



YOUR WEDDING DAY

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Telling Your Story

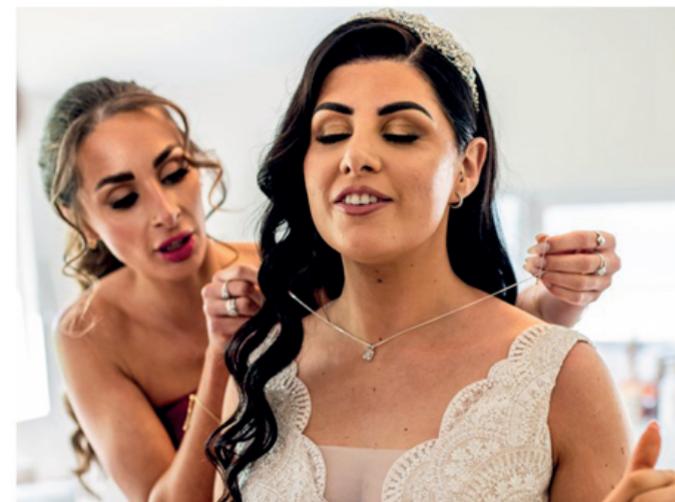
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“The memories they’ve given us, and our family are indescribably precious. Just effortlessly perfect!”

- Oliver Bowers

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INTRODUCTION

Meet Simon and Jodie, the creators and brains behind Dover Media Group; your go-to Photography and Videography dream team. We're a couple of mushy romantics who live for the magic of wedding days and what we can create from it.

Whether you're all about laid-back vibes and candid snaps or leaning towards a celebration with smoke bombs and sparklers, we're all in. Our mission? To tell the story of your day through high quality photography and film, which isn't simply giving you photos and videos, but a narrative of one of the best days of your life, for you to treasure for years to come.

This brochure isn't your typical snoozefest – it's a goldmine of tips and tricks to not just nail your photos but to rock your entire wedding day. We've seen it all – what works like a charm and what, well, doesn't. And guess what? We're spilling all the secrets just for you.

So, let's ditch the formality and dive into this adventure together. Simon and Jodie – your partners in crime for an epic, unforgettable wedding day!

OUR APPROACH

We take the time to understand each couple, individually tailoring every approach to suit your preferences. Generally hovering between traditional and documentary styles, we'll nail those essential group shots while smoothly maneuvering around to catch the moments you didn't even know happened. Whether it's giving direction or seizing candid opportunities, we've got you covered. Your wedding is your story, and we're here to make sure it's told your way.

Peek at the next page for a sample wedding day itinerary – it's not a one-size-fits-all, but it's a handy reference to gauge timings and what we'll be doing and when. Delve into the details to see what resonates with you and how much time various activities typically take. This sneak peek will help you envision your perfect day, allowing you to decide when to schedule each moment and ensuring you allocate just the right amount of time. Your wedding, your timeline – let's make it absolutely yours.



TIMELINE

Having attended so many weddings we're in a great position to help give you insider knowledge and tips. No wedding day should be alike, but this example is roughly typical of a timeline, of where folks are when, and events for you to be aware of that can unexpectedly alter your plans. Our tips and ideas help to ensure a smooth-running day while maximizing photography opportunities. We have even included where our packages cover so you can see how they would fit into your day.



Like the Bermuda triangle, time inexplicably disappears here, if you plan to be ready 30 minutes early for these photos, that time will be subject to what we affectionately refer to as 'pre-wedding faff'. Someone needs the loo, can't find their handbag etc and the crew photos are often the first thing to get dropped when you run out of time. If these shots are important to you, allow that extra time to make sure you get them.

Partner 1

Hair & Makeup arrive and set up (if applicable)
Photographer /videographer arrives at prep
 Flat lays & general 'getting ready' shots
 Getting into wedding dress
 First look
 Photos with your morning crew



Get that everyone shot before the welcome drinks, you will be surprised how quickly you lose guests to the bar, the loo etc. Everyone will be in the right place at the same time following the confetti.

Partner 2

Wedding party go for breakfast
Need a 2nd shooter?
 Flat lays & general 'getting ready'
 Photos with your morning crew
 Ceremony Guest arrivals

14:00
 Ceremony
 Confetti
 Everyone Shot

15:00
 Welcome Drinks
 Group Shots & Couples Portraits

17:00
 Couple announced into wedding breakfast
 Wedding Breakfast, Speeches

19:00
 2ND Couples Portraits

19:30
 Announced back in to evening guests
 Cake Cut & First Dance

Add on evening?

20:00
 Photobooth opens / Band starts
 Informal group shots, party/dancing photos

Ceremony 2 hours

Essentials 6 hours

Premium 10 hours

Deluxe 14 hours



Larger guest lists, some people you haven't seen in a long time or come a long way, will *all* want to stop you and talk to you. Imagine you have a 3-minute conversation with even a fraction of them.... and how long that takes. Either; consider your morning crew photos at a separate location to your ceremony (because even when told not to, guests still arrive early) or factor in, that to a degree, this will be inevitable and plan to arrive earlier.

PREP

In addition to capturing the getting ready process, including events like hair and makeup, donning the dress, and demystifying the intricacies of buttonhole arrangements, there's a myriad of other precious details we can document during the morning preparation, provided we're granted enough time.

The morning often begins with a relaxed atmosphere, creating the illusion of abundant time. However, as the morning unfolds, things can swiftly pick up pace. It's crucial to note that if you allocate, for instance, 45 minutes to be ready early, approximately 30 minutes of that may succumb to that "pre-wedding faff" we referred to earlier. For insights on optimizing your time for these shots, please refer to the following page.



P R E P

Flat Lays



All the cute details of your wedding day; jewellery, watches, perfume, wedding stationary... shoes! Even a spare bit of ribbon if you have used any in stationary or venue décor. Having all the bits ready and together will mean we don't have to get you rummaging through your bags to find them when you should be chilling and being pampered.

Allow about half hour to an hour and we'll capture those all-important trinkets, gifts or even personalised accessories.

First Look



So, a "first look" is this awesome pre-ceremony moment where you, your mum/dad, or the whole squad get to see you all dressed up and ready for the big day. It's kind of a behind-the-scenes sneak peek that's super emotional and genuine.

Setting up a "first look" doesn't eat up a ton of time, but you need to plan for it. When you add up all these cool little moments, it can stretch out your schedule. So, if capturing these raw, emotional vibes is important to you (which, let's be real, it usually is!), make sure you've factored in enough time for it. No one wants to be rushing through a moment that's meant to be special, right?

Bridal Party/Groomsmen Photos



It's a time filled with excitement and camaraderie, setting the perfect vibe before you make your way down the aisle. We can really have some fun with these shots – whether you prefer candid, posed, or a mix of both.

If, however, you're feeling the pre-party excitement and want to fast-track to the celebration, no sweat! We'll seamlessly weave these shots onto the end of the group photos post-ceremony. Let's preserve the energy and style of your crew, allow around 20 minutes for this, and we'll make sure it's time well spent.



THE CEREMONY



When it comes to capturing your ceremony, we've got the art of storytelling down to a tee. We already know the best positions to ensure we document every heartfelt moment in the least obtrusive way possible. However, here are a few things to consider for those perfect shots:

Unplugged Ceremony

The unplugged ceremony trend is gaining popularity for a reason. It means your guests are fully present, watching with their eyes, not through screens. This ensures your photos are filled with genuine emotions, not a sea of phone screens. Trust us; it makes a significant difference.

Take it slow down the aisle

As you walk down the aisle, resist the urge to rush at 100 miles an hour. Take your time, savor the moment, and advise your bridesmaids to maintain a steady pace with enough space between them. This ensures that each member of the wedding party gets their spotlight, allowing us to capture the beauty of each individual as they enter, creating a stunning visual story of your special day.

The signing of the register

If it's a legal ceremony, the signing of the register is a moment we're technically not allowed to photograph as it's a legal document... **whispers* although we do try to sneak one in.*

Sometimes, a staged moment post-signing, like a commemorative certificate or a pen with no ink, ensures we capture the essence of the occasion. We've got all the bases covered, allowing you to focus on saying "I do" while we create lasting memories.

Walking back down the aisle

And let's not forget that magical moment when you both walk back down the aisle together as newlyweds. It's a picture-perfect opportunity to pause, share a sweet kiss, and bask in the joy of the moment. Trust us, these candid shots capture the genuine happiness and love that radiates from you as a newly married couple. Feeling a bit adventurous? Why not go for the dip kiss – it's a daring yet utterly gorgeous shot that adds a touch of flair to your wedding album. So, when the aisle walk turns into a swoon-worthy stroll, take that extra moment to savor the magic and let us capture it for you.

CONFETTI



Confetti Chronicles:
The Tale of Celebratory Showers, the Sneaky Saboteurs, and the Bubbly Bliss

To make sure you get the most out of your confetti shots, we've put together a handy guide with a couple of awesome options. You can have your confetti prepped on the seats, ready for your guests to shower you as you walk down the aisle. Or, for a more personalized touch, take a step to the side after you have walked down the aisle, allowing you to greet each guest passing by. By the time you reach the last person, we'll have set up a fantastic confetti tunnel, ensuring that more of your nearest and dearest are captured in these lively shots. It's a great way to make sure your confetti moment is not just a sprinkle, but a highlight filled with laughter and joy without people cramming as close to the aisle as they can get from their seats.



The Good

Choosing larger, lighter-colored petals isn't just about aesthetics – it's a comfort game-changer too. The bigger size ensures clear photos that capture the celebratory vibe effortlessly, while lighter shades stand out beautifully. When the festivities wrap up, the larger confetti is easy to brush off, leaving you with nothing but sweet memories and no post-celebration fuss, right before the portraits.



The Bad

Opting for very small, darker-colored petals might seem elegant, but it comes with some drawbacks. These petite petals, while charming in person, can be challenging to capture in photos, often resulting in less exciting images. On a more practical note, the small size can feel like having sawdust thrown, making it uncomfortable and difficult to rid from your hair and clothing throughout the day. Picture-perfect moments turn into closed-eye or floor-focused shots, missing the opportunity to capture the joy and connection of your confetti celebration.



The Bubbly

Join the latest trend in wedding celebrations by opting for bubbles instead of confetti for your grand exit. While those cute little bubble tubes may add some fun, they often lack the visual impact you desire in your photographs and can be a bit underwhelming as you make your exit. Our advice? Keep the bubble tubes for everyone to enjoy, but for best results, consider adding a touch of magic with bubble machines. Affordable and effective, these machines are what you need to get the crowd going and the adults fighting for a go!



THE FORMAL GROUP SHOTS

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INSIDE OR OUT?

No matter the season, the possibility of rain is always a consideration for your wedding day. While it's natural to hope for clear skies, being open to the idea that rain could occur is key. It doesn't have to dampen your spirits, but flexibility is crucial. If the prospect of indoor shots doesn't quite align with your vision, consider incorporating arches or decor that can add vibrancy to blank walls, just in case. Embracing the unpredictability ensures you're well-prepared and able to enjoy your day, rain or shine.

THE LIST

We always request a list of your preferred group shots. While we can capture some standard shots, understanding who holds significance in your life is crucial for those truly meaningful photographs. In our final meeting before the big day, we'll ask for this list to make sure that you get photos that are truly important to you.

We generally recommend about 10 different groups, that's about the right amount before you get bored, and your guests start wandering off.

Additionally, consider having your welcome drinks nearby where the photos are taken, keeping your guests in one place and informed about when the photos will occur. This thoughtful planning ensures everyone is present and engaged, resulting in a collection of authentic and memorable images.

FUN OR FORMAL?

Whether you lean towards the classic and formal, with everyone impeccably posed and smiling at the camera, or if you prefer injecting a sense of fun and spontaneity into your wedding party shots, we are here to accommodate your vision. Your preferences matter and knowing them in advance allows us to tailor our approach to ensure your personalities shine through.

A romantic wedding portrait of a couple in a garden. The bride is wearing a white lace dress and has white roses in her hair. The groom is in a dark blue suit. They are embracing and kissing. The background is a lush green garden with a stone wall and a trellis with red flowers. The text 'THE COUPLES PORTRAITS' is overlaid in a white serif font on a dark blue horizontal band.

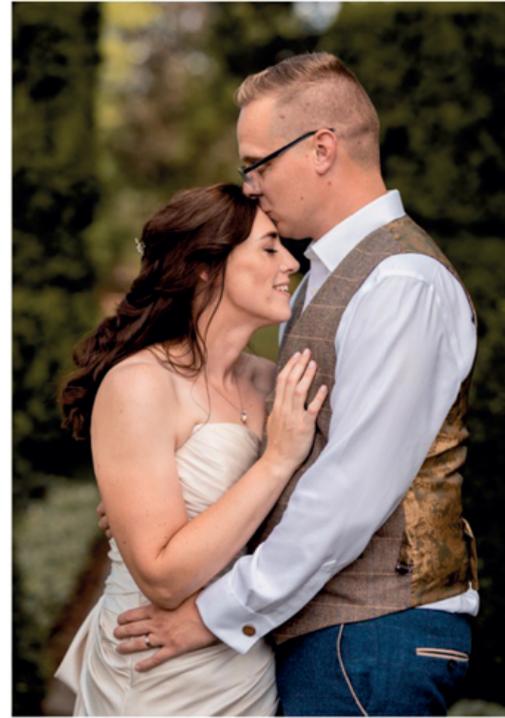
THE COUPLES PORTRAITS



TWICE THE CHARM: RELAXED PORTRAIT SESSIONS

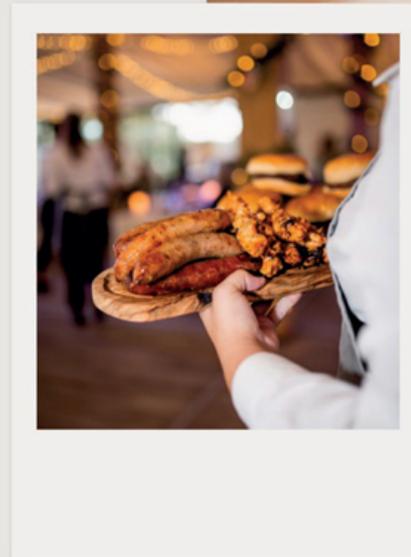
Where possible we plan for two portrait sessions to ensure we've got everything covered. The first one happens right after the group shots – we call these our insurance shots. They act as a safety net in case anything unexpected comes up later, like speeches running long or a little red wine mishap. The second session is our favorite, usually after the speeches and perfectly timed for summer sunsets or twilight twinkles (timings and seasons dependent). Just block out about half an hour for each session, and we'll make sure you have stunning portraits, no matter what unfolds.

Our portrait sessions are incredibly laid-back, especially the first one. It's a unique moment post all the excitement – the getting ready, the ceremony, and the greetings – where you two get to be alone and catch up. You'll be pleasantly surprised at how effortlessly you can forget our presence. It's all about capturing the genuine connection and joy between you, making these sessions feel like a natural extension of your special day.



THE DETAILS (& FOOD!)

Your dedication to creating a beautiful atmosphere with carefully chosen table dressings and venue decor, not to mention the delectable food, deserves to be immortalized. No need for advice here – just a reassurance to all your food-obsessed Instagrammers: we've got your culinary masterpieces and stunning venue shots covered! Whether its personalized items, table decorations or anything else, we aim to shoot it all!

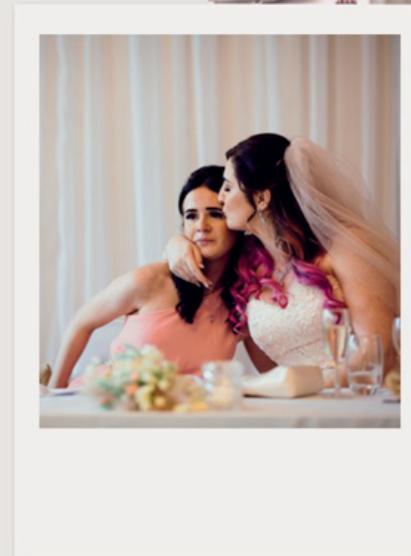


THE WEDDING BREAKFAST & SPEECHES

This is generally when we'll have our break too (nobody wants photos of themselves eating!) So, once we've got the all-important shots of that food, and some candid shots to document the occasion, we'll find a quiet corner and have some lunch too.

Speeches

When it comes to speeches, think quality over quantity. Keep them short, sweet, and meaningful – it's the key to capturing genuine reactions. A handful of impactful shots beats a bunch of similar ones. And here's the kicker: concise speeches mean more time for those stunning second portraits, especially if the sunset is playing its magic. So, let the speeches shine in their brevity, leaving room for more unforgettable activities.



CAKE CUT & FIRST DANCE



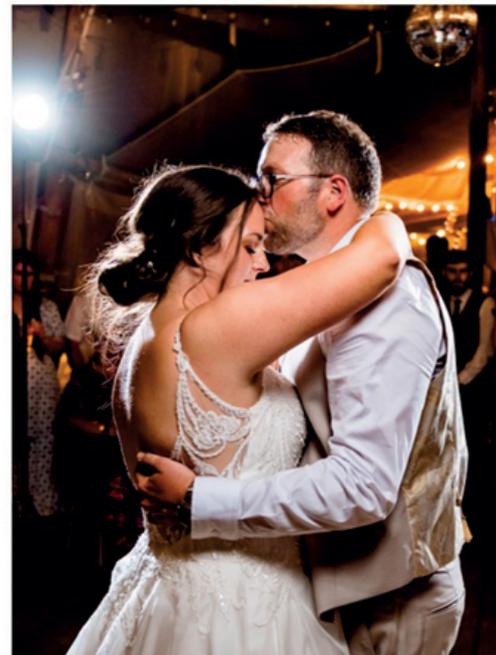
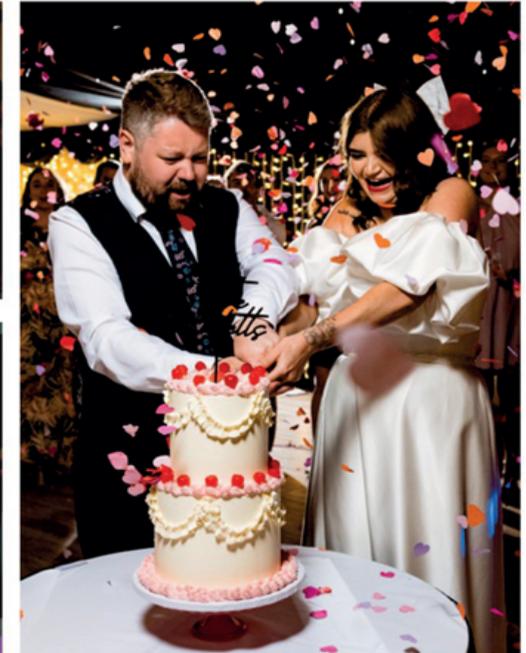
Cake Cut

While venues often tuck the cake away in a corner, we're more than happy to collaborate in finding the ideal location that enhances both visibility and ambiance. If you're open to it, we can suggest a few alternate spots for a stunning cake-cutting scene. This way, your guests get a great view, and we capture the moment in all its delicious glory.

First Dance

The first dance, and the increasingly popular come back of the father-daughter dance, set the stage for an unforgettable celebration, but we understand that for many couples, it can be the most uncomfortable part of the day.

All eyes are on you as you sway like you're rearranging furniture. Here's the secret: you don't need to be a dancer to elevate the moment. A few twirls or, for the true romantics, a dip kiss can add flair and give you something delightful to focus on – diverting attention from the watchful eyes of your guests. Not only does it make the dance more enjoyable, but it also ensures those dance floor photos are nothing short of fantastic!





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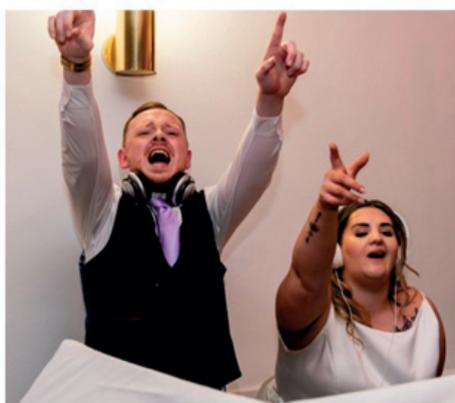
THE DJ

A stellar DJ isn't just about keeping the dance floor alive; they are a key player in creating stunning reception photos. A good DJ not only ensures a lively atmosphere and keeps everyone entertained but also contributes significantly to the visual appeal of your photographs through their skillful use of lighting. The right lighting sets the mood and enhances the overall ambiance, creating the perfect backdrop for capturing awesome dancefloor photos.

WHY STAY LATE?

Because the real party starts when the sun goes down! Evening coverage means capturing all the fun, laughter, and chaos that make your wedding night unforgettable. Think dance floor madness, impromptu fun and informal group shots and those wild moments when the couple decides to take over the DJ decks.

From epic band performances to sparkler send-offs, and even those sneaky little moments you wouldn't expect—like Nan throwing shapes after a few brandies or a quiet, stolen dance with your new husband or wife. The best memories often happen when no one's thinking about the camera.



OTHER TIPS

Don't stress about the dress

So, your dress, high on the list of things you love about your wedding and probably up there with the larger investments, however...

don't stress about the dress! Sorry to say, but it will get dirty, even if you're inside all day, it will pick up stuff that's on the floor, generic fluff and whatnot. You will still look stunning so just don't stress about it.

Another reason we mention this is that, for the most part, awesome wedding photos come from places that contrast with the dress. It's bound to get a little dirty so just go with it, we won't ask you to jump into puddles... unless you want to? We're pretty good at holding dresses while walking over fields etc now too!

Feed us?

Ok, so this is a rather contested item in the industry, as well as for the couple. Should they or shouldn't they feed the photographers and vendors that are there all day?

Our personal view is, if anything we generally advise not to worry, and we'll pack a lunch (mainly due to timing restrictions during the wedding breakfast).

However, if there's spare snacks going in the evening they would be gratefully received (Jodie is particularly fond of wedding cake!)

Have fun!

At the end of the day, your wedding isn't a big photoshoot—it's your day to enjoy! A good photographer will capture all the best moments naturally, but that only happens when you're fully in the moment, having the best time with the people you love.

We're here to capture the real stuff—the little moments you might not even notice but will mean everything when you look back. Whether it's Nan wiping away a tear or those uncontrollable belly laughs, we want to catch it all without you even thinking about the cameras. Just enjoy your day—we've got the rest covered.

PRICES, PACKAGES & EXTRAS

Just because we have frequently requested packages here doesn't mean that's all we can do. We pride ourselves on our flexibility and understanding that no two wedding days are the same, which is why we always encourage a chat to get to know you and what you want included in your day. Add or remove different services, coverage or even number of photographers. We are here to help you plan your perfect day. Whether it's Jodie or Simon or the Dream Team together in action, we have you covered.

PHOTO

The Ceremony £295

2 hours coverage | 1 photographer
Ceremony, group shots & couples' portraits
 Delivered digitally via web hosted gallery for downloads

The Essentials £599

6 hours coverage | 1 photographer
Ceremony to 30 minutes after first dance
 Delivered digitally via web hosted gallery for downloads
 & personalised USB

The Premium £1195

10 hours coverage | 1 Lead photographer & 2nd assistant shooter
Prep to 30 minutes after first dance
 Delivered via web hosted album, personalised USB & free A3 book if photos chosen in 30 days

The Deluxe £1599

14 hours coverage | **Simon & Jodie**
Prep until late
 Delivered via web hosted album, personalised USB & free Deluxe A3 book & giftbox if photos chosen in 30 days.
 Photobooth or Evening Portrait set up

VIDEO

The Ceremony £295

Full film of ceremony & portraits
 with basic edit, 1 venue only.

The Essentials £599

Full ceremony & speeches
 3-6-minute highlight video

The Premium £1195

Immense 1 minute wedding trailer
 8-10-minute highlight film
 Main wedding film of full ceremony, speeches & highlights.

The Deluxe £1599

Immense 1 minute wedding trailer
 Bonus extended highlights film
 Main wedding film of full ceremony, speeches & highlights
 Additional coverage of the evening reception
 Nothing is left out, ensuring you get not only the key highlights but also the in-between moments that add depth, personality, and the full story of your day.

EXTRAS

Additional Hour.....£99

Photobooth.....~~£250~~ £200
*20% off when booked in conjunction with Wedding photography packages**

2nd photographer.....£250

2nd Videographer.....£350

Standard A3 Lay flat Photobook.....£150

Deluxe A3 Photobook & giftbox.....£200

Personalized USB & keepsake box.....£40

MOST POPULAR

DREAM TEAM



THE 2025
WEDDING
INDUSTRY AWARDS

Wedding Photographer Of The Year

REGIONAL FINALIST
South East

Dover Media Group

Damian Bailey

Damian Bailey
Founder & Chairman of the Judging Panel
The Wedding Industry Awards

RECOMMENDED SUPPLIERS

Following our theme of 'no two weddings are the same', and neither are the incredible suppliers who help bring them to life. There are so many amazing options out there, but to make things a little easier, we've put together a selection of suppliers we think are truly awesome. From Dresses to DJs, we've included a couple of recommendations for each category—trusted professionals who align with our approach and will help make your day unforgettable.

Dress

Ivy Rose Bridal Boutique (Dover) or, Bijou Bridal (Faversham)
www.ivyrosebridal.co.uk
www.bijoubridalstudio.co.uk

Celebrant

Simply Ceremonies or, Ceremony City
www.celebrant-uk.co.uk
www.ceremonycity.weebly.com

Hair

Gillian Smissen or, Verastyle by Laura
www.gilliansmissen.uk
www.versastylebylaura.co.uk

Makeup

Leigh Sinden Makeup Artist, or Sarah Bennett
www.instagram.com/leighsmua
www.makeupbysarahbennett.co.uk

Catering

Invicta Food Design or, MK Catering
www.invictafooddesign.com
www.mkcateringuk.co.uk

DJ

Sugar Promotions or... Sugar Promotions ☺
www.sugarpromos.co.uk

Rings

Kingsdown Rings... or no rings ☺
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