

# Ystywyth Garden Nursery



~ Wedding & Reception Brochure ~



# Croeso ~ Welcome



Thank you deeply for requesting or downloading our wedding and reception brochure! We hope it will answer most of your pressing questions and provide a good representation of what we can do to help you have a wonderful day with us.

We have a very humble set-up here in the mountains, catering specifically for couples looking for a relaxed, woodsy, rustic, natural and earthy vibe for their special day. Our clients are the hippies, the bohemians, the nature-lovers, the spiritualists, the environmentalists, the members of the LGBTQ+ community, the DIYers, the folks who don't fit into neat little boxes (like us)... and of course, those who believe it's not necessary to spend a fortune or get into major debt for a single day - despite how special and important a day it is.

We believe it's our Dharma to offer up our little patch of paradise for the joyful celebration of couples coming together, to afford them the wedding or reception they want, and at a price they are in complete control over. The world is crazy enough these days without all the extra zeros added to anything that has the word "wedding" attached to it, do you agree?

We are not a licensed venue, so you cannot get legally married here. However many people these days are opting for a simple registry service, followed by a celebrant-led ceremony and/or reception that is designed entirely around their wishes and belief system (or lack thereof). With the rise of eco-friendly weddings and events, we are uniquely placed here to offer a truly off-grid experience on land that is entirely organically managed.

As a working plant nursery we have a full docket over the summer months, but our little patch of paradise here in the mountains has far too much magic in the earth to be just a plant nursery. When we took the land over, we had visions of creating a wedding venue the likes of which we'd have loved for ourselves way back when we married in 2007. But, learning to run a plant nursery (off-grid no less!) took priority and our first few years were consumed by that.

Now, we are in the process of reimagining our space to enable these life-changing, magical moments to be held here, and to offer the most eco-friendly, customisable and enjoyable experience for our guests possible.

We would be absolutely delighted to host your day of love and celebration.



# Your Wedding Vibe



Maybe you want a Festival wedding? Great! We can accommodate that on a small scale. Or a Woodland Fairy wedding? We think the Fae here would love to help make your day extra special (don't worry, we'll have words about not being too tricky with people's belongings ;)

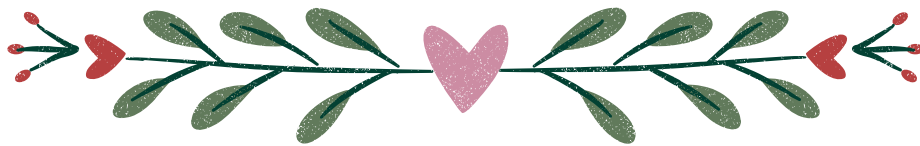
If you want just a simple humanist ceremony and a few haybales to lounge around on while your friends play guitar and tell jokes, that's wonderful too!

And if you need a broom to jump over for your Handfasting, we have a few laying around...

Hands-down, the most important thing for us is that you get exactly what you want at a price you are happy with, and we'll do as much or as little as you need to assist with that.

As a family run business, and as a couple who have been together since our teens, we believe in the sacred bond that is created through the ritual of uniting two souls in a witnessed gathering. We'd be honoured to play a small part in that moment in your lives together.

We hope you like what we have to offer and that you will be in touch soon to book your visit and discuss your wishes for your special day. Above all, keep in mind that everything we offer is fully customisable to your desires within the limits of our abilities and infrastructure here. So never feel you can't ask a question, no matter how silly or outlandish you feel it may be. In our book, the only silly question is the one you didn't ask. If we can help you make it happen, we will!



*"The event space is a great size, suitable for a huge marquee (or multiple smaller ones) but would also not feel overwhelming with a smaller wedding like ours. The views around are incredible and the site is so peaceful, the perfect place to celebrate with your loved ones. There's loads of space for cars and the ability to adapt how you use the different areas of the site to suit however you want the day to run."*

*Tam and Paul have been so helpful with helping us source vendors, find accommodation for guests and brainstorm ideas. They're very responsive to our ideas and more than happy to adapt and help out however we could need them to. We're so excited to celebrate our wedding at such a brilliant venue."*

~ Adam & Caitlin, January '25



# The Land



We are about 15 miles outside of Aberystwyth, a roughly 40-minute drive through some of the most beautiful scenery on the West coast. At the end of this brochure you will find information on how to find us.

We are a stone's throw from the stunning and famous Devil's Bridge, and in the list of Resources you can see some of the suggested BnB's and camping sites within easy reach of us should you or any of your guests require local accommodation.

When you arrive at our gates, the first sight you will see is our large car park and our main growing tunnel. We have space for up to 30 cars (and probably a few camper vans that are self-sufficient for power and sanitation).

The long driveway down the right side of the poly tunnel (bordering the neighbouring Christmas tree farm) provides access to a back car park, and is a great out-of-the-way but easy-access space for your catering service vehicles if you employ any.

There is a large, level lawned area just beyond the car park fence in front of the large poly tunnel, which can accommodate a marquee (or 3, or 6), which are essential because here in Wales you just never can guarantee you will have the weather you want. But it's a trade-off we feel is a worthy one, to have such gorgeous surroundings nestled in these ancient and magical hills.





While there is much more to be added to the land over the next couple of years, including a woodland ceremony area and access to Dragonfly Lake for photography, currently the above is what is available to hire at this time.

A note about safety:

We have rugged terrain here! There are some nice level areas such as the front lawn, but much of the land is rocky, uneven and often muddy - and most of the back of our land is peat bog around the lake and behind it.

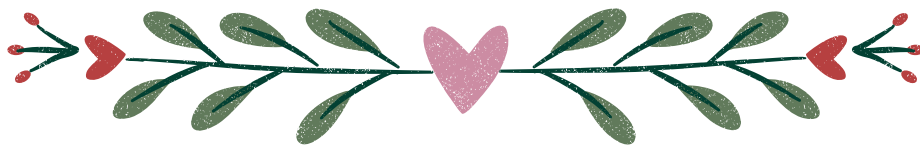
We highly recommend that you think carefully about footwear, as the best contender for your day may well be welly boots! At the very least, it's safe to say that kitten heels would likely not be a good choice, and though we are working hard to make the essential areas disability-friendly, that's something to consider as well and we can chat about that when we discuss your requirements and how you may be set up here.

Another reason we mention footwear is that weddings have a fair amount of drinking going on with the celebrations, and it wouldn't be nice for a guest to hurt themselves, especially as the evening draws in and it starts to get dark (it gets VERY dark here - hence the multitudes of fairy lights we have available to put up everywhere).

Having said all that, we can source outdoor event carpeting if this is of interest to you, which could make your marquee floor and the main pathways to the toilets etc that much safer. Kitten heels would still not be advisable, especially if we've had wet weather and the ground is soft underneath, but you may at least get away with low blocky-heeled sandals.

We also state in our listings that no children under 12 are allowed - this is not only for the above reasons, but also because we have bodies of open water (the lake and the stream that runs down the left side of the land) as well as dense scrubby areas that are not safe for young children.

We are fully ensured to run events but we would much rather your day goes without any unpleasant surprises, so do take these factors into consideration and let us know if you have any additional concerns or questions in this area.





# Off-Grid Considerations



While being off-grid is our biggest USP (Unique Selling Point), it is also our biggest limitation! We have a solar system, small wind turbine, and a petrol generator that powers us, and unfortunately it means that our capacity to power an event is limited accordingly.

However, there are now so many low-power, battery and solar powered options for things like fairy lights and sound systems, that while we may not be able to power the catering team (mobile caterers often have their own power/gas anyway), we can certainly provide enough power to create a magical evening with music and soft lighting.

In the Resources document you will receive upon placing a deposit with us, you will find the list of caterers and other for-hire services we have found that would be good candidates for you to make contact with for quotes. In this list is a silent generator hire company that could be engaged to supply additional power for anything you need that we cannot accommodate.

As it will all come down to you and what you would like to have on your special day, not to mention your budget, these specifics are best discussed once we have a better understanding of your requirements. But we will always aim to help you create the most amazing experience in the most cost-effective way possible.

## Available Facilities

### Wifi

We offer free wifi on the day, however we do encourage you and your guests to make the most of being out in nature and giving the phones a break as much as possible ;)

### Container Bar

Our Container Bar is situated in the Tea Garden next to the back car park and can be made available for us to serve drinks to you and your guests on the day, either as a waited service or as an order-at-the-bar service. This bar is not available for self-service as it houses the solar and power systems. More information on this can be found in our “Additional Services” document.



## “Outdoor Bar”

We have an awesome DIY’ed “outdoor bar” made from a large garden chest carefully insulated with silver bubble-wrap that can be moved anywhere to best suit your day. When filled with bags of ice, the chest stays cold enough that the ice isn’t even completely melted the next morning with no power required! This makes for an easy a self-supplied bar that allows you to provide the drinks and serve yourselves, so you are in total control over what you and your guests want to drink and how much you want to spend.

## Portaloos

Included in the hire fee, we bring in toilets from a very local company that provides ecologically managed toilets in the form of a standard portalo, and also a disabled portalo. As our first wedding couple required a disabled toilet for the grandfather of the bride, she since told us that it was crucial to have the larger space with a big dress on! Henceforth, we always hire one in addition now, as it ticks so many boxes.

## Carnival Games

Well there are those moments when you just need something entertaining for your guests, and however you decide to run them (with or without prizes, or as drinking games, or even just on a points system), you are welcome to hire our Hook-a-Duck, Nerf Gallery, Beanbag Toss or Plinko Board games with a small hire fee. See the Quote Generator form for pricing.





# The Details



## So... What's Covered in the Basic Hire Fee?

The Basic Hire fee (£1200 for a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday wedding; £1500 for a Friday, Saturday or Sunday wedding) covers the essential aspects of your day:

- Use of the land for 3 days (set-up day, day of wedding, and take-down day)
- Closure of the nursery on the day of the wedding so you have exclusive use of the land
- Use of the marquees available (refundable deposit is required)
- Toilet hire
- Ready-done list of resources for all your needs from catering to live music to photography available locally and that will work for our site here.
- Fairy lights ~ we have a fairly large collection of battery / USB powered and solar lights to decorate your event with, but of course you may bring as many more as you would like.

## What Will You Need to Supply?

At the time of writing you will need to source the following for yourselves:

- Tables & chairs / seating (eg hay bales)
- Dinnerware & glassware (if you choose disposable please ensure you read our terms and conditions regarding this)
- Linens (we have white table cloths and chair covers available, see the Quote Generator form)
- Catering
- Music
- Decorations
- Anything else you require or would like to have

## Additional Services

Need some help? We offer additional services that may be of interest to you, full details of which can be seen in our “Additional Services” document. Here’s a quick snap-shot of what we can provide :



## Fresh Decorations / Floristry

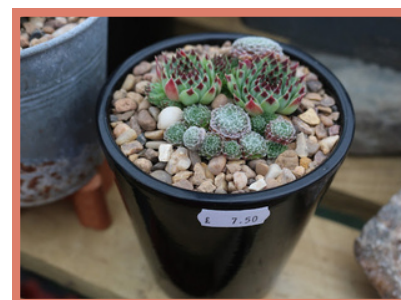
We have plenty of greenery here on the land, including some wildflowers and grasses to harvest from over the summer months. Alongside that we are actively expanding our cut flower patch but we are happy to source specific blooms you particularly want, or just to ensure we meet the brief on your colour palette.

We offer bridal bouquets, bridesmaids posies, groomsmen's pocket boutonnières, and jam-jar table posies, but we are also happy to quote for additional items such as chair or table garlands, isle flowers and small scale floral arches or garlands for the ceremony.



## Living Favours

We love plants (in case you didn't guess, lol) and we think they make wonderful gifts. Why not consider small potted plants like our mini alpine gardens as wedding favours? Perennial plants like succulents, bulbs, flowering plants and tree seedlings all make wonderful gifts that can be potted on or planted out into the garden when they outgrow their containers as a lasting reminder of your special day.



## Bar Service

Whether you want a help-yourself Pimms creation station, or someone to serve your guests directly, we can help you! Our Container Bar can be employed to supply a basic range of drinks including beer, wine, prosecco, vodka, gin, rum, alcohol-free drinks, soft drinks/mixers and hot drinks.

But you could, of course, also hire in a mobile bar if you'd prefer, supply your own from your favourite craft brewery, or even ask your guests to bring a contribution to the drinks table. The best thing about our venue is that you can design your own event in whatever way suits you, your guests and your budget best.





## **Planning Service**

If you need a hand with contacting some of the companies on the Resources list for quotes, or pulling together ideas that are feasible for our situation while also fitting your aesthetic, we are happy to lend a hand. We remember just how many moving parts there are to organising a wedding and we're here to help take a load off if you need it, especially if you aren't local to the area.

## **Set Up and Take Down Services**

If you live further afield and need some help with ensuring that the venue is set up as you wish, or if you are skipping off on honeymoon right after the reception and need someone to take care of the clearing away, we offer these as additional services, with pricing detailed on the Quote Generator sheet.

## **Fire Pit**

If you are looking for a festival vibe for your evening or want to have smores and a sing-song round the fire, then you may (definitely!) want a fire pit. We have a large 100cm diameter round fire pit available to hire as long as weather conditions are favourable.

If you choose this option on our Quote Generator sheet, rest assured that the cost includes a crate of kiln-dried softwood logs sourced from our neighbouring tree farm.





# Testimonial



*"We had our wedding at Ystwyth Garden Nursery and from start to finish Tam and Paul were terrific. They were so receptive to all of our ideas and supplemented with brilliant ones of their own. They helped us source so many of our vendors, in particular smaller local businesses, and in supplying flowers and favours from their own business which added a wonderful personal touch we couldn't get elsewhere.*

*Our day went off without a hitch and any stumbles we had in the planning process were met with absolute support and encouragement from Tam, she was so willing to provide any guidance she could or even just moral support. It is absolutely clear that she loves what she does and she is genuinely excited not just for your wedding but for you as a couple.*

*The venue is set in a stunning location, the views and the surrounding hills provide such a wonderful backdrop for your day and the red kites circling above opened so many nature-based conversations among our guests. You felt like you truly got a day to just relax and disconnect from the real world in this little eco-oasis.*

*The ability to completely personalise our day was right up our alley, the venue is a blank canvas which allowed us to have a wedding which truly felt so special. You really could have anything from a backyard BBQ to a fantasy fairy grotto to a high spec catered event complete with butlers depending on the vendors you chose. Tam had so many ideas depending on what theme we wanted to go for, so if we were at a loss for where to start she was able to provide guidance.*

*Our wedding day was truly the best day of our lives, not only did we get to marry our soulmates but it so perfectly reflected us as a couple. Tam and Paul were pivotal in this, the support they gave us made the planning process so much smoother and allowed us to take a step back to focus on enjoying our time rather than stressing about every detail."*

*Adam + Caitlin, May '25*





## Next Steps



If you like what you've seen so far and would like to further your inquiry, the next steps for you would be to complete our Quote Generator form that you can find here :

[www.events.dnsinc.online](http://www.events.dnsinc.online)

That will give you an estimated figure that you can play around with until you are happy with the rough price (it's not likely to go up once you have decided on what you are including unless your number of guests go up or additional requirements become necessary).

Please see the Additional Services document before submitting your quote to us, as it has all the information to help you decide what to include, and how to use the form, which is very simple and self-explanatory anyway.

Please then email us at [events@ystwythgc.cn](mailto:events@ystwythgc.cn) with as much information as you can regarding your requirements and wishes for the day.

Once you have done that we can arrange for you to have a visit and consultation, which is completely free of charge, and we can also do this via Whatsapp video if you live further afield and can't get to us easily, or are booking things last-minute and need to expedite the process!

Information regarding deposit and balance payments and when they will be required are detailed in our Terms & Conditions document that you should also have received/downloaded, so please make sure you have read and understood that before submitting your quote.

However, if you have decided we are not for you and you initially inquired via email to us, please just do us the small courtesy of popping us an email letting us know that you are no longer interested so that we can move on to other inquiries. Don't worry, we totally understand what a personal thing choosing a venue is, and wish you the best of luck finding your perfect location!

Once again, huge thanks for taking the time to peruse our brochure. We very much look forward to hearing from you soon :)

*Namaste.*

*Tam & Paul*



# How to Find Us



You can use our address to find us on Google maps (Yswyth Garden Nursery, SY25 6DB) or if you use what3words you can find us with ideal.grins.ballooned.

Here is quick screenshot to give you a visual...



And of course if you need any help finding us on the day, or would like to contact us for any other reason, you can reach us on the following numbers (phone, text or whatsapp):

Paul 07544 175042 ~ Tam 07545 161843

See you soon! :)

