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MAGICAL VENUES

Wedding venues throughout Hertfordshire are looking forward to welcoming couples back again – regardless of restrictions – after a disastrous 2020

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The UK wedding industry lost an estimated £4.8 billion in 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic, with tens of thousands of weddings being cancelled or postponed. And while things are far from back to normal (who could have predicted this time last year that the wedding accessory du jour would now be a face mask?) our venues are battling back to ensure couples' big days can be as magical as possible, regardless of restrictions imposed.

Here we take a look at what 2021 has in store for some of Hertfordshire's most beautiful wedding locations...

GADESSEN ESTATE Bridens Camp, Hemel Hempstead, HP2 6EZ

Working in partnership with specialist event co-ordinators Big Green Space, the utterly gorgeous Gaddesden Estate is now able to offer a series of very special formal, semi-formal and wilderness locations in and around the Golden Parsonage, the 18th century house at the heart of the estate for weddings.

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“The sites are very secluded and very private,” says Susannah Halsey, who lives in the Golden Parsonage with her husband and young family. (The Halsey family have lived and worked at the estate for 500 years!)

“They have never previously been used for weddings or private events by those outside the family. And you are completely steeped in history. The house dates back to 1705 and some of the grounds are far older.

“We are delighted to be working in partnership with specialist events planners Big Green Space, who have an unrivalled knowledge of creating very personal events in historic settings. So every celebration is going to feel unique. And we are planning to plant a tree for every couple holding a

reception here in 2021 as part of our 500th anniversary plantation scheme.”

Locations bridal parties can enjoy on their big day include the Walled Garden Meadow, which runs alongside the walls of the kitchen garden; Fishponds, a medieval landscaped area ideal for alfresco dinners; and the gardens of the Golden Parsonage itself, which are available for drinks receptions.

Prices from £3,750.

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