



THORNTON MANOR

COUNTRY ESTATE WEDDING VENUE



YOUR LUXURY

Wedding Destination

BLENDING HISTORIC CHARM WITH
MODERN ELEGANCE



Welcome to Thornton Manor Country Estate...

...a grade II listed Elizabethan manor house built in the middle of the 19th century and surrounded by exquisite park and gardens designed by Thomas Mawson. Standing proudly in the village of Thornton Hough, our historic estate is set amongst an oasis of rural calm and beautifully presented countryside.

Originally built for Charles William Potts and occupied by the late Lord Leverhulme, Thornton Manor exudes historic enchantment and charm.



At a Glance

Guest Numbers

Up to 250

Ceremony Spaces

Lime Tree walkway, plus other outdoor options

The Library - up to 70 guests

The Garden Room - Up to 180 guests

The Music Room - up to 250 guests

On Site

Accommodation

14 cottages

Sleep up to 78 guests

Pricing

Venue hire from 5500

Packages from 6950

Dining

Bespoke menus from 24pp

Dedicated Wedding Coordinator

Yes

Dog Friendly

Absolutely, Yes



💬 *Thank you for helping us have the best day of
our lives - it was perfect from start to finish.
Thank you for the excellent service and
treatment.*

*Thornton Manor will always be a very special
place to us.* 💬

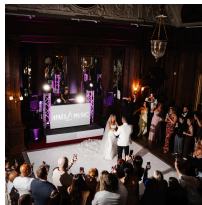
MR & MRS WILLIAMS



Included In Your Venue Hire

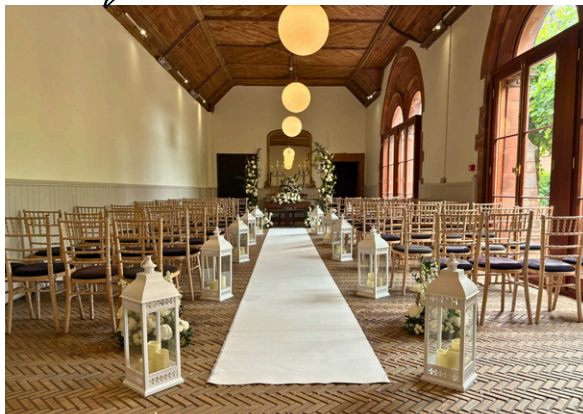


- ~ Exclusive use of The Manor House from 1pm
- ~ The Library for Ceremonies up to 70 guests / The Garden Room for Ceremonies up to 180 guests
- ~ The Music Room for your Wedding Breakfast & Evening Reception for up to 250 guests
- ~ Idyllic English countryside for your photographs
- ~ Overnight stay in the Bridal Mews for the happy couple on the night of your Wedding
 - ~ Dedicated Wedding Coordinator
 - ~ Round Tables and Chiavari Chairs
 - ~ Candelabra centrepieces
 - ~ Easel for your table plan
 - ~ Cake stand and knife
 - ~ Sound system for background music
 - ~ Microphone for speeches
 - ~ Bar and Music license until 12:00am
- ~ Access to our directory of highly recommended suppliers



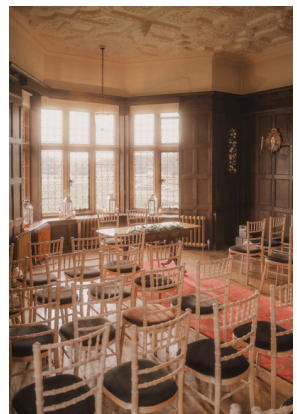
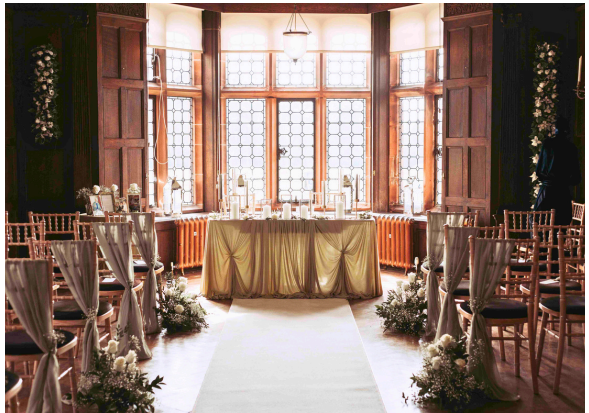
The Garden Room

Capacity - 180



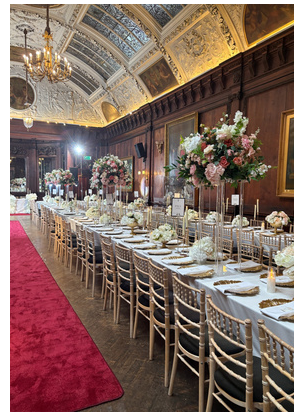
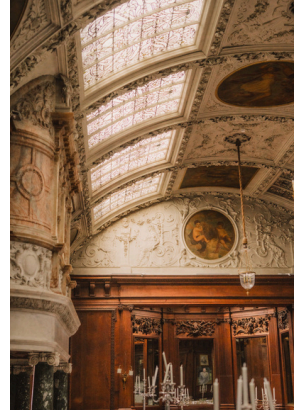
The Library

Capacity - 70

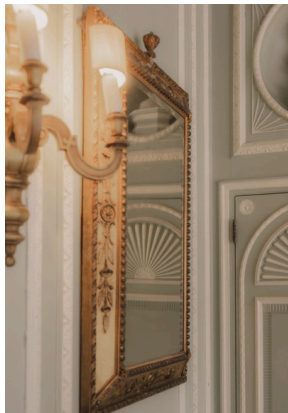


The Music Room

Capacity - 250



The Entrance Hall



Dining & Drinks



Exceptional flavours to match your unforgettable day

At Thornton Manor, we work exclusively with our trusted, approved caterers—Olive Tree and Moments in Thyme—to bring your wedding vision to life with outstanding food and drink.



Whether you're planning a relaxed, informal celebration or a more traditional, formal affair, you'll have access to a wide range of carefully curated menu options.

Olive Tree specialises in exquisite food menus, while Moments in Thyme offers both food and a full bar service, including bespoke drinks packages tailored to your preferences.



No matter your style, our catering partners will ensure every bite and sip is unforgettable.

[Click here to view our dining & drinks pricing](#)



“The food was absolutely incredible – every single guest commented on how delicious and beautifully presented each course was. From the canapés to the evening buffet, it was flawless. The service was just as impressive – friendly, attentive, and so professional. Nothing was too much trouble, and everything ran like clockwork. We honestly felt so looked after throughout the whole day. Thornton Manor gave us the most perfect wedding – we couldn’t have asked for more!”

Emily & James



Accommodation

Accommodating up to 78 guests overnight, our historic estate offers the perfect retreat for you and your guests, combining comfort, elegance, and convenience.



With 14 elegant, fully equipped cottages and annexes to choose from, each stay is rich in history, charm, and understated luxury.

From cosy one-bedroom retreats to spacious four-bedroom cottages with private hot tubs, our accommodation offers a peaceful escape designed for comfort and surrounded by timeless beauty.

Our Grounds

Thornton Manor's 120 acres of parkland and formal gardens offer a wealth of stunning backdrops, each with its own character.



The Lime Tree Walk is a natural favourite, its arched canopy of trees framing couples in dappled light for a timelessly romantic portrait. Down by the water, the lake provides a softer, more reflective setting, with open skies and rippling water lending a sense of scale and tranquillity to every shot.



Where Dreams Are Made



Every Detail Considered



Our History

Thornton Manor retains centuries of tradition within its walls, and the ageless charm you now enjoy is due to the vision held by the 1st Viscount Leverhulme when he took ownership of the estate back in 1888. As a multimillionaire, entrepreneur and philanthropist who pioneered the soap industry and developed the global empires of Lever Brothers and Unilever, William Lever spared no expense in renovating the manor, crafting the iconic estate you see today.

The great entertaining room, The Music Room, was added in 1902 with its sumptuous wall panelling and an elaborate plaster barrel vault framing painted panels by Giovanni Cipriani. In 1910, the outstanding gatehouse and sheltered forecourt was built. Lever adopted many different styles throughout the house. The beautifully ornate French drawing room and library were used both for relaxing and the expansion of Leverhulme's empire. Of all the bedrooms the most remarkable is Lever's own, the Outdoor Bedroom. All his life he slept in the open air. He would sleep out in all weathers and was even known to have awoken in the morning with snow sprinkled on his counterpane.

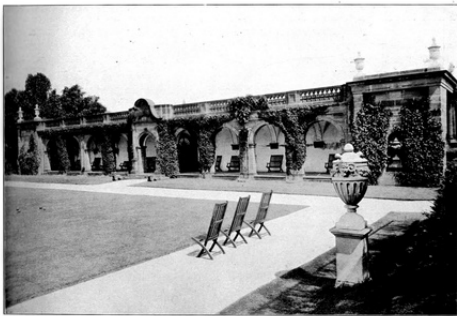


FIG. 193.—COLONNADE AT THORNTON MANOR.



Our History Continued...



The spine of the garden is a long central walk stretching from the house, past lime avenues, columned pergolas, yew hedges and borders to a great, circular rose garden. The full circuit of the grounds runs for more than two and a half miles completed by a 14-acre lake and canal set in 20 acres of mixed woodland.

In 1925, William Lever, 1st Viscount Leverhulme passed away and his funeral was attended by 30,000 people. He was succeeded by his son, William Lever, 2nd Viscount Leverhulme, and then Philip Lever, 3rd Viscount Leverhulme. Philip was a friend of the Royal Family and Her Majesty the Queen Mother stayed regularly at Thornton Manor sharing with Phillip a passion for horse racing. Other members of the Royal Family would also stay including Prince Philip, Princess Margaret, and Lord Snowdon, along with many other visitors such as members of other royal families, heads of state, Prime Ministers and politicians, captains of industry and people of the arts and academic world.



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