
BRIDGE HOUSE

Hotel & Restaurant

Eat. Sleep. Relax.

Welcome

Joanna and Mark Donovan welcome you to Bridge House Beaminster, a 13th century country house hotel, which has been lovingly restored and in their care for the past 13 years.

From years of travelling and staying in many unusual and luxurious hotels, Joanna and Mark have combined their knowledge and skills to give guests the hotel experience that they themselves enjoy.

Originally a clergy house, Bridge House is steeped in history and original features. Guests will enjoy crackling log fires in the medieval lounge and candle-lit dining in the Georgian panelled restaurant.

Situated in the heart of Beaminster and Hardy country, there is a lot to explore locally from great country houses to miles of Jurassic coastline and country walks within minutes of the hotel.

Whatever time of year, Bridge House is a great place to get away and 'recharge the batteries.'





Former fashion buyer, Joanna, has created her own country house style, blending Nina Campbell wallpapers with Italian frette cotton bedlinen and goose down duvets. Romantics will love the four poster room with its lofty ceiling and shuttered windows.

There are thirteen individually designed bedrooms, from cool modern to classic English, all with ensuite luxury bathrooms, Molton Brown toiletries, flat screen TVs, wi-fi broadband and tea and coffee making facilities. Two bedrooms have four poster beds and four are situated on the ground floor with easy access, while a further two bedrooms are large enough for families with children.

Dining at Bridge House



For Bridge House, great food is an obsession: fresh, locally sourced ingredients, brilliant and original recipes, perfect execution.

Our restaurant is renowned for its award-winning food, and we are proud to boast two Rosettes and Gold Winner in the Taste of the West Awards. Bridge House's kitchen prides itself on sourcing the best local ingredients, including scallops from Lyme Bay, West Bay crab and red meat, fruit and vegetables across the district. As much as possible is made on the premises from organic bread to marmalades, jams and chutneys.

Guests will enjoy dining in our elegant Georgian restaurant, the Sun Room looking out onto the ancient walled garden, or al fresco dining on the terrace.

The hotel offers spectacular high-teas; our Head Chef specialises in patisserie, which can be enjoyed all year in the medieval lounge or in warmer months in the walled garden.

All our dining areas can also be made available for private celebrations.





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Explore nearby

Country houses and gardens

Mapperton House and Gardens – The Elizabethan house and gardens is a great example of a West Country manor open to the public, but remaining a home to the Earl and Countess of Sandwich.
www.mapperton.com

Forde Abbey – More than 900 years of history and romance are encapsulated in this elegant former Cistercian monastery and its 30 acres of award-winning gardens.
www.fordeabbey.co.uk

Minterne House and Gardens – Home of the Churchill and Digby families since 1620. This magnificent house and unique gardens lie in a tranquil valley setting.
www.minterne.co.uk

Other country gardens – The hotel is close to a remarkable array of fine country house gardens, open to the public through the National Gardens Scheme.
www.ngs.org.uk

Abbotsbury SubTropical Gardens – A magnificent 20-acre garden filled with rare and exotic plants from all over the world.
www.abbotsbury-tourism.co.uk

Beaches, walks and days out

Hive Beach – Part of the World Heritage Site by the village of Burton Bradstock, this beach seldom gets too crowded.

West Bay – A lively fishing harbour and perfect base for a stroll along the coast with fantastic cliff top views. Mackerel fishing trips and 'rib' rides are also popular in summer.

Abbotsbury Swannery & Children's Farm –

The only place in the world where you can walk through a colony of nesting Mute Swans. The Children's Farm is a great for under 11's. Here you can feed baby goats, cuddle guinea pigs, ride ponies, and have endless fun.

Golden Cap – This is the highest sea-cliff on the southern coast of England. On a clear day you can see across Lyme Bay to Dartmoor.

Charmouth Fossil Centre – This is a mecca for dinosaur hunters of all ages and experience, with special events arranged throughout the year.

Lyme Regis – Immortalised in 'The French Lieutenant's Woman', the town's harbour wall, The Cobb – is a must see along with sandy beach and fossil shops.


Sherborne – With two castles to choose from, a Medieval abbey, antique shops and cafes, Sherborne is a great place to explore.

Furleigh Estate – The multi-award winning, vineyard is just 3 miles from the hotel. Tours take place on Fridays and Saturdays.

Bridport & West Dorset Golf Club –

Founded in 1891, the club is the oldest and most spectacular in Dorset. As a guest, you can take advantage of our exclusive greens fees.





Beaminster – Bridge House's home town and Hardy's 'Emminster' is a stunning mix of nearly 200 listed buildings around a square filled with small independent shops and cafes. Its immediate neighbour, Bridport, has bustling antique markets on Wednesdays and Saturdays along with a vibrant music and arts scene.

Celebrations

Special events

There are regular events in and around the area, including the Beaminster Arts Festival at the end of June. We also have our own special gastronomic and musical events in the restaurant throughout the year.

Visit: bridge-house.co.uk for more information.

Your own special occasion

The hotel offers excellent facilities for all kinds of receptions and anniversary celebrations. Recently acclaimed by The Independent as one of Britain's top ten wedding hotels, Bridge House has five licensed rooms for marriage and civil ceremonies, which include: the Sun Room, Small Conservatory, Georgian Restaurant, Medieval Lounge and Garden Gazebo. In summer, the beautiful walled garden and alfresco dining area are also available for receptions.

If you'd like to discuss your plans for a special occasion at the Bridge House, contact our team:

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