

Avington Park "Is without doubt one of the prettiest houses in the county" William Cobbett

A house has stood on this site for 1000 years and is mentioned in the Domesday Book. It was acquired by Henry VIII and sold by him to Edmund Clarke who lost it in the Civil War. Charles II, who with Nell Gwynn, was a frequent visitor, gifted the house to his friend George Brydges, Duke of Buckingham. His wife, the Countess of Shrewsbury, established the tradition of Avington Park as a place for parties and entertaining. In 1848 the house was bought by the Shelley family and was sold 100 years later to Colonel and Mrs John Hickson, whose family still live in the house.





The Ballroom and the Library \tag{Two of the rooms that are also licensed for wedding ceremonies.

Private parties, conferences and corporate facilities

Avington Park provides a magnificent setting for weddings, private and corporate events, lavish parties, musical evenings and receptions to themed parties, business presentations and product launches. With only exclusive use offered, Avington Park can ensure your special event is a memorable and prestigious occasion.

The State Rooms were designed for enjoyment and entertainment and the same applies today. Avington Park is a delightful venue for private parties. Now also, corporate clients can meet, discuss and relax in a discreet and peaceful environment.



"Very much a country house and a family home"



The Conservatories flank the Orangery overlooking the South Lawn.

The Ballroom is a opulent classically proportioned room on the first floor with stunning views across the Hampshire countryside. Its grandeur provides a beautiful and romantic backdrop for a wedding or an anniversary and is versatile enough to be a meeting room with a difference.

Whether you want a buffet for 175 people or a silver service wedding breakfast for 100 guests, **the Library**, with its leather bound books, painted Centaurs and intriguing trophies, has an intimate feel. Larger parties can be accommodated with an adjoining marquee. It also makes an unusual meeting or lecture room, 100 delegates may sit comfortably theatre style for a lecture/presentation.

The Hall is a fine ante room with marbled pillars and walls decorated by Clermont around 1790, a lovely room in which to meet and greet guests and clients. In winter a warm welcome is assured with a crackling log fire.

The Drawing Room is a charming and versatile room and may be used for private meetings or for small scale entertainment.



The Library is the perfect setting for luncheon or dinner parties and leads onto one of the conservatories.





The house and grounds are truly yours for the day. A fine stately home where your guests or clients can wander freely and enjoy the fabulous setting.

Avington's staff will be happy to help you organise large dinners, lunches and wedding breakfasts, as well corporate receptions and conferences.



The East Tennyson apartment offers delightful self-contained accommodation for one or two people for short or long stays.

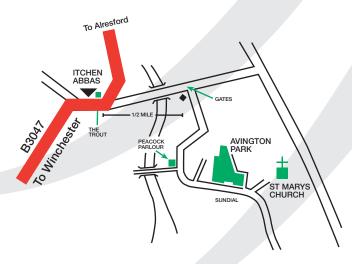


Avington Park has all the grace and elegance of a fine country house. As you drive through the wrought iron gateway and down the long avenue of lime trees, the approach opens out onto well tended lawns bordering the river Itchen and the elegant Palladian façade. The house stands in beautiful secluded grounds, and yet is conveniently located 5 miles from the historic city of Winchester, 10 minutes from Junction 9 of the M3 and just over one hour from London.



Avington Park is pleased to offer its facilities for conferences, meetings, team building, activity days, dinners, lunches, auctions, concerts, theatrical events, film and tv locations, weddings and private parties.

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