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WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHY

Your Guide

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-ABOUT ME-



Weddings truly are a celebration of life & I LOVE to be a part of them!

The day you have spent so much time preparing for, dreaming of & investing in will go by so quickly & that is one of the reasons to invest in a wedding photographer who can tell the unique story of your day. Your wedding is truly a once in a lifetime event & expectations are high. So please be re-assured that my experience as a wedding photographer has taught me many key skills that will ensure you have un-forgettable & inspired images to last a lifetime.

My style is very relaxed & informal. I want to capture your story the way you told it.

My journey as a photographer began when I was very young, realising how much I enjoyed capturing raw, real, pure, alive emotion. I love to capture love, happiness, relationships, sparks, friendship & once in a lifetime moments. My favourite thing to do is sitting with my Granny looking at photographers of her Mother & Granny. The thought of my photographs been looked through in 100 years around a families kitchen table is so rewarding to me. I get to tell your stories to your future family.

Helen xxx

-WHAT TO EXPECT-



The images I create reflect both you as a couple & the events & emotions of your wedding. The best way to do this is to get to know you as a couple before your big day. Whether that be at an engagement photo session or an informal meet up in person, it gives us the chance to feel comfortable together & go through your wishes, expectations & timeline for the day.

My style of photography will capture the unique moments of your day so beautifully that in years to come you can look through your wedding day album & your memories will come alive. I aim that every photo evokes powerful emotion & every photo tells it's unique part of your love story.



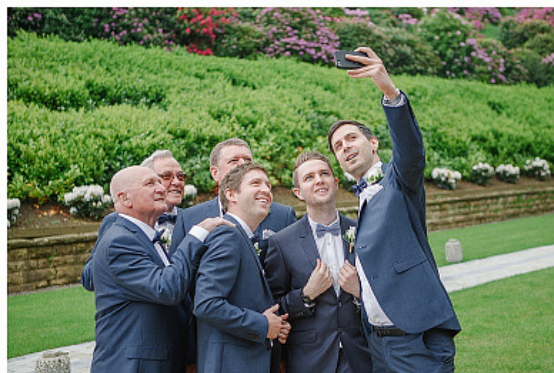
-GROOM PREPERATIONS-



A second photographer is always included in your package when available. Whilst I would be photographing the Bridal Preparations, the second photographer can photograph the Groom.

Groom prep is so much fun, lots of men walking around struggling to tie ties, pin flowers on jackets & generally in need of a little help. Often when photographing Groom prep we end up helping with lots of little jobs as they forget what they are doing :)

Not all Groom's want to have photos of themselves getting ready, so often the second photographer will meet them at the local pub or the venue before the service. I love getting the Groom prep alongside the Bridal prep as you then get the full story & the Bride can see how her Groom's morning was & see all the different emotions her Groom went through before the service (believe me they go through lot!)

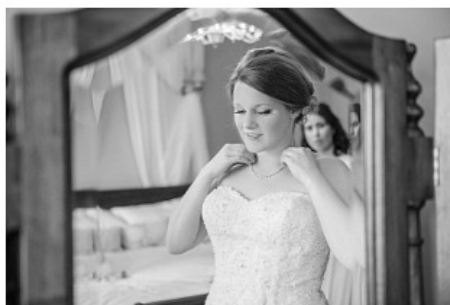


-BRIDAL PREPERATIONS-



Bridal preparations...my favourite time of the day!!! Bridal prep is such an emotional, exciting & powerful time to photograph. Brides are feeling a mixture of emotions, along with the chosen people they have asked to help them get ready for their big day. My favourite part of a wedding day is when the Bride puts her dress on & looks in the mirror for the first time. It gets me every time. During Bridal prep I will photograph your dress, shoes, veil, perfume, jewellery, cards, gifts, bouquet etc... along with you, your bridesmaids & parents final preparations.

I always recommend you are in your dress at least 20 minutes before you need to leave your room so you can have time for Bridal portraits & special group shots with your Bridesmaids & parents. I also recommend you are ready early so you can just have a few minutes to have a glass of champagne & take it all in. No rushing, no drama, just those last few minutes to gather your thoughts & spend that special time with your family & friends that you have chosen to be with. This time is so special- enjoy it! x



-THE CEREMONY-



The ceremony venue & its details will be photographed before the Bride makes her entrance. During the service, if the vicar/registrars allow us I stand at the front of the service facing the Bride & Groom (discreetly) & your second photographer will stand at the back of the service getting a different perspective of the service. Throughout the service I will capture your reactions, emotions of friends & family that I am able to from the position I am stood in & I will capture the key elements of the service. Depending on how restricted I am, I will always try and get the other side of the front at some point during the service to capture the Groom's emotions too but I always start facing the Bride.

Once the service has finished I will photograph the signing of the register, along with witnesses. If you would like parents in this you must specify before the day.

Once the service is finished I will capture you coming up the aisle, then outside I will give you 5 minutes to greet your guests, whilst this is happening we will stand back & get some candid yourselves & your guests..

If you have confetti & are allowed to use it, this is the point we will usually set this up. We can then go into starting the group photographs..



-GROUP PHOTOGRAPHS-



Now we are getting to the fun part! Group photographs... I have lots of tips for these :)

When you are trying to get a large group together (after champagne) it can be tricky. That's why I ask my Bride's & Groom's to follow some of my advice. I have a list of group shots I photograph. I will then shoot these in an order that will make the process as quick as possible for you. For family photos I tend to do in a formal line, then for the bridal party, depending on the venue I will find a prop of some sort for you to sit on, lean against or jump off. I love using props in group photos to give a bit of variation & fun!

If you have any extra group photos you would like- that is absolutely fine but please be aware this will take time and you will miss out in some of the fun with your guests!



-BRIDE & GROOM-



Onto my favourite bit- your portraits as a new married couple! Depending on how your day is running I will either take you off for 10 minutes before the group photographs for your portrait photos, or I will do them after the group photographs. Light dependant I will also take you off for some more portrait photos after the meal, before your evening guests arrive. This is when I feel you get the best results as you have both relaxed a little (possibly had a few glasses of your favourite tipple) the nerves have disappeared & you are really starting to enjoy your roles as the Bride & Groom. I run through a few simple poses which will take about 10-15 minutes in various locations of your venue. These can be discussed at your meeting & I will also see where I think is best on the day depending on the lighting.



-THE REST OF YOUR STORY-



Whilst you enjoy your beautiful wedding breakfast with your guests, this is our time to go into a separate room, re-charge batteries (ours & our cameras!) get something to eat & start loading your images up to our hard drives. Through years of experience we have found no one like photos whilst they are eating. Its yours & your guests time to relax & socialise- not to be aware there is a camera on them :)

We will keep a close eye on what is happening in your room & we will be back just before the speeches begin. We cover all of the speeches, catching your reactions to them & your guests- these always make for very funny photographs!

Once the speeches are over we will continue to load our photos as this is usually a bit of down time for the guests. However if you have some sort of entertainment, lawn games, tug of war, magician etc... we will be there to capture it.

Finally its first dance time!! The moment you have been waiting for :) Don't worry I have been there- its not all bad! All I would advise is to ask your bridesmaids & groomsmen to jump on the dance floor halfway through if you are feeling nervous about this and then your guests will follow & you can all have fun together. If you have a routine or a surprise first dance please let us know before hand- we want to be in the perfect position to capture it all if you are going to show off your moves!

After the first dance we find the dance floor becomes full for the next two songs, then it always goes quiet until later in the evening so we will stay for an extra 10 minutes after the first dance to capture the atmosphere and some of your guests letting their hair down!

-PACKAGES & PRICING-



Package One £1000

Pre-wedding consultation & Engagement photo shoot.

Two Photographers (If available)

Photographs of the Groom, Best man & Grooms family before the service.

The Bride arriving at the service, shots of the Bride , Father of the Bride & Bridesmaids before the service.

Photographs throughout the service.

Group photographs after the service.

A selection of photographs of the Bride & Groom.

Online gallery for viewing & sharing with friends & family.

USB of all images from your special day (300+)

Package Two £1250

Pre-wedding Consultation & Engagment Photo shoot.

Two Photographers (If Available)

Bridal Preparations

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Photographs throughout the service.

Group photographs after the service.

A selection of photographs of the Bride & Groom.

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-PACKAGES & PRICING-



Package Three £1500

Pre-Wedding Consultation & Engagment photo shoot.

Two Photographers (If available)

Bridal Preparations

Photographs of the Groom, Best man & Grooms family before the Service.

The Bride arriving at the service, shots of the Bride , Father of the Bride & Bridesmaids before the Service.

Photographs throughout the Service.

Group photographs after the Service.

A selection of photographs of the Bride & Groom.

Cutting of the Wedding Cake.

Shots throughout the Wedding Reception.

Photographs of the Speeches

Photographs of the First Dance (Must be no later than 21.00)

Online gallery for viewing & sharing with friends & family.

USB of all images from your special day (300+)

-FAQ-



- DO YOU EDIT ALL OUR PHOTOGRAPHS? Absolutely! Each image that you receive has been hand edited, one at a time.
- CAN SOME PHOTOS BE IN BOTH B&W & COLOUR? I choose which selection of images are in B&W or colour, but if you have the odd favourite that you would like in B&W then I can change it for you. If you have more than 10 you would like changing I will have to charge for the extra editing time.
- HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO RECEIVE OUR PHOTOGRAPHS? Your wedding photographs will be ready to view in your online gallery up to 4 weeks after your wedding day. Your USB with all your images on will be ready in up to 8 weeks.
- CAN WE RECEIVE THE RAW, UN-EDITED FILES? The raw, un-edited files are not available for viewing or purchase. This is very much like asking the caterer to give you the leftover ingredients to make dinner! The images selected for editing & final delivery reflect my very high standards. Any not given to you will be for a reason- repeats, closed eyes etc...
- HOW FAR WILL YOU TRAVEL? I will travel anywhere in the world! I am based in North Yorkshire & I only charge for travel to venues over one hour away. If I need overnight accommodation, Air or train fares or rental cars you will need to cover these charges.
- WHAT IS THE ONLINE GALLERY YOU MENTIONED IN THE PACKAGES? Once all your photos are ready to view I will email you a link to your online gallery. This gallery is available for 1 year. In this gallery your images are in low resolution, but perfect for sharing with your friends and family. There is also an online store where your friend and family can purchase digital downloads & prints.

- IS THE ENGAGEMENT SESSION COMPULSORY? Absolutely not! This is a complimentary shoot to help you & your fiancé get used to been in front of the camera & some of the poses I run through on your wedding day. I would always recommend you do the engagement session as couples who don't I can see a big difference in how relaxed they are on the day- but this is totally up to you!
- DO WE NEED TO FEED YOU AT THE RECEPTION? It would be really lovely if you did! We always appreciate food at a wedding, we have been busy all day with no spare time to eat so this will be our first meal since breakfast & we will be running on low energy by this point :) It doesn't have to be the same meal as yours- some venues offer vendor meals, what ever it is we would really really appreciate it. We ask that we have our food at the same time as you so we are ready to carry on once you have finished your meal.
- IF I CANCEL MY WEDDING IS THE DEPOSIT REFUNDABLE? The deposit fee and all monies paid are non-refundable. The deposit guarantees that I will hold the date exclusively for you & once the contract is signed I do turn down all other commissions for that date.

