



Sustainability

Sustainability at Crown Lodge is more than a commitment—it's part of how we create meaningful celebrations. Nestled within an area of outstanding Natural

Beauty we are deeply connected to the surrounding countryside and its preservation. After recognising the environmental impact that weddings can have, we made a conscious decision to take a more responsible approach. From sourcing locally to reducing waste and encouraging reusable styling, we aim to ensure every wedding is not only beautiful, but also respectful of the landscape that makes it so special.

Our Land & Farms

Our family farms, based in Aldington, Brabourne and Lower Herne are managed with a strong focus on protecting and enhancing the natural environment. We prioritise soil health, support local wildlife, minimise pollution, and use resources responsibly. By caring for the land in this way, we help preserve the countryside for future generations while continuing to produce high-quality, seasonal food.

Our environmental initiatives include:

- Planting wildflower meadows to support pollinators
- Restoring hedgerows to provide habitats and wildlife corridors
- Protecting watercourses with buffer zones and fencing
- Using cover crops to improve soil health and reduce erosion
- Restoring and creating ponds
- Planting new trees and hedgerows to enrich the landscape
- Managing grassland to encourage biodiversity

From 2026, we are also proud to offer educational access for schools and community groups, helping to inspire a deeper connection with the land.



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Homegrown Ingredients

Our Aldington Farm has a large vegetable garden that is carefully tended and supplies a selection of seasonal produce, herbs, and edible flowers,

Within the walls at Secret Garden, our sister venue, you'll also find a variety of fruit and nut trees, including apples, pears, plums, cherries, cobnuts, walnuts, and figs.

Our farms provide free-range eggs, fresh vegetables, and high-quality meat, all prepared by our on-site butcher in Aldington, ensuring full traceability and exceptional quality.

Supporting Pollinators

Pollinators such as bees, butterflies, moths, and hoverflies play a vital role in maintaining a healthy ecosystem. To support them, we have created dedicated planting areas using predominantly native species, carefully arranged to provide nectar and pollen throughout the seasons.

These pollinator-friendly spaces can be found across our gardens at Secret Garden and throughout our family farms, helping to encourage biodiversity and sustain the surrounding landscape.

Organic & Wildlife-Friendly Gardening

We follow organic gardening principles wherever possible, working with nature to maintain healthy soils and thriving plant life without unnecessary chemicals.

Real Petal Confetti

We can provide guests with eco-friendly dried petal confetti. This natural alternative supports wildlife, reduces waste, and keeps our grounds clean and beautiful.



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Sustainable Wedding Styling

Our Prop Hire service was created to reduce the waste often associated with wedding décor. Instead of single-use purchases, couples can access a growing collection of reusable items—including table décor, signage, card boxes, and more—at little or no cost.

Many of these pieces are sourced locally or passed on from previous couples, making this approach both sustainable and cost-effective, while still allowing every wedding to feel unique and personal.

Recycling & Waste at Crown Lodge Kent

At Crown Lodge Kent, we are committed to minimising waste and reducing our environmental impact.

We separate and recycle as much of our waste as possible.

Cardboard is sent to our local farm in Aldington that makes cardboard bales for recycling

Glass is separated and collected for recycling on a weekly basis.

All our Green waste is made into compost and put pack on our Borders and farms to help mulch and feed plants.

By continually reviewing our practices, we aim to reduce what we send to landfill and ensure that every celebration leaves a lighter footprint on the environment.