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Allan Bank  
Weddings





With glorious views of Grasmere and the surrounding fells, you can see why famous creatives are inspired by this setting.

Allan Bank is opening its doors to happy couples from around the globe, ready to host a joyous 'DIY' style celebration surrounded by art and nature. This space is flexible and quirky with indoor and outdoor options. The team is knowledgeable and professional and keen to help you plan your event.





## Through the village and up the lane, you'll find Allan Bank and its gardens...



A 19th century house with a collection of rooms that are ready for visitors to roam and use as they wish.

The informal garden with inspiring lake and mountain views. Woodland walk with historic features, bothy and kitchen garden.

The new Billiard Room, a Chapel-like building built in the 1830's for Thomas Dawson. Ornamental focus of the garden. Recently restored, including the conservation and reinstallation of the original stained-glass windows.





# Our Story

## Not your average house

Once home to William Wordsworth and National Trust founder, Hardwicke Rawnsley, Allan Bank has a rich history but it isn't a traditional National Trust property. It's a relaxed place where you can unwind. There's no collection, and the building is only partially decorated after a fire in 2011. However, leaving the building as an empty shell helps focus the eye on the most significant feature of Allan Bank: its landscape.

## Hidiyuki Sobue: A Letter to the Earth from Beatrix

A Letter to the Earth from Beatrix is an art installation which explores Beatrix Potter's relationship with the Lakes and environmentalism today. Created by Japanese artist Hideyuki Sobue, the exhibition comprises of two murals painted on the formerly fire damaged walls of the entrance hall, as well as a series of animal paintings. The exhibition is now open to visitors and will remain at Allan Bank until 2024.

**This is temporary! What comes next?! Wait and see!**







# Outside Allan Bank

## The newly restored Billiard Room

In an exciting year for Allan Bank, restoration of the Billiard Room has been completed to include conservation and re-installation of the original stained-glass windows. The picturesque pavilion, built in 1836, has undergone significant work to its electrics, plaster, masonry and joinery to turn this back into a usable space for visitors with funding from the Department of Culture and Media. This could host approx 40 guests dining or 70 in a ceremony.



## Woodland walk

Allan Bank's woodland walk follows a rugged path and forms a circuit that takes about 45 minutes. You might spot some fascinating fungi along the way – pick up a fungi spotter guide from a member of staff if you want to know more about the different species.



## Spot a red squirrel

Working in partnership with Grasmere Red Squirrel Group, the team at Allan Bank have created a safe haven for red squirrels by introducing feeders. Keep your eyes peeled and you might spot one on one of their feeders or scampering about on the lawn. Borrow a pair of binoculars from the study for a closer look.



# Inside Allan Bank

## The Green Room

A favourite small space, this room looks onto the side lawn with doors onto a small covered patio. Its green walls are very relaxing!

## The Lobby

With two amazing pieces of art across the walls of this space, it's a jaw dropper! Every few years this changes to a new artist's vision while the staircase remains grand and wonderful for photos, speeches or even a ceremony.

## The Lounge

Open fire, sofas, a huge bay window to the garden and lake views define this room and make it a perfect snug. This could be utilised for post ceremony drinks, dining space, ceremony or late night chill out.

## The Art Room

During normal visitor days this space is used as a lunchtime retreat or crafting space. For a special celebration it could be used much like the Lounge. How might you use it?

## The Map Room

On the first floor, this room has the nicest views over Grasmere. With a huge map on the wall, you can chat through your favourite fells while getting ready for the big day. Another blank space to use as you wish.

## The Kitchen

Perfect for your chosen caterer, this has some helpful equipment and furniture to help them prepare something delicious!









# Wedding Offers

To hold your memorable event here, this is what you can expect...

- Rooms – Lobby, Green Room, Lounge, Art Room, Map Room, toilets, kitchen.
- Grounds – Billiard Room, public garden space.
- Access - (Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 8am-1am, Sunday 8am-10am)
- Parking - Approx 8 cars.
- Wedding Licence - Registered Ceremony.
- Wedding Coordinator - 2 x Consultation, Pre-Event set up assistance, On the Day Coordination.



	2024 Available Dates	2025 Available Dates	Price	Terms
Mar	10th, 16th, 23rd	March: 8th, 15th, 22nd	£3,700	<i>Internal only, max 50 guests</i>
Apr	21st or 28th	April: 19th or 26th	£4,700	
May	11th or 18th	May: 10th or 17th	£5,700	
June	8th, 15th or 22nd	June: 7th, 14th or 21st	£5,700	
July	6th, 13th, 20th	July: 5th, 12th, 19th	£5,700	
Aug	-----	-----	-----	-----
Sept	7th, 14th, 21st, 28th	September: 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th	£5,700	
Oct	5th, 19th	October: 4th, 11th, 18th	£3,700	<i>Internal only, max 50 guests</i>
Nov	9th, 16th, 23rd	November: 8th, 15th, 22nd	£3,700	<i>Internal only, max 50 guests</i>



# Intimate Weddings

If you would prefer a small get together we have this offer too!...

Three Hour Hire

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Single room hire.

Includes: Venue's available furniture, two handmade floral arrangements (such as bouquet & buttonhole) and images in the garden.

Available: Mondays / Fridays (Saturdays - when booked within three months of event date)

**£695**

(Exc. Registrar Fees)



# The Team

## Coordination

As part of your booking: After two consultations meetings, you also get someone on hand to advise through the planning process and then there on the day of the wedding to guide, time keep and troubleshoot.

## Catering

As part of an internal event or garden marquee, you have use of the kitchen spaces plus outside for a caterer to bring their own temporary outside kitchen.

## Decor

From props to flowers, let us point you in the direction of our creative suppliers who can help transform this place using your style and personalities as well as budget.

## Music

To add some wonderful atmosphere to your celebration, have a chat with our entertainment contacts. Top tip is to plot out your ideal plan for the day including a budget.



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These contacts have been selected by our Wedding Manager from a list of local experienced professionals and each has signed an agreement which includes points which respect the venue's historic status and requirements.

## Our Suppliers

[Wedding by Annabel](#)

[Foray Catering](#)

[Twisted Mojito \(Mobile Bar\)](#)

[Fellside Flowers](#)

[Merchant Music](#)

...More to come!

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# What next?...

## Explore

To really get the atmosphere and celebration options here, book a visit with our Weddings Manager, Annabel. Email some dates and times that work for you and let's find a match in the diaries. Pictures can only show you so much!

## Decide

Picking your wedding venue is a huge decision so fire us your questions and let's see if this is the place for you. This is a DIY wedding planning experience hence we have a team with all the experience you need on that journey.

## Book

If we are the place for you, we will send you all kinds of info such as measurements, supplier lists, top tips, and images. Payments are broken down into 25% deposit then 25% six months prior and the balance three months before the event.

We look forward to inspiring and assisting with your special plans.

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