



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (July 2019):

In this document you will hopefully find answers to the most frequently asked questions about weddings at the farm – we can't promise to have covered every question as everyone is different so if you can't find your answer, please do not hesitate to get in contact with us on info@thewellbeingfarm.co.uk or call us on 01204 852113.

Keeping in touch....

Although The Wellbeing Farm is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays, we do provide a seven day service to respond to queries via email (info@thewellbeingfarm.co.uk). Our opening times are 9.30 – 5.30pm Wednesday to Sunday but obviously at other times when we have functions on.

The best way to get in contact with us is either phone (01204 852113) or email (info@thewellbeingfarm.co.uk).

Worried about anything? We don't want any couples who have booked their weddings to worry about their big day. We therefore have **Helping Hands appointments on a Wednesday evening at 5.00pm; 5.30pm; 6.00pm and 7.00pm.** These slots (up to 30 minutes long) are for couples who need an extra helping hand outside of wedding open days and their official wedding planning meetings at 6 months, 3 months and two weeks before their wedding.

There are a number of ways we will keep in touch with you:

- We will add you to our **mailing list** to receive details of our **Wedding fairs** and **Open Days** – a great way to pop in, to keep in touch and get further ideas.
- Our **Facebook page**: <https://www.facebook.com/TheWellbeingFarm>. Is probably the most up to date source of information on what's happening and we usually post photos of weddings etc. on here. You can also message us via Facebook too.
- Don't forget if you have booked your wedding at the farm, you have access to our **The Wellbeing Farm Secret Wedding Group** and we will give you the access information for this within your WoW pack. You also have a **Secret Wedding Planning Website** with all the information on it you will need to plan your wedding.

So in the next pages we provide you with information on everything we know about the farm covering ceremony; décor; room layout; music and entertainment; external suppliers; photography; bookings and payments; food and wine and a heap of general questions. We have run in excess of 250 weddings at the farm so hopefully these frequently asked questions should cover nearly everything you need to know.

Ceremony:	
Can I get married at The Wellbeing Farm?	<p>Absolutely our Wedding Barn and Wedding Pavilion are fully licensed under Blackburn with Darwen Registry Office so please call them on 01254 588660 and check your date is available.</p> <p>https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/births-marriages-deaths/register-offices/blackburn-register-office</p> <p>Address: The Register Office, Town Hall, Blackburn. BB1 7DY</p> <p>Phone Number: 01254 588660</p> <p>E-mail: registrars@blackburn.gov.uk</p>
Do we have to book the Registrar separately?	<p>Yes, you will need to liaise with the Registrar separately and ensure they are available to conduct a wedding ceremony on the date you've chosen and at the right time, and it is best to do this before you confirm your date here.</p>
How do we register to get married?	<p>https://www.gov.uk/marriages-civil-partnerships/overview - this website provides a useful overview of the steps you need to take to arrange your marriage in the UK.</p> <p>Our Wedding Barn is fully licensed for weddings, and to have your wedding at the farm, you firstly need to contact Blackburn with Darwen Registry Office to check if a Registrar is available on your date</p> <p>Once you have checked that the Registrar is available, then you start the wedding registration process of with your local authority giving them the intention that you are going to get married.</p> <p>Unfortunately there is some element of going back and to amongst councils / registry offices at this first stage, so your local authority would process the bands which are published so anyone who could dispute your marriage can do so. Once you get the certificate / piece of paper saying you can get married, and then this is sent to Blackburn with Darwen Registry Office.</p>
Can we have an outdoor Ceremony?	<p>Yes this is something we'd love to help you with. We have a licensed Wedding Pavilion located on our front lawn which makes the most of the views and even has heating and lighting! Obviously this is weather dependent and even though you may dream to have an outside ceremony, if obviously the weather is bad or we have experienced excessive rain leading up to your wedding day which has made the fields so wet that your shoes will be ruined, then unfortunately you may not be able to have an outside ceremony. We will always discuss this with you and where possible we will make it happen for you. If the weather is awful, our fall-back position is to hold your ceremony in the Wedding Barn.</p>
Will ours be the only wedding at your venue on our wedding day?	<p>Yes. You will have exclusive use of the venue from 11am the day of your wedding and earlier by prior arrangement.</p> <p>Although you will have exclusive use of the venue (i.e. there will never be another function or wedding on at the same time as your wedding at the farm), there may be another couple or guests staying in The Farmhouse who</p>

	<p>will have exclusive use of the venue on another date.</p> <p>To reassure you, the arrival times of any other couple staying in The Farmhouse are times and they have to sign strict terms and conditions which state that they are not allowed outside of The Farmhouse when another wedding or function is on, so you will never see the guests. To date we have had 15 couples staying in The Farmhouse, not one couple has ever said that they saw anyone else during their wedding apart from their guests.</p>
Do you offer the option of a marquee or tipi?	<p>Yes we work with several tipi companies – please see our supplier list. We also have our own tipi – perfect for use as a wet weather solution and as a chill out zone in the evening. Please note though the tipi is weather-dependent and in the case of extreme weather conditions or at certain times of the year (around Winter), we will have to remove the tipi for safety reasons.</p>
What time do you suggest my wedding should be?	<p>This is a question I do get asked a lot so I thought I'd share my response with you....</p> <p>I always say you need to think about the guests – let's face it for a 1.30pm start, they will need to be getting ready and dressed by around 12ish (obviously depending on where they live and are staying) etc.. which means when do they grab lunch?.... Especially if they have children....?</p> <p>What you don't really want is a load of guests hanging around getting hungry whilst you are having your photos taken and getting fed up.... Believe me it happens... If you're not providing canapes for your guests, then they aren't going to be eating until at least 4pm at the earliest So I always say I definitely wouldn't start the service until at least 1.30pm if not preferably a bit later....</p> <p>We always suggest that evening guests arrive no earlier than 7.30pm. At the end of the day, at The Wellbeing Farm we will always work around whatever the couples want as you are the only people here so we work to your schedule...</p>
Ceremony Décor:	
Could you tell me how many people the straw bales and chairs sit when organised for the ceremony?	<p>The straw bales can seat two people comfortably and we usually do rows of five chairs each side of the aisle, the amount of chairs required would depend on how many guests you have attending. We can make changes depending on your preference and you don't have to use the straw bales for your ceremony.</p> <p>Please note that we cannot put straw bales outside on the field as they are heavy to carry, the ground may be damp which ruins the bales and we also run the risk if windy, that pieces of straw are going to blow all over the farm.</p>
How many chair cushions do you have?	<p>We currently have 170 of our nude/cream striped ones, which is enough for every seat.</p>

<p>The chair cushions you have don't match with my colour scheme so I'm looking at purchasing some. What size will I require?</p>	<p>The chairs are all 16.5 inches (41.9cm) and the current chair cushions we use are 40cm x 40cm.</p>
<p>I'm looking at getting hanging decorations for the back of the chairs, what is the height of them from the floor?</p>	<p>The chairs are 30 inches from the floor, if you're looking to tie something to the back of them just make sure you allow a couple of inches for them to be knotted.</p>
<p>Do you have a projector and a screen available to use during speeches?</p>	<p>We do have a screen and projector available to accommodate any extras you may be planning. We also have microphones that can be used too!</p>
<p>What device can I use for playing music during my ceremony/reception etc.</p>	<p>You can use any device that allows for an AUX connection so that it can be connected to our PA system. You can use apps on these devices for your playlists – Spotify, Apple Music and Tidal etc. work great!</p>
<p>Can we have confetti?</p> <p>Can we use sugar sprinkles to be used as confetti? Or are we able to use rice paper confetti?</p> <p>Can we sprinkle rose petals down the aisle when we walk down?</p>	<p>Only biodegradable confetti can be used at The Farm due to us having animals present – they're hyper enough without any added sugar! The biodegradable petals are our preferred type of confetti we would ask you to use if possible. With the animals being free roaming midweek it's hard for us to keep track of what they're picking up and eating!</p> <p>Confetti can only be thrown outside.</p> <p>Unfortunately we do not allow confetti or petals to be thrown in the Wedding Barn – the reasons for this is later on when the party livens up, people can spill drinks and the confetti starts looking like a stodgy mess. Also we don't have time during the turnaround from ceremony to wedding feast to sweep up all the confetti which has been thrown.</p>
<p>What if it is raining – can I throw my confetti inside?</p>	<p>Unfortunately no – we have never ever not had a wedding where we haven't thrown confetti outside and we've experienced all types of weather – if you stick to the petals or biodegradable confetti then it won't make any difference if it is raining.</p>
<p>Room layout:</p>	
<p>Can we have a long top table?</p>	<p>You can plan your room layout in whatever style you like – for a long top table we will have to join several trestle tables together. Don't forget that when you have a long top table, you will need to think about table covers unless you want everyone viewing your dress or legs!</p> <p>The Wedding Coordinators will help you plan your room and table layout at your three month meeting when you have a better idea of exactly how many guests will be attending. Samples of room and table layouts can also be</p>

	viewed on the Secret Planning Website.
What kind of tables do you provide? Can I have chair covers?	<p>We have wooden rustic-style trestle tables which we use for weddings and parties in the Wedding Barn these comfortably seat 8 people. To form a top table, trestle tables can be joined together.</p> <p>We can provide wooden rustic style chairs which suit the Wedding Barn style.</p> <p>Napkins are provided within your venue fee. If you decide to tie ribbon round your napkins, you will need 30cm per napkin; more if you want a big bow. To go with our wooden cutlery, we find string / twine works brilliantly with our rustic theme.</p> <p>Table linen, chair covers, table names and other decorations are not provided within our venue fee, but these can be arranged directly with us. We find wallpaper works brilliantly on our trestle tables and we do have a variety of chair decorations left from previous weddings which you are welcome to use. These can be found in our Prop Store.</p> <p>Please deliver your table plan, favours, etc. a day or so before your wedding, at a time to be arranged with us, and we can be here to discuss your requirements. The table plan needs to be no bigger than A1 - we can display it on an easel.</p> <p>On a copy of your seating plan, please list names in order so that we can put name cards on the tables, also indicate any guests with special dietary requirements using the colour coded system which you will be given a copy of (also see food and wine section for more information).</p>
What size are your tables?	<p>We use trestle tables and we have</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 tables which are 200cm x 88cm and are 4.5cm depth. • A number of 6 feet tables (or 183cm) which can be used to form your top table. <p>If you are planning to have table runners always allow for slight overhang on either end.</p> <p>The guest tables can seat up to 8 people comfortably and can be arranged in various ways depending on your table plan.</p>
What is the capacity of your venue? How many guests can I invite?	<p>We can accommodate up to 170 guests seated in our Wedding Barn or 300 people unseated.</p> <p>In our smaller Wheatsheaf Barn we can accommodate up to 50 people seated (for wedding receptions and events) and up to 75 people standing.</p>
What are the room measurements?	<p>Wedding Bar area: 7.1 metres x 8.5 metres – main pieces of furniture for you to use include a piano, Lancashire Brew Station, comfy sofas, vintage ladders, milk churns, large cable reel for serving welcome drinks. We also have a</p>

	<p>television mounted on the wall where you can put photos on a USB stick and play these.</p> <p>Main room (Wedding Barn): 24 metres x 9.5 metres Things for you to use include: straw bales; wooden trestle tables and chairs; candy buffet; gift table; cake cart; old rustic table for your wedding registration table; stand for your registrar / celebrant to use; music system and speakers; a selection of wedding arches. In terms of bunting, we have some or you can bring your own. If bringing your own they will need to be 9 metres in length.</p> <p>Wheatsheaf Barn: 5.5 metres x 5.5 metres – this room is a blank canvas and serves a variety of uses.</p>
Room Décor:	
<p>Can we decorate the Wedding Barn to suit our theme?</p>	<p>Yes, every client seems to have their own ideas on decor and that's fine. Obviously, the putting up of decor mustn't harm the building and we do ask people to be respectful of our fairy lights and wooden walls, so we ask that no nails or glue to be used. Apart from that – enjoy creating your theme and decor! Have a look at our Facebook page (particularly the photos page) for more ideas: www.facebook.com/TheWellbeingFarm</p>
<p>Do we need a venue dresser for a wedding?</p>	<p>That depends entirely on actually how much additional décor you want to include for the day. We do offer you unlimited use of our Prop Store for weddings where we have hundreds of things which can be used to dress the venue – this can be done either the day before your wedding (providing there are no other events taking place in The Barn) or the morning of. If it is just small details that go onto the tables for the wedding breakfast such as centrepieces, name place cards etc. then our Event Coordinators are happy to sort these as long as we have prior notice. But more general barn décor such as chair bows etc. would be done by you. If you felt you wouldn't have enough time or wouldn't want to handle these details yourself then you could hire a venue dresser.</p>
<p>Where can I see exactly what props are available in your prop store?</p>	<p>You would be best popping up to the farm to have a rummage in there yourself as there are all kinds of things that you're free to use – please arrange a prior appointment to come and look around and let your imagination run away with you.</p> <p>We love to see all the great ways our props can be used! We are constantly getting in new things so unfortunately we do not have an up-to-date list as its forever changing but if you're looking for something specific you can contact one of the team and we can let you know if that's something that we have available. Other than that our secret website will give you a great idea of some of the things that can be found in the prop store.</p>
<p>How many log slices do you have available for us to use?</p>	<p>We have 24 log slices all together however this number does change a lot as sometimes couples leave the log slices after their wedding. Currently 18 of these are approximately 21cm and a there are a further 6 larger ones which</p>

	measure approximately 30cm.
Can we have candles?	Candles can only be used in the Wheatsheaf Bar as long as they are in a safe candle holder. Unfortunately due to fire risks, we do not allow candles in the Wedding Barn but we do have the realistic fake candles for you to use.
When can we have access to begin setting up the room in terms of decorating it?	<p>You can have access to the Wedding Barn from 9.30am on the day of the wedding or earlier by arrangement in most cases. If there is no function the day before then you can do any set up the day before – although you will need to have finished by 5.30pm.</p> <p>If there has been a wedding the day before, then you can access the Barn from 10am for decorating the Barn. Don't put too much stress on yourself – get a team together and make sure everyone has a job, or have a list of jobs and know what you yourself want to do and leave others to do the rest. It is helpful if you produce a diagram of your room layout and photograph the way you would like the tables to look or a diagram of the table design.</p>
When can I arrange for things to be delivered for my wedding?	We can accept deliveries from 10.00am on the morning of your wedding and you can have items dropped off the day before by prior arrangements. We have a dedicated Wedding Drop Off Zone for safe storage of wedding items.
Can I use helium balloons?	Yes but we recommend blowing these up on the morning of your wedding / event otherwise they may deflate before your event.
Can we have exploding balloons containing confetti?	Unfortunately the confetti makes the floor very slippery and stains the floor when wet so these are not allowed.
Can we have sprinkles on the tables or down the aisle?	To be honest we don't encourage anything that you sprinkle in the Barn as unfortunately these take ages to clear up after events and can look messy when they get wet as inevitably drinks do get spilled by guests.
What type of crockery and cutlery do you have?	We have white crockery and cutlery.
How can I involve deceased loved ones in our special day?	Photographs are one of the best ways and our two vintage washing frames provide a great tool to hang photographs.
Is there a table available for presents?	<p>We put one or two side tables in the Wedding Barn for drinks, guest book, presents, etc., and some chairs for occasional seating.</p> <p>We are happy to undertake storage for presents, but we cannot offer insurance to cover them. We ask couples to empty the Wedding Post box at the end of the night and take any cash gifts away with them.</p>
Do you have a sign saying "Come as you are, stay as long as you can, we're all family here, no seating plan"?	We have similar ones but not one with that exact wording. We currently have a landscape pallet one which reads: "Sit wherever your heart desires, with love". We also have chalkboards that you can use to personalise in various ways.

Do you have props we can use?	<p>We have a Prop Store which is a bit of an Aladdin's Cave - our props are numerous and include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A vintage blue tractor • Sweet cart / candy buffet including scoops and jars • An old school-style bench for great straddled photos • Milk churns • Wedding cake and knife • Vintage suitcases • Two large easels • Vases for flowers • Piano • 110 metres of bunting • Vintage bicycles complete with baskets • Vintage typewriter and Singer Sewing machine • Wedding arches • Music system for background music • Drink signage • Straw bales <p>We add to our props all the time, so check what additional items are available at your six month appointment or pop along to one of our Wedding Open Days or book a Helping Hand appointment on a Wedding Wednesday (5-7pm).</p>
Music and Entertainment:	
Can I have live music?	<p>You may organise live music for your wedding reception, but if not, we have a music system in both barns. You will need to bring your chosen music but we can accommodate an iPod, aux, input, usb, cd's to plug into our system. We can put background music on the sound system in the Wheatsheaf Barn and Wedding Bar or you can bring you own music on an iPod. All Bands / DJs / Performers must also adhere to our terms and booking conditions regarding noise levels, finish and departure times.</p>
What games can you provide?	<p>We can provide a large Jenga-style activity, a large Connect Four, sacks for sack racing, bats for rounder's, crazy golf and a tug of war. In fact there is a permanent sign on the field where we play games listing all the games we have. We also have a number of ride-on's for the kids.</p>
Do you have a log burner we can use?	<p>Yes but the Fire Officers have advised that guests are not allowed to put their own logs on the fire and a Fire Warden must be present.</p>
Do you allow sparklers?	<p>Absolutely but only outside and under supervision by your photographer. You will need to purchase your own sparklers and lighters as we don't provide these.</p>
Will I need a microphone for the speeches? If so, do I have to provide my own?	<p>You don't need a microphone for speeches in the Wheatsheaf Bar, but for the Wedding Barn, we have a microphone and PA system which is provided free of charge.</p>
Do you have WIFI?	<p>Yes free WIFI is available throughout and passwords are displayed</p>

	throughout the venue.
Do you have a changing room for the DJ/Band or performers?	No we do not have any additional changing room for DJ/bands or performers. Please make sure you request they take this into account when booking them.
Can we have fireworks?	Fireworks are not permitted at The Wellbeing Farm as we are surrounded by working farms. An exception can be made for a Saturday wedding booking nearest the 5 November. Fireworks must be released by 9pm.
Will the llamas and donkeys be present at my wedding?	Absolutely - our Donkeys, Alpacas and Llamas will be present on your special day – Gypsy and Crackerjack (our Donkeys) will wear flat caps, Laurie, Ezra, Vincent and Yasser (our Llamas) and Winston and Augustus (our Alpacas) will be wearing bowties. You are welcome to bring your well-behaved dog (or any other animal) to your wedding.
Is the piano in the bar tuned and fully functioning?	It is fully functioning and has been tuned; we would recommend notifying us if you plan to use the piano on your wedding day just so that we can make sure it has a quick check over as close to your booked date as possible.
Can we launch Chinese lanterns?	Unfortunately we don't allow Chinese lanterns to be launched as the debris impacts on our local residents and farmland. It can also cause harm to local livestock. This ruling is in line with recommendations from the Country Land Association.
Can I have a bouncy castle?	If you are planning to have any additional entertainment such as a bouncy castle, casino tables, etc. we should need relevant insurance, health & safety certificates, etc. in advance. Unfortunately bouncy castles are something that you will need to organise.
Can we bring space hoppers for the outdoor games area?	We do already have around four space hoppers in the prop store that can be used but feel free to bring more if you're really keen hoppers!
External Suppliers:	
Can you recommend any local suppliers? (florist, photographer etc.)	On our website are details of local suppliers such as photographers, florists, musicians, local hotels etc. Please refer to our Wedding Suppliers section on our website.
Can my photographer come to The Wellbeing Farm before the wedding to look round?	Yes, as long as they make an appointment in advance of their arrival. We also have a handy sheet (located on the Secret Planning Website) of areas around the farm which make for great photos.
If you would like a DJ or live music or entertainment....	We can play music on our sound system but you would need to nominate someone to operate this. If you would like to have live music at your reception, bands and DJ's must adhere to noise levels. If you arrange for alternatives, please ensure and provide their relevant insurance documents. A band will generally request that you provide a meal which will need to be organised with us in advance. We can run a tab for band drinks if required.
I'm planning on having my	The address is: Barons Farm, Plantation Road, Edgworth, Lancashire, BL7

photographer take some photos of Barons Farm, do you have the address?	OBZ. You will need a gate code to gain access which we will provide to you a couple of days before you're booked in.
Can we have a dance floor?	After your Wedding Feast, we usually clear some of the tables at the top end of the room to create space / an area for people to dance in. We are happy for you to organise a dance floor if this is something you'd like but the provider would have to assemble and dismantle the dance floor this is not something the team can be responsible for.
Can we have staging erected for our DJ/Band?	Yes of course!
Photography:	
Can we use smoke bombs?	Of course - we love smoke bombs which create dramatic photos http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/19-reasons-smoke-bombs-are-the-hottest-wedding-photo-trend_us_5706e67de4b00c2008cc325e
What photographic locations are there?	All areas are available for photographers to take photos. The grounds have many lovely spots that are perfect for photographs all of which have a lovely outlook onto local countryside. There are stunning photographic locations when you book our Wedding House– this includes a lake, tennis courts, mature gardens, woodland area and rustic bridges. A sheet detailing the best areas for photos is located within the Secret Planning Website.
Bookings and payment:	
How much will my wedding cost?	Guidelines are included within our wedding brochure. Costs can depend on guest numbers, whether you have a pay bar...how lavish your menu is etc. Just tell us your plans and we'll happily work out the price for your particular requirements. When you visit we can provide you with a bespoke quote to take away.
When do I have to confirm final numbers?	We need an idea of your final numbers one month prior to your wedding date and actual final numbers need to be confirmed at least 14 working days before your wedding when we send you a final guest number confirmation sheet to complete.
How long can you provisionally hold a date for us?	Once you've been for a show-round, we can provisionally hold a date for you for 14 days. You will also at this time be given copies of our Booking Terms and Conditions for review.
What deposit do I have to pay when I confirm a date?	Once you have confirmed a date, then we require a payment of £1,500.00 to secure the date and you will also need to sign our Booking Terms and Conditions. Our wedding brochure provides further details about when wedding payments are due. Deposits are non-returnable . We would strongly advise you to take out wedding cancellation insurance when you pay your deposit.
Why are your deposits non-	Before a couple decide to book our venue, we incur quite a lot of costs

refundable?	<p>involved in showing couples around the venue; wedding fairs , three wedding coordinators , refreshments, emails, phone calls, visits, follow up meetings, all this takes TIME and it costs money</p> <p>We spend time with couples pulling the vision of their perfect wedding together which includes time to prepare a personalised quote. When the couple book, we also spend time on preparing a Wedding Wow Pack which we post out to the couple.</p> <p>Terms and Conditions are in place for every couple who choose to get married at The Wellbeing Farm and when you make a provisional booking, we give you two weeks to really make sure it is the right decision.</p> <p>The deposit secures the date as once the date is booked, we refuse any other bookings and enquiries for the date. As we are an exclusive venue, if a customer cancels the wedding for any reason, there is no guarantee that we can fill the date. We always offer the couple the opportunity to transfer to an alternative date with no cost incurred to themselves.</p> <p>We work on a very small profit margin , and what small profit we do make we plough back into the business ...you just have to look back over our few years to see the positive expensive changes to transform the venue to what it is today ..and there is more to come ..</p>
Food and Wine:	
Can we have a menu tasting session with the Chef?	<p>We will be happy to provide a tasting of your chosen menu and we offer Wedding Feast Experiences at numerous times throughout the year to enable you to do this.</p> <p>We can supply examples of menus and every menu is discussed with you in detail to ensure the perfect harmony between menu, budget and guest enjoyment.</p>
Can we bring our own caterers in?	We do not allow this because it is essential that we consistently offer the highest standard of catering. We only use meat from our local family butcher's (Whiteheads) and have chosen suppliers to meet our high standards of catering.
Can you provide halal meat?	Unfortunately since we have our own butchers, we do not routinely provide halal meat. However in exceptional circumstances, this can be arranged.
Do you cater for special dietary requirements?	Yes, provided we know in advance then we can cater for most dietary needs. Dietary requirements will need to be confirmed at least 14 working days before your function when we send you a final guest number confirmation sheet to complete. You will also need to use our special colour coding system for your table plan – information on this will be given to you in your WoW Pack when you book your wedding and is also provided within our Secret Planning Website.
What age do you classify a child?	Under 5's are free. A child is age 5-10 years old.

Can we bring our own drink to the wedding?	<p>No unfortunately we are fully licensed. If you would prefer to bring your own, there will be a corkage fee.</p> <p>Guests are not permitted to bring alcohol onto the premises in any form, so please do not bring hip-flasks, bottles, cans or other containers with you to the wedding! This includes drinking out the back of your car in the car park. We operate a very strict policy where any alcohol found will be confiscated and in certain circumstances you may be asked to leave, so please do not ruin the day for a bottle of booze! Our bar prices are not much more than local pub prices. We carry an extensive range of alcohol and non-alcoholic drinks for guests to enjoy themselves.</p> <p>We are licensed premises and have a duty of care to all our guests and are required to adhere to strict licensing laws for your health and safety. Please do not drink and drive - we want you to get home safely!</p>
What are your corkage fees?	Corkage fees are detailed when you receive a quote from us.
What are your bar prices like?	<p>Even though we are an exclusive venue, we try and keep our prices competitive and charge approximately £4.70 for a pint of premium lager, £4.20 for a glass of wine and spirits (including mixers) start at £3.50).</p> <p>Our bar prices can be found in the Secret Wedding planning website along with our wine and cocktail menus.</p>
Can we taste the wine before we select it?	Yes, you can taste our wines at our Wedding Feast Experience events.
Why can we only use plastic glasses?	We provide proper glassware for the welcome drink, toast and wine on the tables. Unfortunately we have a llama (Laurie) who freely walks around the farm (yes we do have llama proof fencing but he just jumps over) and he's a bit of a main attraction. Unfortunately we did have an incident where someone had smashed a glass and he unfortunately cut his foot. Since he is a trekking llama we can't carry the risk of this happening again so therefore we use high quality polypropylene glassware.
How many compartments are there on your sweet cart? And how roughly how many sweets do you suggest we'd need to fill each one sufficiently?	Our sweet cart has 9 compartments that you can fill - 4 larger ones on the top row and 5 slightly smaller ones on the bottom. Each section would require a minimum of 1kg of sweets (depending on actual sweet size), but we would recommend 2kg for a more generous helping. That does depend on how much of a sweet tooth your guests have though, and obviously how many people you have attending.
Do you provide the paper bags to use with your sweet cart?	We don't unfortunately, you will need to provide your own as everybody has different tastes and some like these to be personalised and/or a specific colour which makes it difficult for us to have a selection for everybody.
Do you have a licensed bar?	Yes we have licensed bars in three bar locations: Wedding Barn, Wheatsheaf Bar and our Bar O'Llama horse trailer bar can be used (weather permitting).
What items do you stock in the bars?	The Wedding Barn Bar will be stocked with several types of draught lager, cider and Black Sheep ale. Couples can also have a personalised cask ale tab

	<p>made if you hire our self-serve beer station. In addition we stock bottled premium lagers and ciders and a great range of whiskies and other spirits including an extensive gin bar.</p> <p>We will discuss and agree any drinks package before your wedding.</p>
Do you include a cake stand and knife if required?	We offer a knife if required and a table or rustic tree stump for the cake to sit on.
Can I bring my own cakes in to put on your Cake Cart?	<p>Unfortunately as we have to adhere to allergy requirements, we do not allow couples to bring in any other cakes or food apart from their wedding cake and sweets for the sweet cart.</p> <p>We will not be liable for any food hygiene or allergy issues which occur with the wedding cake you supply. We also ask that you do not supply cakes with fresh cream or cheese.</p>
General questions:	
Where does the couple normally get ready?	We can provide a Wedding House (for an extra charge) which will ensure you feel totally pampered on your wedding day. Arrival from 5pm the day before, the facilities and luxury grounds are on hand for you to use throughout the day.
When do we have to collect our wedding items by?	Please collect them by 11 am the next day from our Wedding Collection Zone.
Do you have a preferred order of service (when and where do we cut the cake)?	We plan the order of service around your requirements as we want your day to work completely for you. We can offer recommendations on timings based on our experience of what works well should you wish.
How do you help us with planning our wedding and what are the payment arrangements?	<p>Although we are not formal Wedding Planners, we do have lots of experience which we like to share.</p> <p>A year in advance of your wedding: Attend one of our Wedding Feast Experiences to taste and experience the different wedding packages we offer. Please check our Facebook page for details on when our Wedding Feast Experience events are held.</p> <p>6 months before your wedding you will be invited to choose your food and also tour our Prop Store. At this stage you will also be expected to pay 50% of the quoted wedding cost.</p> <p>3 months before your wedding you will meet with our Wedding Coordinator to plan the specifics of your big day – finalising menus, table layouts, music, timings, drinks, canapés, wedding cheese cakes, welcome drinks. After this stage, you will be expected to pay 75% of the actual wedding cost two months before your wedding date.</p> <p>2 weeks before your wedding you will meet with our Wedding Coordinator to finalise your wedding schedule and function sheet (developed from the three month meeting) and to check for any final changes. The outcome of</p>

	<p>this meeting will be a detailed schedule of your wedding with final numbers agreed. At this stage you will also be expected to pay 100% of the final wedding amount (adjusted for final wedding guest numbers meeting minimum number requirements).</p> <p>To help you organise your wedding, you may find our Pinterest page useful if you are seeking further inspiration on rustic/ barn weddings https://uk.pinterest.com/wellbeingfarm/</p> <p>We have a very active Facebook page which we usually post photos of our weddings and events to. Please make sure you use this as it's the best way of keeping up to speed with what's happening. https://www.facebook.com/TheWellbeingFarm/</p> <p>When you book your wedding, you will be given access to a secret website which contains loads of information to help you plan your wedding.</p>
What time do we have to finish the party?	In order to conform with our premises licence and out of consideration for local residents, all functions must finish by 1.00am.
Do you have any high chairs we can use?	Yes, we have at least six high chairs which you can use.
Do you have a cloakroom we can use?	We don't have a specific cloakroom but we do have coat hooks in the corridor of the Wheatsheaf Bar and coat hooks are located in the Wedding Barn corridor outside the kitchen which your guests can leave their coats on if required. We also provide lockers for guest use.
How many car park spaces are there?	There is ample, free, car parking at The Wellbeing Farm as well as disabled parking. When the weather is not behaving, guests can be dropped at the front door to be greeted by our front of house with umbrellas.
What is the disabled access like?	The whole farm from the car park through to the Barns and grounds is all on one level without any steps allowing easy disabled access.
Do you have accommodation?	<p>We have a Wedding House: Barons Farm (located around a mile away from the farm) which has 2 bedrooms and can sleep up to 6 people.</p> <p>We also have The Farmhouse (located in the middle of The Wellbeing Farm) which has three bedrooms and can also sleep up to 6 people. Please note the accommodation is subject to availability and is not automatically guaranteed for your wedding as another couple may have booked it already.</p> <p>We also supply clients with details for many local hotels/B&Bs we can put you in touch with cab/taxi companies too. Hotels and B&B's are located on our website – we have included the approximate distance in miles for each accommodation provider from the farm.</p>
Which taxi ranks can I use?	We've found these firms are the most reliable – we would highly recommend pre-booking your taxis in advance.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Elton Taxis</u> - http://eltonbullitt.co.uk/ 0161 764 6666 email: info@eltonbullitt.co.uk (recommended) • <u>City Taxis, Darwen</u> 01254777888 (good if staying towards Darwen / Blackburn hotels) • <u>Metro Cars</u> 01204 521300 (hit and miss service – would recommend Elton Taxis before this firm) • <u>Atlas Executive Travel</u> 01204 412564 / 07951795453 – can provide a mini bus service for your guests. <p>We find Elton Bullit to be the most reliable taxi firm – they can be contacted on 0161 764 6666. We do advise pre booking but usually as long as they are given plenty of notice there shouldn't be any problems.</p>
Is the Wedding Barn warmed in the winter months?	<p>Yes – we have an 85 kilowatt heating system which pumps warm air into the Wedding Barn – this system is the same system used for marquees. We also have two additional back-up heaters.</p> <p>The Wheatsheaf Bar has a wood-burning stove which is used for winter months.</p>
What's the policy about dealing with 'merry stragglers' at the end!	<p>We ask that in advance the hirer nominates an adult + car who will remain responsible at the event, staying to the end, ensuring all persons have safely left the barn/curtilage (e.g. last guests collected by taxis/mini bus etc.).</p> <p>We close the electric gate when your function has ended and all guests have gone home so no guests can access after they have departed.</p>
Do you allow camping at the farm?	<p>We are not a camp site so don't really have camping facilities. There are several local campsites nearby.</p>
Can vehicles be left over-night?	<p>Yes, guests are welcome to leave their cars over-night at their own risk. CCTV operates throughout the premises to ensure security. If cars are left overnight, collection is needed before 11am the following day.</p>
Is there a smoking area?	<p>Guests are permitted to smoke externally and there is an undercover dedicated smoking area (no smoking either tobacco or vapour cigarettes 'e-cigs' are permitted within the buildings).</p>
What about if it rains?	<p>The buildings were designed so that they work just as well on a cold rainy day as they do on a clear sunny day. The Wedding Barn bar area provides ample space for your reception.</p> <p>As well as our main Wedding Barn, Wheatsheaf Bar is also perfect for a separate reception area if arriving from one of the local churches. The Wedding Barn is such a size that it can comfortably accommodate 250+ people. Wheatsheaf Barn has an awning which we use so you can still meet our animals even though it is raining.</p> <p>We also have our own tipi which is great as a wet weather shelter.</p>

Do you have disabled and baby change facilities?	Baby changing facilities are provided in both the Wedding Barn and Wheatsheaf Barn and we always have emergency nappies and wet wipes on hand!
Is there a quieter area for older guests to get away from the noise of the Band/ DJ?	During the evening entertainment the tipi can be used as a quiet area for older guests without them feeling excluded from the wedding party.
Is there an area that could be used as a crèche if needed?	Yes the Wheatsheaf Barn or tipi are quiet areas which we can be used.
Do you allow pets at your functions?	You can have one or two pets but they must be kept on a lead – we do not encourage dogs to roam freely around the farm or our internal areas.
Cleaning of the venue after your function...	At the start of the hire period we will provide you with a clean venue. At the end of the hire period please leave the venue reasonably clean, clear and tidy. We will thoroughly clean, but if cleaning is required in excess of what we consider to be normal for such a function we will invoice you for additional costs. You will also have to pay if any damage occurs or anything is stolen from the farm during your wedding. Everything is outlined in our Terms and Booking conditions.
What happens if it snows?	We are set up to cope with all weathers. For extreme weather like snow, we have our own snow plough and tractors. We have a grit bin, grit spreader and order a tonne of rock salt at the beginning of every winter season. The main road to the farm is on a bus route and is always gritted by the Council.
What time would last orders at the bar be and how long do guests have to vacate The Barn?	Normally last orders are 12:45am with music finishing at 1am if you think your guests can last up until then! Taxis do need to be ordered for before 1am as due to the rural location of The Farm they could take more than the usual 15 minutes to arrive.
Do you allow dogs to be present during your weddings?	We LOVE having dogs attend a couples' special day and we will always accommodate this whenever we can. On most occasions they will be brought up to The Farm just in time for the ceremony and then would be taken home shortly afterwards to allow you to enjoy the rest of your day.