

WHY CHOOSE HOUCHINS?

Houchins is one of the most popular wedding destinations in Essex with a reputation for excellent customer service to match the stunning venue.

Our offer includes:

- Exclusive and private use of the whole venue for the day of your wedding
- 3 licensed areas for civil ceremonies, both indoor and outside for groups from 12–150 people
- Outdoor unlicensed celebrant weddings in our shaded woodland garden
- Reception parties with seating for up to 150 people
- Overnight accommodation for up to 14 family and friends in the elegant listed farmhouse
- A beautiful stand-alone honeymoon suite in our custom-built cart lodge next to the farmhouse
- Stunning gardens and grounds for photographs
- An experienced award-winning event team dedicated to delivering your perfect wedding day.

WHAT'S INCLUDED WHEN YOU HIRE HOUCHINS

- Exclusive use of the venue and its grounds for your wedding day providing a myriad of photograph opportunities.
- The use of the dressing room before your wedding.
- A contemporary wedding barn with galleried dining room seating up to 150 guests. Adjoining this a dance barn with a sprung oak dance floor.
- A beautiful wedding marquee and gazebo for outdoor civil ceremonies (April to October).
- A team of wedding coordinators to guide you through the whole wedding planning process.
- Your own dedicated Wedding Manager on the day to make your day run smoothly.
- A southwest facing terrace for outdoor drinks receptions, furnished with tables, chairs and parasols.
- The converted Foundry for indoor ceremonies.
- A shaded Woodland area for unlicensed celebrant weddings.
- As many round tables as needed for your wedding breakfast.
- Lime washed Chiavari chairs for your ceremony and wedding breakfast.
- Fully stocked and staffed bar.
- Fairy lights illuminating the main bar ledges.
- Illuminated 'BAR' sign.
- Evening food terrace.
- Festoon lights around the wedding garden.
- Use of MOPOSA, our online wedding planning tool which includes:
 - Personal Wedding website
 - · A guest management system for creating a guest list etc.
 - Free online invites & RSVP tool
 - Table seating plan tool
 - A budget planner
 - A to-do list organiser
 - An image gallery that you can personalise to create your own lookbook



WHAT TO EXPECT: THE BARN & VENUE

We offer a choice of indoor grandeur or outdoor simplicity or a combination of the two ~ catering for weddings & civil ceremonies from 12 to 150 people.

The Foundry

The Foundry has been re-designed to cater for indoor ceremonies in the afternoon & then transform into a nightclub for the evening.

Chitting Shed

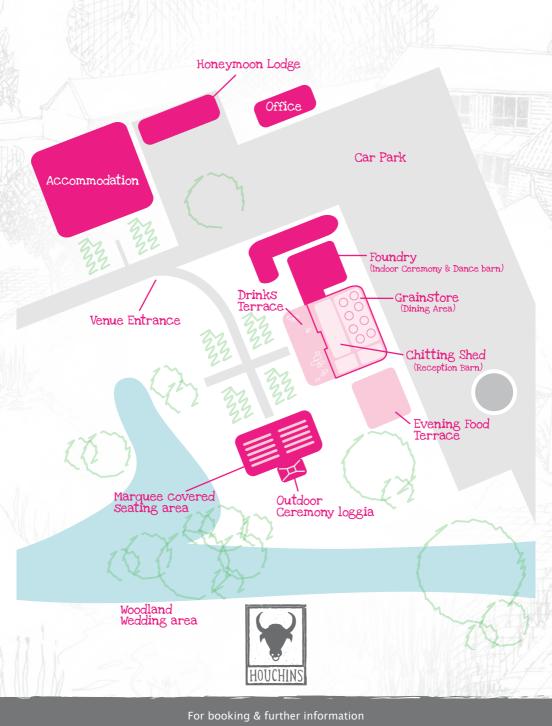
Linking to the Foundry, the re-built zinc & cedar shingle 'Chitting Shed' is the perfect area for drinks receptions. Huge glass double doors open out onto the west facing terrace & gardens.

The Grainstore

The Grainstore has been reclaimed as a dining area with a capacity to seat 150. It incorporates a large fireplace and mezzanine gallery to make full use of the 35 foot high ceilings.

Ceremony Loggia

In front of the terrace is the wedding garden and beside that, the Ceremony Loggia and Marquee. From April to October we offer outdoor civil ceremonies in the Loggia which connects to a traditional marquee where guests sit – protected from the vagaries of the British weather!



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WHAT TO EXPECT: THE HOUSE & HONEYMOON LODGE

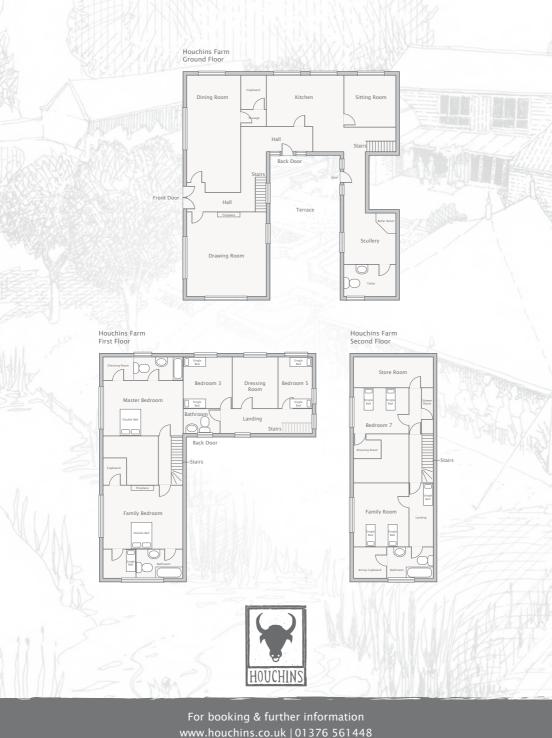
Houchins offers superbly comfortable accommodation for friends and family of the happy couple, just 50 metres from the venue.

The house is beautifully decorated and offers a relaxed self-catering style bed & breakfast.

- Comfortable sleeping arrangements for up to 14 guests (see floorplan overleaf).
- A large dining room providing ample space for morning after breakfasts.
- A panelled drawing room for small civil ceremonies that also provides a stunning backdrop for photographs.
- The option to get ready in the pre-wedding dressing room before the ceremony.

The Honeymoon Lodge, adjacent to the house is a stand alone honeymoon suite especially for our happy couples. A large, light south facing en suite bedroom offers complete privacy to unwind after the wedding celebrations.

Accommodation for up to 16 people in the farmhouse and Honeymoon Lodge.





FOOD AND CATERING

At Houchins we ask you to use one of our preferred caterers.

We've chosen three of the best, most professional local caterers, each with their own individual style to suit all tastes and budgets.

Bouquet Garni, Jon Marriott 01206 393244 | mail@bouquetgarni.co.uk

Limeberry Catering Ltd, Justin Cracknell 01245 351114 | enquiries@limeberrycatering.co.uk

Splinters, Sally Kerr 01787 373153 | info@splintersoutsidecaterers.co.uk

EVENING FOOD

Evening food can be supplied by your daytime caterer or from one of our recommended evening caterers, please see website on the preferred partners page for details.

DRINKS OPTIONS

At Houchins we are pleased to offer you a choice of options for your reception and wedding breakfast.



CLASSIC DRINKS PACKAGE

Pre ceremony soft drinks, two reception drinks per guest, half a bottle of house wine per guest with the wedding breakfast and a glass of sparkling wine for the toasts. Jugs of water on tables.

2019/20 £20.50 per person 2021 £21.50 per person

PREMIER DRINKS PACKAGE

Pre ceremony soft drinks, three reception drinks per guest, half a bottle of premier wine per guest and a glass of Prosecco for the toasts. Jugs of water on the tables.

2019/2020 £27.50 per person 2021 £28.50 per person

DELUXE DRINKS PACKAGE

Pre ceremony soft drinks, three deluxe reception drinks per guest, half a bottle of deluxe wine per guest and a glass of Champagne for the toasts. Bottled water on the tables.

2019/2020 £37.50 per person 2021 £39.50 per person

Soft Drinks Package available, further details available on request.

CORKAGE

We are pleased to offer you the flexibility to supply your own drinks for your reception and wedding breakfast and a corkage charge is applied to all drinks bought in. Prices available on request.

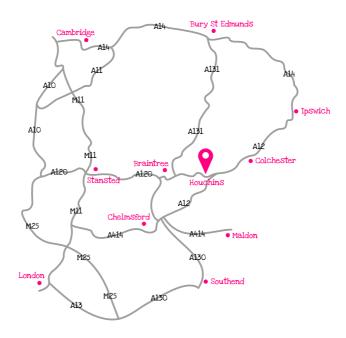
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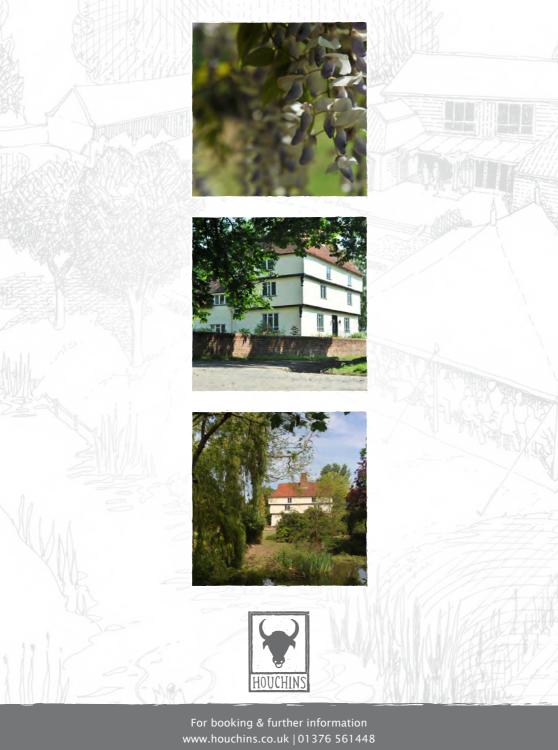
The Houchins Bar will serve all drinks for the evening reception, cash and card are accepted and a pre-paid bar tab can be organised if requested. The bar can open at a time agreed to suit your day. Prices available on request.



WHERE WE ARE

Houchins is easy to find, just 1 mile east of Coggeshall, with direct access from the A120. It is approximately 15 minutes from Colchester and Braintree, 35 minutes from Stansted Airport and 1hr 20 minutes from Central London...





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HIRE COSTS: VENUE

	Low Season (Feb, March & Nov) 2019 / 2020	Low Season (Feb, March & Nov) 2021	Off-peak Season (April, Oct & Dec) 2019 / 2020	Off-peak Season (April, Oct & Dec) 2021	Peak Season (May - Sept) 2019 / 2020	Peak Season (May - Sept) 2021
Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday	£3,000	£3,150	£3,000	£3,150	£3,400	£3,500
Thursday, Sunday & BH Monday	£3,650	£3,750	£3,650	£3,750	£4,100	£4,250
Friday	£3,850	£3,950	£4,550	£4,700	£5,100	£5,250
Saturday & BH Sunday	£3,850	£3,950	£5,345	£5,425	£6,050	£6,250
Christmas Weddings (20–30 Dec)			£6,920	£6,990	New Year's Eve POA	New Year's Eve POA

- All prices inc VAT at 20%
- A three phase payment process is designed to ease your cash flow leading up to the Wedding Day.
- An initial deposit of £550.00 confirms your chosen date at Houchins wedding venue. An initial accommodation deposit of £150 confirms the house.
- 12 weeks after the initial booking, a secondary venue deposit of £850 is due, along with a secondary accommodation deposit of £250.
 The outstanding balance is due 4 weeks before the event (after the Final Planning meeting).



HIRE COSTS: ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation at Houchins is for a maximum of 16 people. The farmhouse sleeps 14 guests in great comfort. The Honeymoon Lodge, adjacent to the house offers couples a luxurious sanctuary in which to celebrate their wedding night.

	2019	2020	2021
Any night of the week	£1,150	£1,200	£1,250

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WOODLAND WEDDINGS AT HOUCHINS

In addition to the three charming civil ceremony spaces at Houchins is our wonderful Wedding Woodland. Tucked away behind the moat amongst the trees is the most charming spot to declare your love. It is an area of natural beauty and perfect for a unique ceremony.

A Woodland Wedding entails:

- Exclusive and private use of the whole venue for the day of your wedding.
- Clearing of the woodland space ready for your set up.
- An outdoor unlicensed independent celebrant wedding space*.
- A relaxed, rustic 'festival vibe' with the luxury of the full Houchins experience.
- An additional fee for rustic chair hire.
- A wide selection of fabulous Houchins props to hire.

*This is not a legally binding ceremony and is normally undertaken in conjunction with a civil ceremony at a registry office.



















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