



Tower House



Tower House is primarily an exclusive use venue.

As soon as you step inside you are enveloped in elegance and style; every room is tastefully decorated, comfortably furnished and full of charm and character, the many original features adding to the warm and welcoming atmosphere. Situated in the heart of the cathedral city of Canterbury, Tower House offers the perfect setting for weddings and civic partnerships, private dinners and celebrations, corporate events and photo shoots.

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Heritage, Style and History

Tower House is nestled in the middle of the beautifully landscaped Westgate Gardens. The sculpted flower and shrub gardens frame this fine old house in a picturesque manner. The house and the 11-acre Westgate Gardens were bequeathed to the council by the Williamson family in 1936 for public use.

The house was built around one of the 21 bastions of Canterbury's medieval city wall. There have been buildings on the site since at least the 1400s. The existing house with its narrow arched windows was built during Victorian times around 1850.

It features a wide range of contrasting, but surprisingly complementary architectural styles. The wing on the left resembles the rook of a Gothic fortress, while the five lobed Baroque facades over the centre section give the building exterior a most elegant look. Whatever the occasion, Tower House is the perfect choice, combining a historical Englishness with contemporary 21st century style.



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Weddings and civil partnerships

Tower House is the perfect backdrop for a ceremony of distinction; that is both elegant and exclusive, with an excellent service personalised to you.

Every wedding is a unique experience and we strive to make each occasion as individual as you are. For your special day everything has to be perfect. By holding your ceremony and reception in the stunning surroundings of Tower House, you are guaranteed a wedding venue and experience that you and your guests will remember and treasure forever.

This perfect venue offers a romantic ambiance and unlike many other wedding venues, you can have exclusive use of Tower House for your special day.

Tower House offers everything you need to create your memorable occasion. The terrace and stunning Westgate Gardens provide the perfect backdrop for your ceremony, with fantastic photographic opportunities.

For your wedding reception meal, you can choose from a range of carefully selected menus and delicious wines.

Whether you are planning a summer or winter wedding or ceremony, Tower House is guaranteed to provide you with the most memorable day of your life.

Whilst we are not able to offer accommodation in the house there is a wonderful selection of local B&Bs, pubs and hotels all within easy reach of the venue.



The unique ambiance of Tower House bestows a special kind of magic for private occasions.

Whether you're starting out in life with an engagement, celebrating a landmark birthday or wedding anniversary, marking the occasion of your child's Christening, having a retirement party, holding a wake or funeral reception to celebrate the life of a loved one.

Or, if you're organising a formal event, Tower House is perfectly suited to private dining and society dinners.

We have beautifully appointed private rooms suited for small events and candlelit dining for up to 30 guests.

When booking your event at Tower House you will be supported by a dedicated member of staff who can help plan and perfect your occasion.

A menu can be specially tailored to your needs, along with your choice of entertainment. From a harpist or magician to a string quartet, you can be sure to take away special memories of the occasion.



Tower House is more than just a venue. It presents the perfect setting for that all important: private dining to entertain existing or potential clients product launches, board meetings, conferences, training and interviewing.

Businesses will receive a wonderful service, comfort and facilities in a setting that evokes style and individuality.

Tower House specialises in smaller, high level events for up to 70 people depending on the type of event.

All corporate events are bespoke to your needs. We provide tranquillity, discretion and an unwavering commitment to quality and service. Our staff can help plan and perfect your booking to meet your requirements.

Our location offers the considerable advantage of excellent transport links, and quality accommodation is available close by. Free private parking is also provided for your clients and guests.



a corporate event

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Rooms

Tower House has recently been upgraded to the very highest levels of contemporary elegance.

There are three private rooms/areas that provide the perfect setting for social and business events.

Upstairs second floor

The former Lord Mayor's office has been transformed into the 'Williamson Room', named after the last occupants to have lived in the house and the family that bequeathed it to the city.

Upstairs first floor

On the first floor is the 'Watmer Dining Room'. William Watmer lived on the site in an earlier house built in 1619.

Downstairs

On the ground floor is the 'Rosiers Reception'. 'The Rosiers' was the original name of William Watmer's home.

The garden terrace is ideal for hosting larger events, providing views of the river and surrounding gardens.

Capacity

	Boardroom	Theatre	Reception	Private Dining	U-Shape	Licensed for weddings/ civil partnerships
The Rosiers Reception	16	30	70	30	14	Yes
The Watmer Dining Room	14	20	40	14	-	No
Williamson Room	8	15	20	8	-	No



menus

Creative menus for every occasion

Whether you are organising a conference, meeting, dinner, drinks reception, buffet or a private celebration, we have a range of menus to choose from.

We offer seasonal menus to suit different tastes and budgets, using locally-sourced produce, wherever possible.

If you prefer a more personal approach, we are happy to discuss your ideas with you to create a menu tailored to your need.

To complement our tempting range of menus, we can provide a choice of drinks package. Our wine list has been carefully selected to offer variety, quality and value. And if you need a cash or open bar, we can provide one.

Excellence in service

We recognise that every detail counts and will work with you at every stage to help you decide what's right for you. We are confident that our first class service, and excellent attention to detail will ensure treasured memories for both you and your guests.

We promise to:

- Make you welcome and help you to enjoy the facilities
- Be courteous, highly trained and happy to assist you at all times
- Provide a clean, well maintained and comfortable environment
- Respond quickly and efficiently to requests for services and enquiries
- Correct things promptly if they go wrong and learn from complaints
- Respond promptly to your written, telephone and email comments within five days
- Answer the telephone in a polite and courteous manner
- Let you know if any equipment is not available prior to use or if there are any changes to your booking, and try to make alternative arrangements
- Wear name badges and be dressed appropriately
- Assist you during your visit and take immediate action where possible to resolve any issues

You can expect:

- Clear and concise information about our services and how to use them
- A confirmation of your booking and copy of terms and conditions in an easily understood format
- Rooms to be ready at the required time agreed prior to the event and in the format requested
- Food and beverages to be served within the time specified by the organiser and agreed prior to the event
- The quality of all food and beverages will be to a high standard



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