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For rural romance...

MILLBROOK COTTAGES

Millbrook Estate is tucked away in a secluded and achingly beautiful corner of North Devon, a stone's throw from the chocolate box village of High Bickington.

The hubbub of the modern world recedes to barely a whisper as you slip into the mellow and enchanting mood of Millbrook. Here, the pace of life is blissfully slow, the tranquillity punctuated by the breeze rustling the leaves and the twitter of wild birds.

The cluster of pretty cottages lies amidst 32 acres of rolling hills and woodland. Ducks meander around lakes framed by lush lawns and mature trees, alpacas graze in a nearby field, while a few hens roam the gardens. In spring, the estate teems with new life as wildflowers bloom in the surrounding meadows and the chatter of birds fills the air. It is equally atmospheric in winter, when the grounds are cloaked in a crisp frost and a roaring log fire warms the summerhouse.

Each cottage has a distinctive character. There's the contemporary design, luxe facilities and sublime vistas of Lake View, the five-star shabby chic interior of Pulley Mill, with the original beams and workings of the old corn mill, and the cosy and luxury Corncott and Wheel Room. Then there's the romance of The Secret Garden, which is perfect for the wedding night, with its chic four-poster bed, conservatory overlooking the grounds and designer bathroom complete with mood lighting and roll top bath.

Millbrook is a dreamy setting for an intimate wedding. Couples may book the venue either for a day wedding or a two-day extended celebration with accommodation for up to 11 people.

There are two spaces licensed for ceremonies. If you're planning a particularly small affair, the conservatory of The Secret Garden is a cosy and picturesque option. For a truly magical ceremony, throw open the doors of the summerhouse and take your vows with up to 40 guests seated on the decking outside, with the lake and mature woodland the stirring backdrop.

A passion for eco living is key to Millbrook's ethos. A series of green initiatives, including the use of renewable energy and a recycling policy, makes the venue perfect for an eco celebration. Indeed, the summerhouse is built almost entirely from recycled materials for the quintessential eco wedding ceremony.

Flexibility is also central, and the celebrations will be designed entirely around your vision. Whether you wish to dine in the barbecue house in the woods, sup champagne in the hot tub or dance beneath the stars, your wedding will be blissful, private – and utterly unique.



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