



The Boat House

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Abbie & Darren

Where did it all begin?

Back in November 2018, after chatting on social media, Darren invited Abbie for breakfast. It was going very smoothly, until Darren had a sip of his tea which went down the wrong way and he spat it all over Abbie, who must have liked him as she agreed to another date!

Quickly becoming inseparable, it was clear this was something very special. 7 months later they decided to move in together and the rest is history.





Tell us your proposal story!

In December 2019 on holiday in Cape Verde, Darren suggested a walk along the beautiful sandy beach. With toes dipped in the sea, Darren took Abbie in his arms and declared his love, before dropping to one knee and producing the most beautiful diamond ring. Truly the most magical moment imaginable!

What made things even more special was that Darren had asked not only Abbie's Dad's permission, but also her son Dylan's too.

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The venue was everything we dreamed of and more

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What was important to you when choosing your venue?

The Boat House was only the second venue we visited and as soon as we walked in we knew it was the one. We wanted somewhere with a modern and stylish look. The lighting made it feel so intimate and we loved the bi-fold doors which opened up on to the stunning grounds.



What made you fall in love with The Boat House?

The beautiful surroundings! All of our guests commented on the venue and grounds and it set the scene for some lovely photos.

Secondly for us has to be the staff. Considering we were one of many couples, the service was exceptional and we were made to feel as if we were the only wedding they were planning - they went above and beyond to make our big day special.



What was your wedding theme?

We wanted a rustic theme and The Boat House gave us a perfect blank canvas to be able to create the look that we wanted.

The lighting in the venue added a very romantic intimate feel.



& Abbie
Darren

What was the highlight of your big day?

Our wedding was perfect from start to finish. We were nervous about saying our vows as neither of us are confident people, but we can honestly say it was the best day of our lives. The highlight has to be having our first dance as husband and wife surrounded by loved ones.

What would be your top tip to any future couples getting married at The Boat House?

Don't rush into booking anything without doing your research first and checking out reviews from other couples. It's true what people say about how fast your big day goes, so make sure to take a little time out throughout the day for you to have sometime to reflect together!

What did you find to be your biggest challenge?

Unfortunately we faced challenges pretty early on due to COVID. Our wedding had to be postponed twice but Beckie and the team were incredible, rearranging our plans to make it as stress free as possible for us.



Food is serious business at Aston Marina - which dish was a must for you?

The food was truly outstanding - from the canapes to our three course meal it was wonderful. We wanted a relaxed option in the evening so went for the fish & chips option which was a big hit with our guests!

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Were there any suppliers you would recommend?

K H Hairdressing & Helen Pearson MUA - the dream team! Not only did they do our hair & make up but they calmed us, organised us, helped us into our dresses and just went above and beyond.

Design Elegance did a fabulous job styling the venue, whilst Emma's Cake Design made the most beautiful cake!

I would also highly recommend a live band as they provide great entertainment and got everyone up dancing. We had the Live Wires who were fab!



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