

The Herne



Frequently Asked Questions

Here is an example of some questions we're frequently asked:

Q. Can we bring in our own food, or use an external caterer?

A. No. All food must be ordered, prepared and cooked by our staff due to health and safety considerations.

Q. Can we bring our own wine and champagne?

A. Yes – but there is a corkage fee. £10 for wine, £12.00 for champagne.

Q. What is the minimum amount of guests we need to have the Hog Roast?

A. 50. For us to order in the best free-range pork available, we need at least 50 people in your party to take an interest in the Hog Roast.

Q. Can we have a live band or DJ in The Barn or marquee?

A. No, unfortunately under the terms of our license we cannot permit any live music in the outside areas, including The Barn. However, we are quite happy to transform the front room of the main pub into a disco dancefloor or heavenly ballroom as the evening wares on.

Q. What time can we have the marquee and garden area until?

A. You must leave all outside areas, including the barn and marquee by 11pm. But don't panic just yet – the main pub is open until 2am (unless an extension is required). We are happy to reserve a large section of the front room to allow your party to continue deep into the night.

Q. What time can children stay until?

A. Children – up to the age of 18 - must leave the premises, including the garden and pub, by 10pm. They must be out of the garden by 9pm – under the terms of our license.

Q. How many guests can we invite for a sit-down meal?

A. 120 maximum. That is our absolute maximum figure and includes people eating in both the barn and the marquee – which must be hired separately.

The maximum for the barn alone is 62 – but that is quite tight. We recommend an optimum number of 45.

The marquee hosts a maximum of 90 people alone, but again – that is quite tight. We believe 70-75 people is much more comfortable.

Q. *Can we hire out the entire pub?*

A. Yes, but hiring the whole pub and garden is rather expensive. Without doing our sums, we estimate you would need to spend £7,000 for us to consider closing the pub for the day. That would provide use of the front room and restaurant inside, the entire garden and the barn area – should you need it.

Q. *Can we have the entire service here?*

A. No, unfortunately we do not have the license to hold the ceremony here. However, if this is something that is important to you, we can apply for a temporary license on your behalf at a cost of around £350.

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