

“Marriage in this country is the union of two people voluntarily entered into for life to the exclusion of all others.”

A number of scripts are available that you are free to use for your wedding. Feel free to choose a script. All that we ask is that you inform us of your choices at least two weeks ahead. You are welcome to combine elements of different scripts.

A wedding is made up of two main parts, these are the Declatory and Contracting words.

Declatory Words:

I do solemnly declare – that I know not – of any lawful impediment – why I.....may not be joined in marriage to.....

Contracting Words:

I call upon – these persons here present – to witness that I.....to take you.....to be my lawful wedded wife / Husband

The Declatory words declare your freedom to marry, the Contracting words to take each other as lawful married partners.

Equal Marriage

We are pleased to announce that from the 29 March 2014 marriage is open to all. Two men and two women can marry from this date.

At the end of this document is a helpful template should you wish to create your own script. All scripts must be approved by the Haringey Register Office at least two weeks before the ceremony date. If you need help and advice please call the team on 020 8489 2605.

The Alexandra

Good Morning / Afternoon ladies and gentleman and welcome to the for the marriage ofand.....

This place in which we are now met has been duly sanctioned according to law for the celebration of marriage. This ceremony will unite.....and.....in marriage. We are here to celebrate their union and to honour their commitment to each other. Today both couples will proclaim their love for one another. We celebrate with them and for them

If any person present knows of any lawful impediment to this marriage they should declare it now.

OPTION TO INSERT A READING POEM OR SONG

Marriage joins two people in the circle of its love. It is a commitment to life, the best that two people can find and bring out in each other. It offers opportunities for learning and growth that no other opportunity can equal. It is both a physical and emotional joining that is promised for a lifetime. Happiness is fuller, memories are fresher and commitment is deeper. Marriage understands and forgives the mistakes that life is unable to avoid. When two people pledge their love and care for each other within a marriage they create a spirit which binds them closer than any spoken or written words. Marriage is a promise written in the hearts of two people who love each other and it takes a lifetime to fulfil.

OPTION TO INSERT A READING POEM OR SONG

COUPLE TO STAND

The purpose of marriage is that you always love, care for and support each other through both the joys and sorrows of life. Today you will exchange vows of marriage which will unite you as husband / husband and wife / wife. These vows are a promise of a lifelong commitment giving your families and friends the opportunity to meet together in celebration of your happiness, imparting their own message of love and support.

Before you are both joined together in marriage it is my duty to remind you of the solemn and binding character of the vows you are about to make. Marriage in this country is the union of two people voluntarily entered into for life to the exclusion of all others.

I am now going to ask you each in turn to declare that you know of no legal reason why you may not be joined together in marriage.

OPTION TO INSERT A READING POEM OR SONG

Partner 1

I do solemnly declare – that I know not – of any lawful impediment – why I.....may not be joined in marriage to.....

Partner 2

I do solemnly declare – that I know not – of any lawful impediment – why I.....may not be joined in marriage to.....

.....and.....you have invited your guest here today to receive their encouragement and support and to celebrate with you at this special time.

I ask you now;

To partner 1

.....do you take.....to be your lawful wedded wife / husband, to be loving, faithful and loyal to her / him for the rest of your life together?

To partner 2

.....do you take.....to be your lawful wedded wife / husband, to be loving, faithful and loyal to her / him for the rest of your life together?

Now we move on to the formal vows of marriage

OPTION TO INSERT A READING POEM OR SONG

COUPLE TO FACE EACH OTHER

GUESTS STAND

Partner 1: I call upon – these persons here present – to witness that I.....to take you.....to be my lawful wedded wife / Husband – to love and to cherish – from this day forward.

Partner 2: I call upon – these persons here present – to witness that I.....to take you.....to be my lawful wedded wife / husband – to love and to cherish – from this day forward.

OPTION TO INSERT A READING POEM OR SONG

EXCHANGE OF RINGS

The exchanging of rings is the traditional way of sealing the contract that you have just made. It is an unbroken circle, symbolising unending and everlasting love and is the outward sign of the lifelong promise that you have just made to each other.

PERSON TO COME FORWARD WITH RINGS

Partner 1: I give you this ring – as a symbol of our love – All that I am I give to you – all that I have I share with you. I promise to love you – to be faithful and loyal – in good times and bad – may this ring remind your always - of the words we have spoken today.

Partner 2: I give you this ring – as a symbol of our love – All that I am I give to you – all that I have I share with you. I promise to love you – to be faithful and loyal – in good times and bad – may this ring remind your always - of the words we have spoken today.

Today is a new beginning. May you have many happy years together and in those years may all your hopes and dreams be fulfilled. Above all, may you always believe in each other and may the warmth of your love enrich not only your lives but the lives of all those around you.

It now gives me great pleasure to tell you both that you are now legally Husband / Husband and Wife / Wife. Congratulations.

The High Cross

Good Morning / Afternoon ladies and gentleman and welcome to the My name is and we are joined by who will be registering this ceremony for the future. We are all here today for the marriage of and

I must first of all tell you that this room in which we are now met has been duly sanctioned according to the law for the celebration of marriage, you are here to witness the joining in matrimony of.....and.....

If any person present knows of any lawful impediment to this marriage you should declare it now.

OPTION TO INSERT A READING POEM OR SONG

COUPLE TO STAND

Before you are joined together in marriage it is my duty to remind you of the solemn and binding character of the vows you are about to make.

Marriage in this country is the union of two people, voluntarily entered into for life, to the exclusions of all others.

I am going to ask you each in turn to declare that you know of no legal reason why you may not be joined in marriage.

Partner 1 to repeat: I do solemnly declare – that I know not – of any lawful impediment – why I.....may not be joined in marriage to.....

Partner 2 to repeat: I do solemnly declare – that I know not – of any lawful impediment – why I.....may not be joined in marriage to.....

OPTION TO INSERT A READING POEM OR SONG

GUESTS TO STAND

Exchange of Rings

Partner 1 to repeat: I call upon – these persons here present – to witness that I.....do take you.....to be my lawful wedded wife / husband.

Partner 2 to repeat: I call upon – these persons here present – to witness that I.....do take you.....to be my lawful wedded wife / husband.

.....and.....have both made the declarations required by the law of this country they have chosen to exchange rings as a token of the marriage vows, it is now my pleasure to tell you that you are now legally husband / husband and wife / wife.

The Markfield

Good Morning / Afternoon Ladies and Gentleman and welcome to the for the marriage of and

My name is and I am the **title of speaker** for the London Borough of Haringey and with me is the Registrar who will be recording the proceedings for the future.

I must first of all mention that this place that we have now met has been duly sanctioned according to law for the celebration of marriages and if any person present knows of any legal reason why these two people should not be joined in matrimony they should declare it now.

OPTION TO INSERT A READING POEM OR SONG ASK THE BRIDE / BRIDE AND GROOM / GROOM TO STAND

Partner 1

Will you take To be your lawful wedded wife / husband, to be loving, faithful and loyal to her / him for the rest of your married life together?

GROOM REPLIES "I will"

Partner 2

Will you take To be your lawful wedded wife / husband, to be loving, faithful and loyal to her / him for the rest of your married life together?

BRIDE REPLIES "I will"

OPTION TO INSERT A READING POEM OR SONG

Before you are joined in matrimony it is my duty to remind you of the solemn and binding character of the vows you are about to make. Marriage in this country is the union of two people voluntarily entered into for life to the exclusion of all others.

Today you will exchange vows which will unite you as husband / husband and wife / wife. The words are a formal and public pledge of your love, and a promise of life long dedication to each other. The purpose of marriage is that you may always love, care for and support one another through both the difficulties and the joys that life may bring, and that your love will foster a relationship of permanent and continuing commitment.

OPTION TO INSERT A READING POEM OR SONG

I am now going to ask you to make a declaration that you know of no legal reason why you should not marry

To Partner 1 (please repeat after me)

I do solemnly declare that I know not of any lawful impediment why I
..... may not be joined in matrimony to

To Partner 2 (please repeat after me)

I do solemnly declare that I know not of any lawful impediment why I
..... may not be joined in matrimony to

**OPTION TO INSERT A READING POEM OR SONG
ALL STAND**

OPTION 1 NO RINGS

Partner 1 (please repeat after me)

I call upon these persons here present, to witness that I do
take thee to be my lawful wedded wife / husband. to be loving,
faithful and loyal to thee in living our married life together.

Partner 2 (please repeat after me)

I call upon these persons here present, to witness that I do
take thee to be my lawful wedded wife / husband, to be loving,
faithful and loyal to thee in living our married life together.

OPTION TO INSERT A READING POEM OR SONG

OPTION 2 WITH RINGS The giving of a Ring (optional)

The giving of a band signifies the promise of love that is everlasting and is a public affirmation that
the contract between and will be
honoured.

PARTNER 1 (take the ring and place it on the brides finger) and repeat after me.

I give you this ring as a token of our married life together, and I call upon these persons, here
present, to witness that I do take thee
..... to be my lawful wedded wife / husband, to be loving, faithful and
loyal to thee in living our married life together.

PARTNER 2 (take the ring and place it on the grooms finger) and repeat after me.

I give you this ring as a token of our married life together, and I call upon these persons, here
present, to witness that I do take thee
..... to be my lawful wedded wife / husband, to be loving, faithful and
loyal to thee in living our married life together.

..... and you have made the declaration
prescribed by law and have made a solemn and binding contract with each other in the presence

of your witnesses friends and family and on behalf of and myself, I am happy to pronounce your husband / husband and wife / wife.

CONGRATULATIONS!!! Ladies and Gentlemen this is the conclusion of the marriage ceremony. Will you please be seated for the signing of the Register.

Wedding Template

You may use this template as the basis for planning your own ceremony. All words in italics must feature in your ceremony and must follow in the order as set out below. Your ceremony must not have any religious content and must be able to be conducted including any poems, readings or songs within a maximum 40 minute time frame. Please note that all scripts must be approved by the Superintendent Registrar or his Deputies at least two weeks before a ceremony. Scripts can be emailed to registrars@haringey.gov.uk for clearance. If you are unsure of anything please call us as soon as possible on 020 8489 2605 for further assistance.

Insert Introduction here which must include the full names of the couple. Your introduction could include the venue, something about the couple or a welcome to guests.

I must first of all mention that this place that we have now met has been duly sanctioned according to law for the celebration of marriages and if any person present knows of any legal reason why these two people should not be joined in matrimony they should declare it now.

OPTION TO INSERT POEM READING OR SONG HERE

COUPLE TO STAND

Before you are joined in matrimony it is my duty to remind you of the solemn and binding character of the vows you are about to make. Marriage in this country is the union of two people voluntarily entered into for life to the exclusion of all others.

You could add here lines like, “will you take me to be your lawful wedded wife / wife – husband / husband” You could also add words of love or special vows here.

OPTION TO INSERT POEM READING OR SONG HERE

PARTNER 1 WORDS

I do solemnly declare that I know not of any lawful impediment why I
..... may not be joined in matrimony to

PARTNER 2 WORDS

I do solemnly declare that I know not of any lawful impediment why I
..... may not be joined in matrimony to

OPTION TO INSERT POEM READING OR SONG HERE

GUESTS TO STAND

Option to blend in your own words before or after the lines in italics below:

Partner 1 to repeat: I call upon – these persons here present – to witness that I.....do take you.....to be my lawful wedded wife / husband.

Partner 2 to repeat: I call upon – these persons here present – to witness that I.....do take you.....to be my lawful wedded wife / husband

You could add words to exchange rings or other gifts to the words above or have a separate exchange of rings section. Please note there is no legal requirement to exchange rings or gifts.

OPTION TO INSERT POEM READING OR SONG HERE

Insert words to declare you husband / husband and wife / wife here

SIGNING OF REGISTER