



THE BARN AT DROVERS...

**A SNEAKY PEEK OF WHAT WEDDINGS
AT DROVERS ARE ALL ABOUT**



FOR COOL WEDDINGS IN THE STICKS



Welcome

So you've engaged. Wicked!! Now let's start the exciting journey of planning your wedding. We host Epic weddings for up to 120. And up to 150 for the evening

We have learnt a thing or two about planning weddings and work closely with all our couples to personalise your special day here at Drovers ensuring you make the most of all the special hidden spots on the Farm which will be exclusively yours (yes 40 acres of farm, fields and forest!!) for your wedding here with us. No two weddings are the same.

There's a reason why we have a cheeky black sheep in our logo. We are the "black sheep of weddings", that are a little bit different. Where we can help the couple make it their own. We love to buck the status quo and to ask why not so we can do things differently.

We hope you fall madly in love with Drovers. We are a family run, relaxed wedding venue on a magical 16th century, organic estate with contemporary spaces, so if a ranch, festival or boho style wedding is your kinda vibe, an early viewing is highly recommended as we only hold a limited number of weddings a year.

We are brand new but have already been featured in 5 of the UK's biggest wedding blogs, Festival Brides, Rock My Wedding, Magpie Weddings and Coco Weddings. Check them out on our website.

Viewings are a must, most couples are blown away when they visit. Seeing the setting, the landscape, the accommodation, the barns and the animals (did we say we have alpacas!!) will inspire you to dream of what could be ..with your wedding here at Drovers on our farm. We are called Drovers Rest or The Barn At Drovers interchangeably. Check out videos, photos, wedding blogs on our website or follow us on instagram by scanning QR codes



"So what are you waiting for..Gather your friends and family and celebrate your wedding in the great british outdoors, here at Drovers. Get back to nature and sleep under the stars, at our family run, organic farm, in Hay on Wye. Nestled at the foot hills of the Welsh Black Mountains, in Herefordshire, on the border of Wales. Enjoy home grown wild feasts, cooked fresh on open fires. Roam freely on our 40 acres of farm, fields and forest, yours exclusively for your wedding celebration here with us."



Much Love Paul & Kesri (owners)

I love you




Why Choose Drovers



01

IT'S DIFFERENT

"a truly magical hidden gem" "we were looking for a venue that was different that reflected who we were as a couple and where we could celebrate our way" Like the black sheep in our logo, It's your day. No rules. No two weddings are the same. We work with you to make your dream wedding a reality. Family run means we care that much more.





02

FIRE COOKED FEASTS

"oh my god the wild feasts cooked on the fires were insane. Our guests said hands down the best wedding food ever"

Wild feasts cooked on open Fires. Using home grown or local produce that is seasonal. We also pride ourselves on being green and eco friendly reducing your wedding footprint



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THE FARM & SPACES

"as soon as we visited we were sold, the 16th century farm exudes charm and all the rustic vibes that we were looking for and they have so many amazing indoor and outdoor spaces to choose from, including barns and woodland"

Exclusive use of 40 acres of farm fields and forest for your wedding. We are proudly not a wedding factory and much care is taken over each of our ltd number of weddings.

Plenty is included
2 stunning Barns, joined by a courtyard. Cool outdoor spaces including woodland. Fire pits. Tables, Chairs, Benches, Straw bales. Food Prices include crockery, cutlery, staffing. Bar prices include glassware, refrigeration, wash up, staffing. If you are planning an outdoor wedding no stress as if it rains there are 2 barns as back up.


Included is also our help in setting up your spaces. No hidden costs that crop up at the end



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FAMILY RUN

"I didn't realise what family run meant, but getting married here, it all felt so personal, we certainly felt supported and well cared for throughout "



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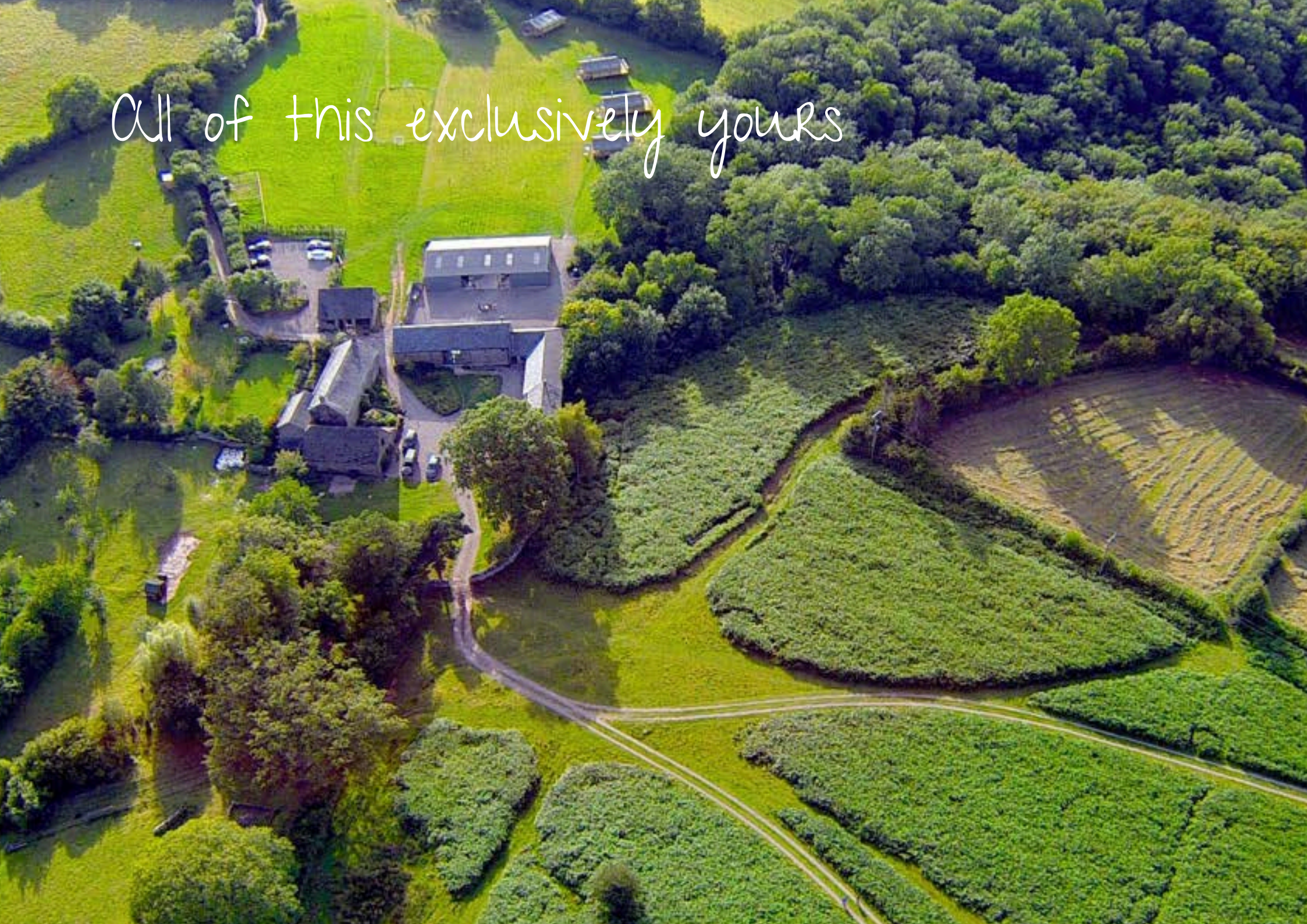
ONSITE ACCOMMODATION

"so wonderful for our guests to be able to stay onsite and fully enjoy the festivities with us, made our wedding so much more relaxed"

Lush On site Accommodation in posh glamping/stone cottages for 36 of your guests. Further bell tent village can be added for an additional 40 guests in the spring/summer. This is what most couples love as not only is the venue stunning your guests can stay, let their hair down and party!!



All of this exclusively yours



The Spaces



The Posh BARN

Is a gorgeous old Threshing Barn that until recently we were lambing in! It's been converted to be an amazing space to use for your celebration. With an industrial type of vibe going on, It's polished concrete floors, stunning lighting, (made from old olive bucket colanders) and corrugated iron ceilings (which give a nod to its agricultural roots), is a cool quirky space which has won awards and been featured in interior magazines for it's cool style. Underneath there is clever insulation and underfloor heating to ensure no matter the season everyone will be warm and toasty or cool and breezy.

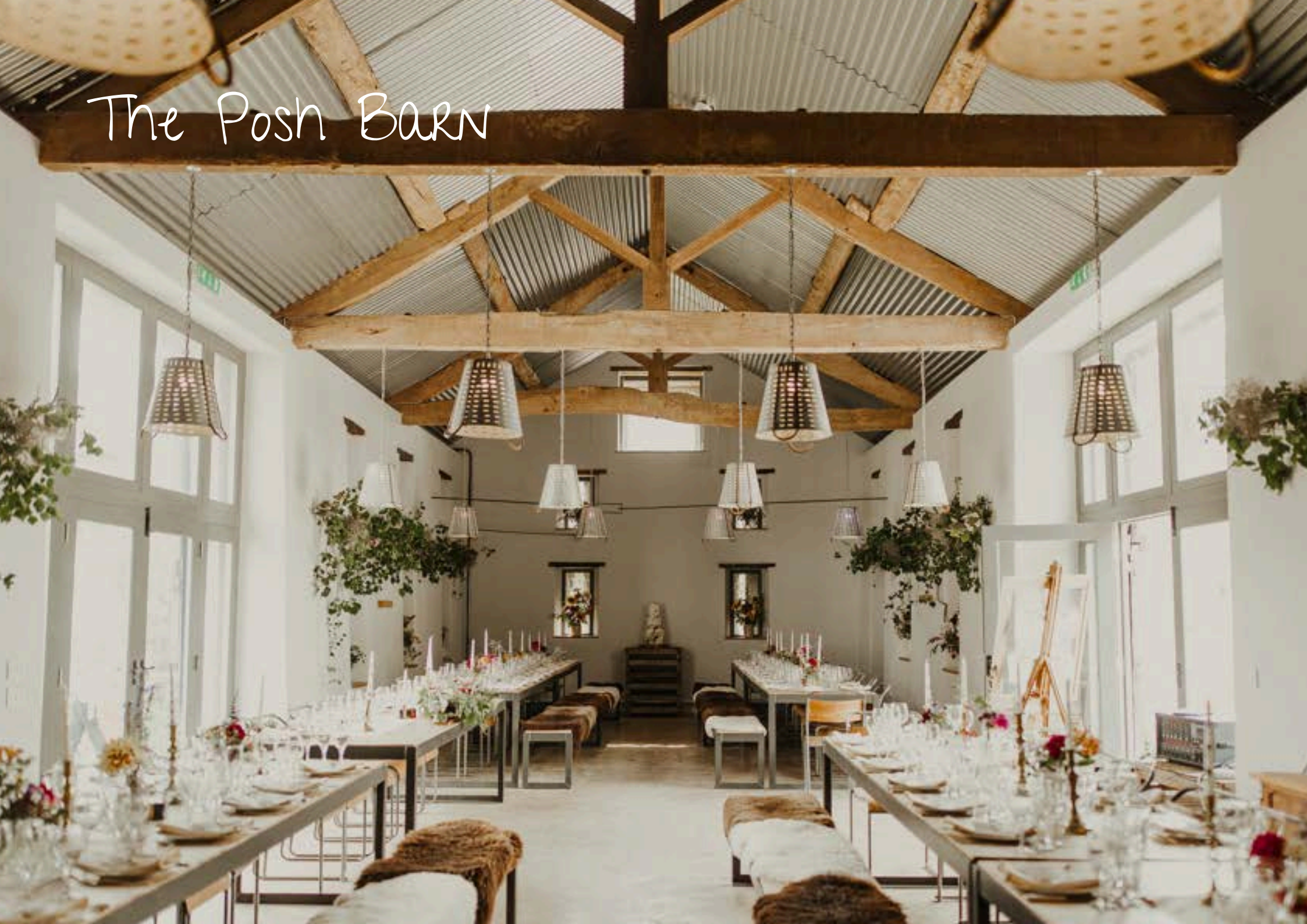
The stunning rectangular tables, and cross-back chairs will seat your guests. The Barn seats up to 120 guests at long feasting tables. The Barn is 18.5m x 6m (111 square meters) with massive floor to ceiling windows located smack in the middle, both to the front and back of the barn. This brings in gorgeous natural light. The front of the barn overlooks lush gardens, the farm courtyard, and the pond (you may need to shoo the alpacas away as they want to be in on the photos !) backing onto a 150 acre common. Land as far as the eye can see. The two 2 barns are joined by a stoned courtyard



The Posh Barn



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The Rustic BARN

A space that has been developed in the agricultural tin barn. The outside is clad with corrugated iron and the inside is clad with wood from old potato boxes. Chairs or strawbales can be used in this barn. Most couples have used it for their ceremony then changed around for their dance. It's perfect with a live band or DJ. Dining can also happen in this barn for couples who prefer the more rustic vibe. Whatever you choose we will help you bring it to life.

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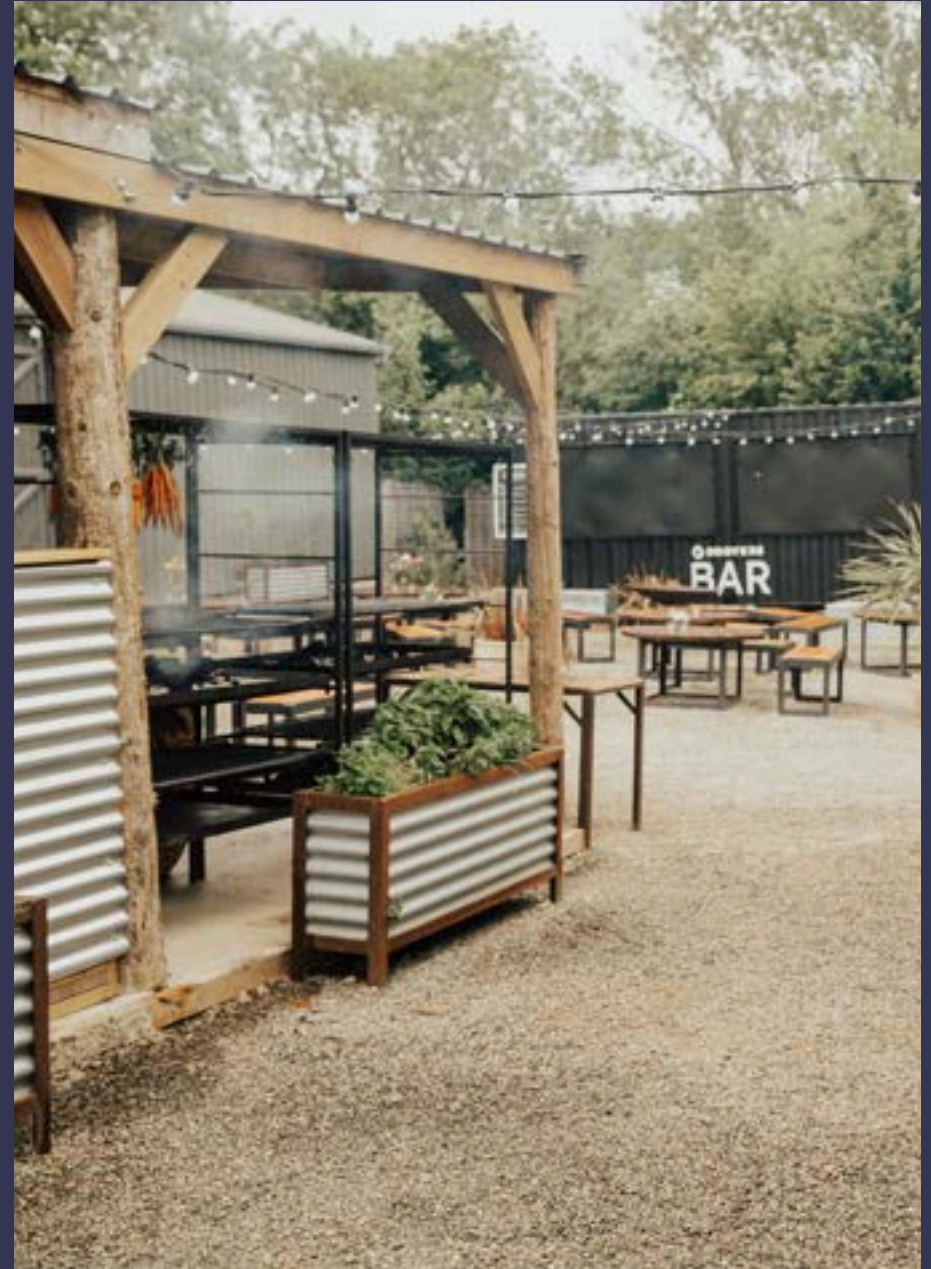
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The Courtyard

The Courtyard is a great space that joins both the barns together. It has a cool bar area as well as our outdoor fire kitchen and festoon lighting overhead adds a festival kinda vibe. Fire pits and informal seating or straw bales can be put together to create a chill-out zone. Or our round tables and benches create a cocktail, canapé type of vibe. The opportunities are endless



The Courtyard



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The Adjoining Courtyard



The Outdoor Spaces

There are also amazing outdoor spaces for the bridal couple who are wild at heart and are dreaming of an outdoor wedding.

We can set up your ceremony in a field, on a hill, beside the pond or in our woodland. Literally anywhere that takes your fancy. We have farm, fields and forests.

If you are into more religious ceremonies you will be pleased to note that our land is blessed. Our front room used to be a church back in the day and then a chapel was built on the land. The stones are all that remain today but perhaps one day we will rebuild it. If you are into Pagan ceremonies, the apple orchard was used for Pagan wedding ceremonies during the apple harvest! How cool is that.. We can also introduce you to the local vicars if you would love to marry in an actual church and have your reception on the farm

Viewing is highly recommended to plan, dream and to make the most of this gorgeous farm exclusively yours for the weekend. Or even better why not come and stay to truly absorb the venue and feel the magic 1st hand.



Dog Friendly

Farm, Fields and Forest



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Here is a map of the farm that shows all 40 acres so you can have a good idea of the different areas you can use during your wedding celebration here with us. We also back onto a 150 acre common called Little Mountain. A truly stunning setting making your celebration even more memorable .



Feasts

We are known for our feasts. We are South African and love nothing better than cooking on open fires.

We are passionate about food grown the proper way, so all our ingredients are seasonal, naturally grown, here on our farm or locally sourced, freshly prepared in our outdoor kitchen. We aim to also limit our food miles and waste. Making your wedding footprint even greener.

Our food is DEEELICIOUS. Your guest's mouths will be watering as they see the food being cooked on the fires throughout the morning or during the drinks reception. Served at long feasting tables fully loaded sharing platters are served. Buffets can be arranged if you want a more informal vibe.

A more detailed menu and pricing is available upon request. We also create bespoke menus at the same cost.



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Accommodation

Cottages

We have 3 recently refurbished stone cottages. The Shepherds Shack has 2 double ensuite bedrooms, The CartHouse has a double and a twin room with a shared large bathroom. Drovers Cottage has two ensuite bedrooms and has a superking 4 poster bed in the main bedroom.

Bridal Parties prefer to book the cottages for the bridal party. And most Couples spend their wedding night in the Drovers Cottage with the 4 post superking bedroom and awesome views.

These sleep 12

Glamping

Your guests can stay on-site in one of our 6 luxurious safari tents. They are large canvas cottages with 2 separate bedrooms. A double bed in the main bedroom and twin beds in the 2nd bedroom will ensure your guests sleep in comfort. Wood burners and electric blankets guarantee its warm and toasty no matter the weather. Each tent has its own private bathroom in the stable block with underfloor heating and monsoon rain showers. These sleep 24

Should you require more accommodation we can put up a bell tent village complete with beds and their own showers in cool converted shepherd huts in our wild flower meadow. These can sleep an extra 20-40 and have electricity.

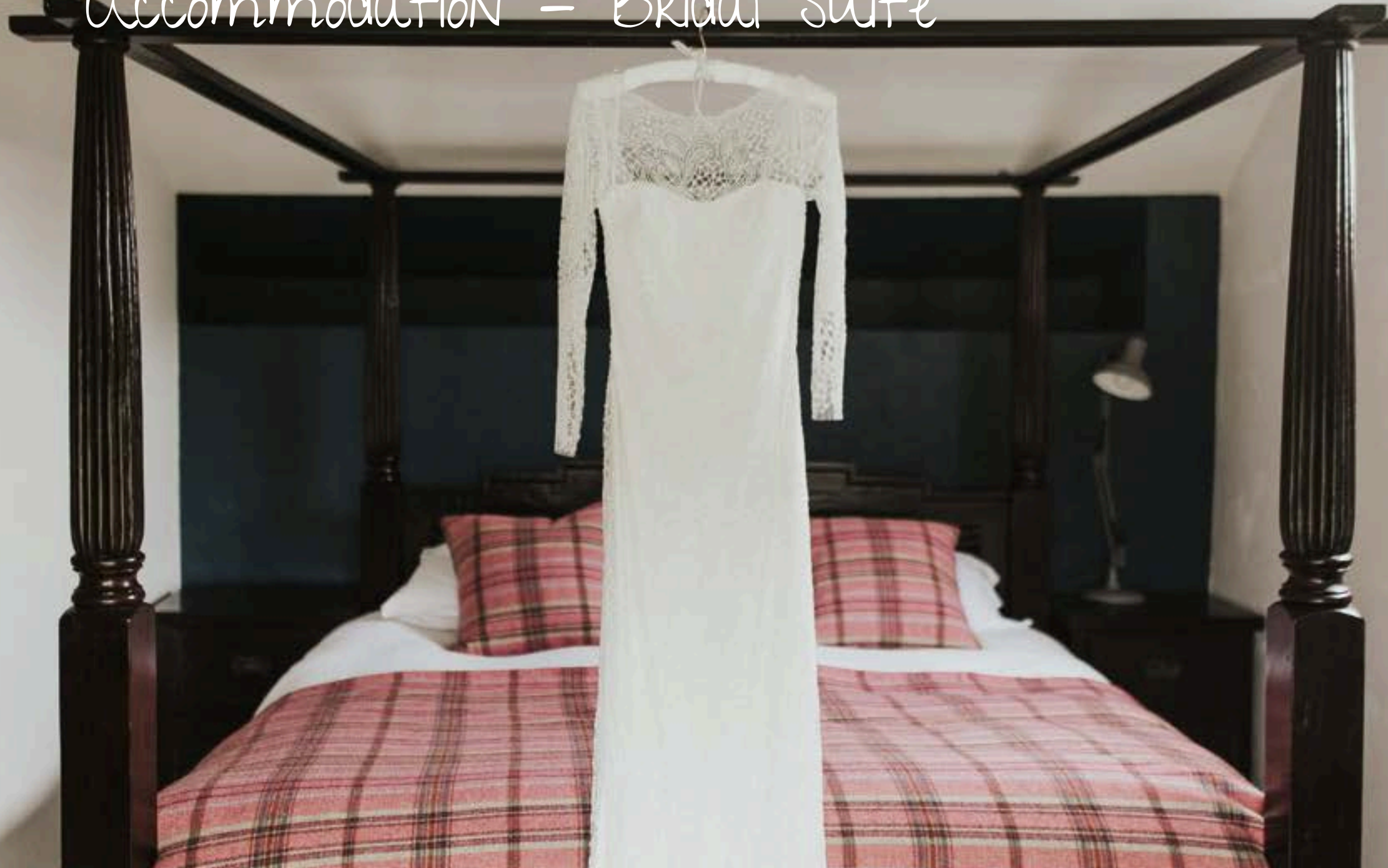
Glamping definately adds that festival kinda vibe to your wedding.



Accommodation – Cottages



Accommodation – Bridal Suite



Accommodation – Super Posh Glamping



The Drovers Ethos

weddings are some of what we do, here's a little bit to tell you what makes us tick

01

For the Love of People

We love people and this shows in our interaction with guests. So be prepared to feel more like extended family rather than paying guests.

02

For the Love of Food

We are foodies at heart. We love using our home grown and foraged food....cooking, baking, making jams, relishes, sloe gin, elderflower cordial etc for our larder and for our guests too.

03

Magical Gatherings

We believe in the magic that happens when people gather. All our spaces and events are geared towards magical group gatherings

04

Enjoy the Great British Outdoors

We are proud of our Farm, our animals and our Local Area and want to show it off to you. There are 40 acres of farm, woodland, meadows and orchards the farm has a bubbling brook running through. We back onto a 150 acre common called Little Mountain where our animals have grazing rights - it's great for walking and wildlife spotting too. There's a huge badger sett nearby and you'll often see badgers at night. There's lots of bird life on the farm due to the wild life corridors around our fields, so you're bound to wake up with birdsong in your ear. The bat boxes encourage bats to breed and you'll hear the hoots of the resident owls and no doubt see the buzzard fly low over your car as you drive up the leafy lane to us. Did we mention all our gorgeous farm animals that mooch about on the Farm. You will fall in love! So feel free to roam the land

05

Food Grown the Proper Way

How the food is grown is one of our great passions. We don't want any baddies in our food so we farm organically no artificial pesticides, fertilizers or hormone injections for our animals. The animals have the best life possible, free ranging on the farm. Here we pride ourselves on Food that is grown the proper way.

Testimonials

An utterly exceptional wedding venue. It wasn't the closest venue to us, but as soon as our guests arrived they understood why ..the venue is pure magic

I can't thank the team at Drovers enough for their support, not only on the day but in the year and a half leading up to the event. Their openness and flexibility in how we could use their beautiful grounds was wonderful. We chose to have our ceremony in a place (I believe) they'd never had one before, in a small clearing within the rewilding area of the farm. We had a vision, and Kes and Paul certainly had the faith that we could bring it to life - and the result was nothing short of magical. Vintage rugs down the aisle, flower garlands up and around the trees, crystals hanging from branches. It was everything we could have imagined - and more! Other venues may have insisted we stick to cookie cutter solutions for the day, but Drovers is all about letting you run wild with your creativity, using their venue as a beautiful blank canvas and making it feel as unique to you as a couple as possible. The amount of people that said to me on the day "this feels so you and Jamie" was amazing, as that's exactly what we had wanted.

Lou & Jamie (Bridal Couple)

I wanted to say the biggest possible thank you to you and Paul for the most wonderful, magical weekend. Drovers was absolutely the perfect venue for Ben and Suziey's wedding - the setting, the accommodation and everything about the farm is wonderful and the food throughout the weekend was out of this world! You and your crew were fantastic and you all worked so so hard to make it magical!

Alison (Mum of the Bride)

We got married at Drovers Rest in September having come across the venue on Instagram. We loved the venue, what it offered and after a Video call with Kesri, one of the owners, we booked without even visiting! We felt so confident in what we were getting and it did not disappoint. It was everything we wanted our for wedding and more. It is the most amazing venue. With amazing views, the cutest animals and great accommodation. We are foodies and our biggest thing was to have great food and lots of it - we certainly got that! The food is outstanding all our guests commented on the food being the best they had ever had. All cooked fresh on the fires. From our initial call with Kesri and then meeting Paul they were very relaxed and helpful with all of our queries. The staff throughout the weekend couldn't have been more helpful. We wish we could do it all again and look forward to coming back to visit. I would recommend this venue to anyone wanting a relaxed weekend wedding with lots of delicious food and drink and a place to make your own!

Mark and Polly-Ann (Bridal Couple)



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