



# DONINGTON PARK FARMHOUSE

HOTEL & BARN WEDDING VENUE







The ORIGINAL barn venue; set in the heart of the Leicestershire countryside, Donington Park Farmhouse will capture your heart the moment you head down our tree lined driveway.

Steeped in history, our 300 year old barn is the perfect setting for making memories that last a lifetime. With the help of our dedicated wedding team, you can rest assured that you are in the safest of hands through every step of your wedding planning and, most importantly, on your special day itself. Over 40 years, Donington Park Farmhouse has provided a unique, quality wedding service to thousands of couples as the original barn wedding venue.



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AUTHENTIC FARMHOUSE CHARM IN ABUDENCE

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# CEREMONY

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You'll be spoilt for choice with our two beautiful ceremony rooms;

## THE THRESHING BARN

Capacity - 150

Certain to take your breath away from the moment you walk in; expect high beams, bare brick walls & original features that scream rustic charm.

## THE HITCHING ROOM

Capacity - 80

A beautiful space filled with natural light; the perfect setting for an intimate wedding.

# DINE

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## THE PIG STIES

Capacity - 150

If you are searching for a truly unique setting to celebrate with your nearest & dearest then look no further; our dining room is situated within original pig sties that have been lovingly renovated to create a quirky celebration space. Expect a dining experience like no other seated within the red brickwork sty walls and next to the antique trough.

We pride our experienced team of in-house chefs on their ability to produce food that makes people smile. Your wedding breakfast will taste delicious, be generously portioned and locally sourced.

# PARTY

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## THE BARN

Capacity - 300

With exclusive use of the Barn, we have all the space you could wish for to party the night away. Dance in the Threshing Barn, relax in the bar areas and gather under the twinkling festoons of the courtyard.

*As the evening draws to a close, your party can take advantage of our 20 boutique bedrooms before enjoying a morning of reminiscing about the night before over a locally sourced breakfast boutique bedrooms before enjoying a morning of reminiscing about the night before over a locally sourced breakfast..*







# OUR HISTORY

The Estate began as a Royal Park in the 12th Century. Queen Elizabeth I was the last monarch to own the Estate, passing it to the Hastings family. Our location at Donington Park Farmhouse appears as a house on Saxton maps of Derbyshire dating back to 1576. The farm itself was built in the 1720s as a model farm. There really is a tangible sense of history here.

J.G. Shields began running the Estate in 1882 as agent to Lord Donington, and in 1929 was able to purchase it (with a sizable loan!). His great-grandson, also John, has carefully converted the Farm over many years. The Barn first hosted a party in 1984; making us the first Barn Wedding Venue in the country! The Shields family continue to care for and develop the Donington Estate today.

The 300-year old Threshing Barn is entirely original (except for its doors, because no-one likes a draft!). The stunning features that you admire have stood the test of time and are completely authentic. This makes it the perfect place to exchange your vows - a setting that is as genuine and true as your love for each other.











# OUR VALUES

**Customer first;** you and your wedding day are unique. Our priority is to understand you and your vision for your special day. Our team are committed to catering to your needs to create YOUR perfect day.



**Food Provenance;** we take a uniquely holistic approach to food. Our beef, lamb and venison (hence the deer in our logo!) are all reared on the Estate to the highest welfare standards. Everything else is sourced locally from other family-owned businesses where possible. Your wedding breakfast really is “from field to fork”.

**Family-run;** no faceless corporations here. With three generations living and working on-site, this really is a family affair. Our family values permeate everything we do; putting people and planet first and continually reinvesting in our business and the wider Estate.



**Looking after our surroundings;** we have won awards for our commitment to sustainability and our local environment. Responsible stewardship of the countryside and wildlife that surrounds us will always be a priority of the family and the Estate.

# JOURNEY TO CARBON NEUTRAL

From April 2024 -  
100% of our electricity will be  
zero carbon

We have 200 kWp of solar  
panels (that's a lot of panels!)  
which produce all our  
electricity in Spring &  
Summer.  
Any we buy is REGA certified  
guaranteed from renewable  
sources.

All our heating is carbon  
neutral, produced by timber  
from the Estate

We plant and harvest timber  
on a 15 year cycle; planting  
more than we use.  
Harvested timber is chipped  
once dried and powers our  
biomass boiler to heat the  
whole site.  
Smart heating in our bedrooms  
means they're only heated  
when occupied

Commitment to carbon  
neutrality by 2027

We are well on our way to  
becoming independently  
verified as carbon neutral and  
are committed to this goal by  
2027. We are committed to  
sequestering carbon on-site,  
within the Estate, rather than  
paying to offset overseas, and  
that will take time and  
investment.

# GENUINE SUSTAINABILITY



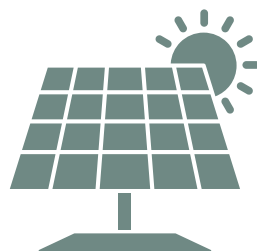
The environment is at the heart of what we do at Donington Park Farmhouse and across the Estate. We are well on the way to being carbon neutral and committed to achieving verification by 2027. So, getting married here doesn't cost the earth.

We plant a tree on the Estate for every wedding that takes place at the venue, helping to off-set your big day. (We can increase this to fully offset your day too!)



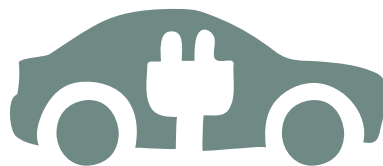
LOW FOOD MILES

All our venison is from wild, free, organic deer reared on our own Estate. Our beef & lamb are from Lodge Farm, next-door. You can't get more local than that!



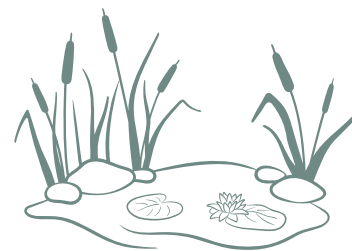
ENERGY PRODUCTION

From April 2024 all of our electricity will be carbon neutral. Most is generated on-site through our large (hidden!) solar array. Our heating is carbon neutral too & our smart system minimises waste!



EV CHARGING

With 5 charging units, people staying overnight can charge their cars for free, and non-residents for a small fee.



REED BED SEWERAGE

Installed to replace a conventional septic tank, which required pumping and vehicular transport, this natural system not only reduces our carbon footprint, it actively encourages wildlife too.



LOCAL SUPPLIERS

We endeavour to use local independent businesses wherever possible; from florists who champion British grown blooms to any foodstuff we can't produce ourselves, great provenance is a priority.













# SLEEP

Nestled within our traditional farmhouse and stable buildings are 20 individually decorated bedrooms offering flexible accommodation for your Wedding Party.

You can expect an array of unique original features, tasteful decor and a home-from-home feel; where better to relax and reflect after a magical day.







# EAT

Foodies, we have got you covered! As a working farm and Deer Park, we take great pride in our “Field to Fork” ethos. A large percentage of our menu is either reared or grown on the Estate itself or sourced locally meaning you are getting amazing quality produce with the provenance to match.

We believe that eating is better together and offer an informal, social dining experience within a truly unique setting. From BBQ spreads to British classics done-well, you and your guests are treated to an immersive dining experience from the open kitchen in The Granary.



















# READY TO DISCOVER MORE?

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Nothing beats seeing the venue for yourself

Get in touch to arrange a viewing and start planning your dream wedding day



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