

# Wedding Celebrations at Lauderdale House, Waterlow Park





## **Welcome to Lauderdale House, a romantic wedding venue set in Highgate's beautiful Waterlow Park.**

Lauderdale House is an elegant historic home that dates back to 1582. Over the centuries, the house has been lived in and visited by a host of famous characters including Nell Gwynne, Samuel Pepys and John Wesley. Today, the Grade II\* listed building offers several flexible spaces for hire for wedding ceremonies or receptions, with options to accommodate up to 130 guests.

Located a short walk from Archway tube station, Lauderdale's attractive rooms open directly onto the beautiful terraced gardens of Waterlow Park; the perfect backdrop for your wedding photos. The house is licenced for civil marriages and partnerships, and couples are welcome to host either their ceremony or reception – or both – with us. Our friendly and experienced events team will do all they can to help you plan the perfect wedding day.



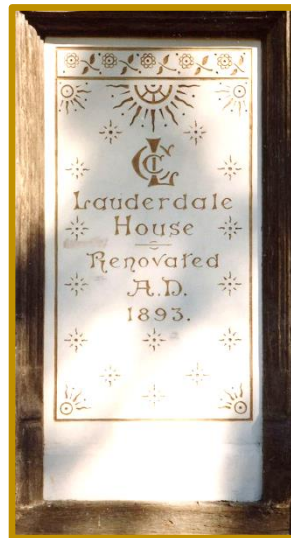
Lauderdale House runs as an arts centre for the local community. We are a registered charity (no. 275502) and the income we make from weddings is invested back into preserving our unique heritage and offering creative and educational activities for all.





*"Thank you for helping to make our wedding celebration on Saturday such a success. From the time we booked the venue I have found you and all the staff at Lauderdale helpful and professional. The two members of staff on duty that evening were extremely accommodating and efficient so we were able to relax and enjoy the evening!"*

**- Colette & John**





## Our Historic Galleries

We have two light and airy gallery spaces which are available for wedding ceremonies and receptions. Both galleries are licenced for civil marriage ceremonies and can be adapted to suit your requirements for your big day. We can host ceremonies and receptions separately or together – just ask the team about the different options available.

### The Lower Gallery / Entrance Hall



**The Lower Gallery / Entrance Hall** is a flexible ground floor space which can be set up as two separate function rooms or opened up into one large reception space. Boasting original Tudor features, this area opens out through beautiful French windows on to the Park along the picturesque side terrace. The Lower Gallery can accommodate up to around 90 people for a formal, seated reception and up to 130 for a more informal buffet reception, dependent on set-up requirements.

## The Long Gallery



**The Long Gallery** is on the first floor and has stunning views over the gardens, with easy access to the Park via the Tea Lawn Staircase. The period windows, wooden floors and wonderful ceiling details create a truly charming space full of character and atmosphere. The Long Gallery can accommodate 100 people for a fully seated event and 110 for a more informal buffet reception, dependent on set-up requirements. A lift ensures this first floor room is accessible to all guests.

## Suggested Wedding Package – Ceremony

Host just your ceremony at Lauderdale House – with a chance to make use of the beautiful Waterlow Park as a backdrop for your wedding photos – before departing for your reception elsewhere.

<i>11am</i>	<i>Setup begins</i>
<i>11.45am</i>	<i>Setup ends &amp; final checks made</i>
<i>12.00pm</i>	<i>Guests arrive and take seats for Ceremony in Entrance Hall/Lower Gallery</i>
<i>12.30pm</i>	<i>Ceremony begins</i>
<i>1pm</i>	<i>Ceremony ends</i>
<i>1pm</i>	<i>Photos in the park while drinks and canapes are served</i>
<i>1.45pm</i>	<i>Drinks and canapes end, guests begin to depart</i>
<i>2pm</i>	<i>Last guests depart</i>

This wedding package includes:

- Exclusive use of the Lower Gallery/Entrance Hall for your wedding ceremony
- Use of in-house banqueting chairs & tables set up in your chosen layout
- Use of our beautiful Steinway Grand Piano
- A steward on site from beginning to end to ensure all runs smoothly
- Direct access to outside public park spaces
- Cleaning of the space after your departure

**VENUE HIRE COST: £1,325\***  
(excludes catering fees)

**These suggested packages are intended to be used as a guide to give you an idea of the kind of options we can offer. Once we have had a chance to speak with you, we can put together bespoke recommendations based on your specific needs and guest numbers.**

*\*Example venue hire cost calculated on hire rate of £360 per hour, plus additional costs for required cleaning and staffing*

## Suggested Wedding Package – Reception

Join us straight from your wedding ceremony for a sophisticated reception with a sit-down meal in our beautiful historic gallery followed by dancing into the night!

<i>2pm</i>	<i>Setup begins</i>
<i>3.15pm</i>	<i>Setup ends &amp; final checks made</i>
<i>3.30pm</i>	<i>Guests arrive for welcome drinks in the Entrance Hall</i>
<i>4pm</i>	<i>Guests take seats in Lower Gallery for meal</i>
<i>6.30pm</i>	<i>Meal ends / drinks &amp; dancing begins</i>
<i>11.30pm</i>	<i>Music ends and guests begin to depart</i>
<i>12pm</i>	<i>Last guests depart</i>

This wedding package includes:

- Exclusive use of the Lower Gallery/Entrance Hall space
- Use of in-house banqueting chairs & tables set up in your chosen layout
- One steward on site from beginning to end to ensure all runs smoothly
- Use of beautiful Steinway Grand piano
- Direct access to outside public park spaces, including exclusive use of the Tea Lawn after the Park closes to the public
- Cleaning of the space after your departure

**VENUE HIRE COST: £3,595\***  
(excludes catering fees)

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*\*Example venue hire cost calculated on hire rate of £335 per hour, plus additional costs for required cleaning and staffing*

## Suggested Wedding Package – Ceremony and Reception

Celebrate your big day in sumptuous style and feel like the Lords and Ladies of the Manor with this extensive wedding package including both ceremony and reception taking place across both floors of our stunning Grade II\* listed house.

<i>1pm</i>	<i>Setup begins</i>
<i>2.45pm</i>	<i>Setup ends &amp; final checks made</i>
<i>3pm</i>	<i>Guests arrive and take seats for Ceremony in Entrance Hall/Lower Gallery</i>
<i>3.30pm</i>	<i>Ceremony begins</i>
<i>4pm</i>	<i>Ceremony ends / drinks &amp; photos in the park</i>
<i>5pm</i>	<i>Guests take seats in Long Gallery for meal</i>
<i>6pm</i>	<i>Meal ends &amp; guests head to Entrance Hall/Lower Gallery for drinks &amp; dancing</i>
<i>11.30pm</i>	<i>Music / food / drinks end &amp; guests begin to depart</i>
<i>Midnight</i>	<i>Last guests depart</i>

This wedding package includes:

- Exclusive use of the Lower Gallery/Entrance Hall and the Long Gallery
- Use of in-house banqueting chairs & tables set up in your chosen layout
- Two stewards on site from beginning to end to ensure all runs smoothly
- Use of two beautiful Grand pianos – one Steinway and one Erard
- Direct access to outside public park spaces, including exclusive use of the Tea Lawn after the Park closes to the public
- Cleaning of the space after your departure

**VENUE HIRE COST: £5,555\***  
(excludes catering fees)

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*\*Example venue hire cost calculated on hire rate of £475 per hour, plus additional costs for required cleaning and staffing*



## Food and Drink

Our Catering Partners, **Pink Food**, will work with you to create a tailor-made menu for your big day, perfectly suited to your requirements and budget. They have a thorough knowledge of how events at Lauderdale House are run and can offer a huge variety of catering options, including champagne receptions, sit-down meals or informal buffet spreads.



*"Kay and her team were phenomenal, I'm still reeling from such a fantastic weekend. Everyone raved about the food, and the service was superb!"*

**- Kate and Matt**



Pink Food is run by Merrilees Parker and Bernadette Fitzpatrick, two passionate foodies with many years' experience in the catering industry. Their approach is all about great food, using high-quality local ingredients and prioritising animal welfare and environmental sustainability. Pink Food can provide vegetarian, Halal or Kosher catering and can accommodate any specific dietary requirements and menu styles you have.

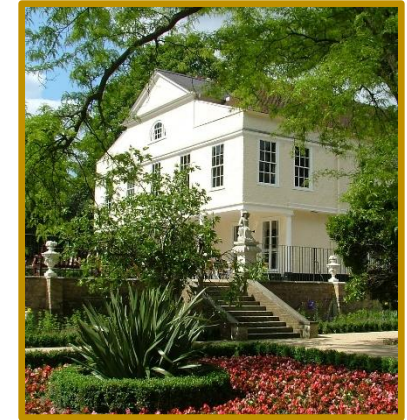
**To find out more about Pink Food and to begin discussing your catering requirements, please get in touch with Kay Knowlton on [kay@pinkfood.co.uk](mailto:kay@pinkfood.co.uk) or 07917 620099.**





*“Jon and I have been on a complete high since Friday. An enormous thank you for all your hard work making our day as perfect as it was. We literally couldn't have dreamt of having a more wonderful day and are hugely grateful to you for all that you did. Our families and friends had a fantastic time too and many have commented on how lovely the venue, food, vibe and staff were.”*

**- Buffy and Jon**





## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Can I book the outside spaces in the park?**

Lauderdale House is situated in Waterlow Park, which is a public park owned by Camden Council. Until the Park closes, which is at dusk, your guests are free to be anywhere in the park. While there is no private use of any areas in the Park during its opening hours, we have been hosting weddings here for over 25 years and have always found other visitors to the space very respectful and happy to give wedding parties plenty of space and privacy.

When the Park closes at dusk you and your guests may continue to use the side terrace by the French Windows and the Tea Lawn at the back of the House. To confirm dusk closing times or to have the use of the Park explained in greater detail please ask us.

### **Can we use confetti?**

Genuine natural flower petals are fine to be used in outside areas, but synthetic confetti is strictly prohibited. Confetti of any kind is unfortunately not permitted inside Lauderdale House.

### **Can I use an external catering company / bring my own catering?**

Pink Food, our catering partner based on-site, provide wonderful catering for all functions taking place here at Lauderdale House, so external catering via a company or hirers is not permitted. Pink Food are extremely professional, experienced and will work with you to create a delicious offering of food and drink for you and your guests to enjoy.

### **Will there be an exhibition in place for my function?**

The House has several gallery spaces that are used for exhibitions throughout the year, which change every 4 weeks, beautifully bringing the house to life. If you feel that having artwork on display would be an issue, we can arrange to have this removed for your event, at an additional cost. We will require at least 4 weeks' notice to arrange this for you.

### **Do you have parking?**

Lauderdale House does not have any parking, but we do have a side vehicle entrance where deliveries/collections can be made, and disabled guests dropped off and collected. We can also arrange for your bridal party to be dropped off here.

Highgate Hill (The road directly outside the house) and several other roads in the immediate area have on-street parking which is free after midday on weekdays and free all day on Saturdays and Sundays. Pay and display is in operation outside of these times in some of the areas. However, please always check signage before you park your vehicle. There is a single on-street disabled parking bay outside the front of the building for blue badge holders.

### **Will the café be open during my booking?**

The Lauderdale Café, which is run by our Catering Partners Pink Food, will remain open from 8.30am to early evening but this will not affect your booking. Members of the public visiting the café will not have any access to your function spaces.

**Do you have any speakers, audio equipment, lighting, projectors etc. that we can borrow?**

We don't have anything in-house, but you are of course welcome to hire in any equipment you might require. It's always best to check in with us first to ensure the equipment is suitable for the spaces here at Lauderdale House.

**Can I hire in my own furniture?**

If you don't wish to use our in-house furniture, then you are more than welcome to hire some in. All we request is that you liaise with us regarding dropping off and collecting as we do not have any storage space for additional furniture.

**How do I arrange my ceremony with the registrar?**

Lauderdale House comes under the Borough of Camden so simply contact the Registrar at Camden Town Hall ([www.camden.gov.uk](http://www.camden.gov.uk) / 020 7974 4444) at the earliest opportunity to book registrars to officiate the ceremony.

**Can I decorate the venue?**

Due to our Grade II\* listed status we can't have anything attached to the walls in the venue, so it is best to plan your decoration around free-standing or table-top pieces, such as flower arrangements. In our Lower Gallery we have a series of hooks which can be used for bunting. Battery-powered fairy lights can be used to decorate the railings along the side terrace. No naked flames are permitted in or around the building, but battery-powered LED candles etc. are of course fine. If in doubt, then feel free to check with us before making a decision on your decorations.

**Can I have live music/DJs?**

You most certainly can! We have several power points in most rooms that can be used as required, as well as two beautiful Grand pianos. We always monitor sound levels in and around the venue to ensure our neighbours are not disturbed, but live bands and DJs with amplification are more than welcome during your booking. Before confirming your entertainment, please do let us know what set up you are planning in advance so that we can work with you to ensure everything goes smoothly.

**Do you have disabled access?**

We are fully accessible for disabled persons. We have a lift to the first floor and two disabled toilets located on the ground floor. Please do let us know in advance if you are expecting any disabled guests to give you guidance on entrances and to ensure staff are on hand to assist on the day if required.

**Do you have recommended suppliers?**

Having hosted all sorts of events at Lauderdale House for over 25 years, we know many local suppliers who we will be happy to put you in touch with. Please let us know if you require any recommendations.



Come and have a look around! We'd love to show you around Lauderdale House so that you can see our facilities, spaces and period features for yourself as well as talk over your specific requirements for your big day.



For more information or to arrange a viewing at Lauderdale House, please get in touch:

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