



Legacy Hotels In the spot light with Kay Hicks at New Place



Tell me a bit about yourself and your hotel....

Hi! I am Kay, the Senior Wedding Coordinator at New Place Hotel! I am 25, am married myself, I love pink and have a dog named Tia!

I am based here at New Place, which is a stunning Manor House which was built in 1906 and has 32 acres of land, 110 bedrooms and many function spaces. We also have a pool, sauna and jacuzzi!

How long have you worked at your hotel for?



How did you get into planning weddings?

I first worked in a group of hotels as a banquet staff member, then was cherry picked to run and open a series of pubs and boutique hotels up and down the country. I then worked with PMN Wedding Fayres

on the side and decided I wanted to work in the wedding industry full time!

How many weddings have you coordinated at your hotel?

I will be coordinating about 100 weddings a year 😊

What is your favourite part of planning a wedding?

The couples – I love meeting them and helping them plan their day!

What is the strangest request you have received?

I've had requests for cars to be in the reception suite! Owls flying the rings down the aisle. Brides riding their horses to the venue, the list could go on! I don't mind strange requests as it makes the day memorable!



What is the shortest time you have been given with which to plan a wedding?

About 4 months, as long as you are organised and know what you want it is doable!

Are there any trends that you love or any that you want to leave behind?

I love any quirky trends! I love it when a specific wedding day sticks in my head, this can be from it being so classic to a weird and wonderful day!



What's your favourite colour combo for a wedding?

My current favourite colours are rose gold or glittery colours!

Mine was an aqua turquoise and bright orange, which was fab!

What traditions have you seen disappear whilst being

a wedding planner?

Having a traditional top table – this changes almost every wedding, we have done the traditional, but then have done sweetheart tables, bridal party top tables, round top tables.

What would be your top tips for an engaged couple?

I would say my top tips are:

1. Take your time – decide what you want and go for it
2. Have fun with the planning! This is the one day you will remember forever so make sure you take up every opportunity to try everything! Especially all of the cakes!
3. Book your venue, Church/Registrar, Photographer first! Then plan all of the little details!



Which celebrity wedding would you like to co-ordinate?

I would love to plan any celebrity wedding, I think the grander the better! I would love to have a hand in. It is really hard to pin point one wedding but if I had to choose I would of loved to help Prince Harry and Megan Markle

plan their big day!