also explore the lovely walled grounds with the 200-year-old wisteria-clad pergola, knot garden and 18th-century water garden. Close to Bristol and Bath, the venue is under two hours from London. hamswellhouse.co.uk



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Couples seeking a country estate to call their own for their wedding day need look no further than Askham Hall. The elegant Grade II-listed medieval hall, owned by the Lowther family for over 300 years, is set in the dramatic fell-scapes of the Lake District national park, and offers 360 acres of green parkland, a choice of gorgeous ceremony locations - including St Peter's church, overlooking the River Lowther, and the characterful Bank Barn - and equally beautiful reception venues, for up to 150 guests. Askham also has wedding planners on hand to make sure everything goes smoothly on the big day, and many of the ingredients for the custom menus are grown, reared or foraged on the estate. The wedding party will be happy to know they can even stay in the historic hall, with 19 luxury bedrooms on offer that can accommodate up to 38 of your guests, plus dogs and children. With all this, it's no wonder this romantic hall was named Cumbria Tourism's Wedding Venue Of The Year in 2022. askhamhall.co.uk