

Legal Preliminaries for a Civil Marriage or Partnership

- The couple must choose a venue in which to marry or in which to form a civil partnership.
- The couple should check that the venue is licensed and that the licence will be valid on the date of the ceremony.
- The couple should provisionally book the date for the ceremony with the venue.
- The couple then contact the Register Office for the District in which the venue is situated and book the Registrars' attendance. This can be done up to one year in advance of the proposed date.
- The couple then make an appointment to give Legal Notice of Intention to Marry. This is arranged through the Register Office for the District in which the couple lives, if they are both British or EU citizens. This is the District or Borough to whom Council Tax is paid. Further advice on this matter should be obtained from Wokingham Register Office on 0118 978 2514.
- If the couple's chosen venue is in the Wokingham District and they live in the Wokingham Borough, all their arrangements for giving notice, booking Registrars and paying fees will be through Wokingham Register Office.
- If the couple's chosen venue is in the Wokingham District and they live elsewhere, the legal notice arrangements will be with their local Register Office and the booking and payment for the Registrars will be through the Wokingham Register Office.