

## HISTORY

About three miles from Lancaster, surrounded by delightful park-land, stands Ashton Hall.

The pele tower of which has withstood the south west gales and storms of the north west for about 600 years. During that time it has been the home of many distinguished families who were prominent in both country and national affairs.

Several of its owners were Members of Parliament for the County of Lancashire, some for the Borough of Lancaster and Queen Elizabeth's Attorney General was married to one of its heiresses. It has witnessed the home-comings of some of its owners after the Wars of the Roses, and the Civil War, and some were implicated in the Lancashire Plot to bring back James II to the throne.



Ashton Hall took its name from the Manor of Esshton, as it used to be called. "Essh," standing for ash, meaning ash trees, which used to be considered holy, and were greatly reverenced, especially by the Scandinavians, and "ton," meaning, originally, a clearing surrounded by a stockade. James Williamson, who was High Sheriff of Lancashire in 1885, and M.P. for Lancaster in 1886, and who owned the Hall until fairly recently, took his name of Baron Ashton from this Country House which consisted of a pele tower with additions of a later date.

The site has a history of some thousands of years, as elk heads were discovered when the fish ponds were drained. These heads must have been there since the ice age and others have been found embedded in the peat moss at Crowlands near Southport, and in October, 1950, one was dug up at Preesall. Some of these may be seen in the Preston Museum.

### Royal Visitors:

Before this time, Royal Visitors had stayed at Ashton Hall on two occasions. On 11th August 1617, King James I arrived here on a progress through the country. He slept at Ashton Hall that night and held a Court there, creating two Knights. He left the next day.

In 12th August 1651, exactly 34 years later, his grandson, Charles II, spent the night there but this second visit was very different to the first. There was no pomp or splendour and poor Charles, who was at that time King in name only, paid but a very hurried visit as he passed on southwards to the fateful field at Worcester.





# THE CEREMONY

Ashton Hall is licensed for Civil Weddings. Ceremonies take place in the Ashton Suite, a beautiful room that can accommodate up to 88 people with stunning views of the golf course.

Our Ashton Suite, with its impressive ceiling and refined decor directly overlooks the 9th and 18th holes of the golf course.

The space accommodates up to 88 guests seated.

At any time of year it feels truly special attending Ashton Hall. In warmer months, perhaps share champagne, canapes and congratulations in our private rear courtyard after the ceremony. In Winter months you can enjoy the open fire in the Great Hall. Your guests can enjoy drinks, chat and relax whilst you have your photographs taken .

- · Licensed for Civil Wedding
- A dedicated member of the team throughout the day
- Red Carpet Arrival
- Private use of the rear courtyard

Please note you will need to contact the Registrars direct to arrange the details.

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## YOUR WEDDING YOUR WAY

We understand that this is a very exciting time for you both and our dedicated Wedding Coordinators will be on hand to help you with the smallest detail and guide you through every aspect of your Special Day to ensure you and your Guests have a truly memorable occasion.

- · Licensed for Civil Wedding
- · A dedicated member of the team throughout the day
- Red Carpet Arrival Private use of the rear courtyard
- Master of Ceremonies Complimentary silver cake stand and knife

Our Ashton Suite, with its impressive ceiling and refined decor directly overlooks the 9th and 18th holes of the golf course. The space accommodates up to 88 guests seated dining and up to 150 guests for the evening reception and is perfect for dancing the night away with its polished wooden floor. Your guests can relax in Ashton Hall's comfortable lounge bar open until late, especially for you and your guests.

Our professional team offers an impressive range of Wedding Menus to match our impressive venue. Our menus are created by our team of talented chefs who will happily tailor a menu for your tastes. We understand that you will want your Wedding meal to say something about you.

- Canapes
- Traditional 3 course Wedding Breakfast
- Buffet

Please see our Wedding menus enclosed









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