



We initially enquired at Aston Marina in January 2022 as we were looking for a luxury venue to host a conference for our organisation.

We were looking for something a little different and not a city centre hotel or conference centre so the beautiful waterside nature and deluxe conference venues offered at Aston Marina appealed.



Expecting up to 150 attendees, we required one large conference room & three to four smaller breakout rooms.

We received а very timely response from Aston Marina's events co-ordinator, who had provided a detailed quote based on our requirements for their large conference venue The Boat House as well as suggesting that we may want to consider their newest smaller venue, The Hideaway, to provide the additional breakout space we required.



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Upon reviewing the quote, we arranged a convenient time to view the spaces available. Prior to viewing the venue, we called Aston Marina to check available dates and the team could not have been more helpful.

## CONFERENCES & EVENTS

The events manager was aware of everything we had discussed to date. The date we required was available & was provisionally booked for both The Boat House and The Hideaway for two weeks, with no obligation, to allow time for us to view the venue and consult with the multiple parties involved in the booking whilst safe in the knowledge that the date was reserved.

We attended our venue viewing & upon arrival loved the peaceful countryside atmosphere and beautiful views over the water.

The Boat House is a gorgeous open plan barn style venue with beautiful lighting and two fully glazed walls with bifold doors to ensure you really make the most of the outside space.

The Hideaway is smaller and extremely comfortable with countryside views and a cosy fireplace. The team were helpful and really took on board what was important for us and tailored plans accordingly.

Following our visit we stayed for lunch in the No.26 restaurant. Lunch was delicious and confirmed to us that the catering side of things would be well taken care of by the award winning chef team.











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Before leaving we had another walk around the entire venue to discuss our plans and the information provided. Whilst doing so we saw The Potting Shed and four waterside domes, which would provide several further breakout spaces that would be beneficial to us.

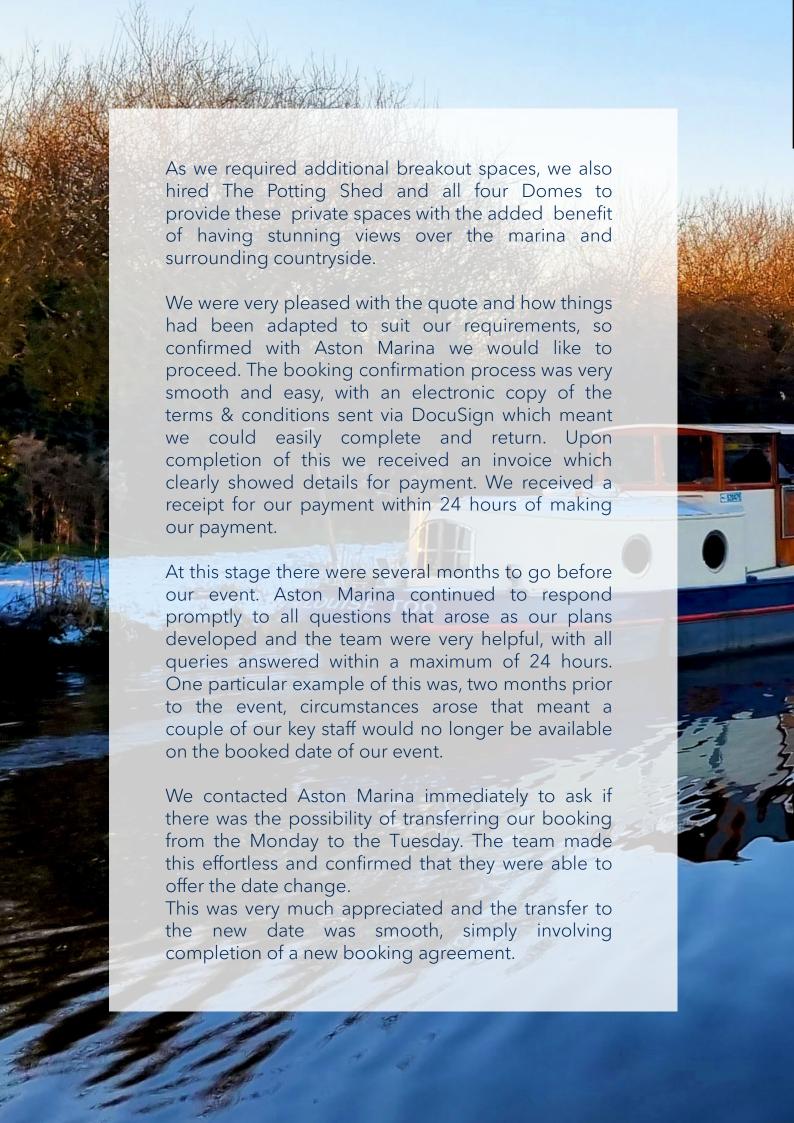
The domes are completely transparent igloo style pods on the decking overlooking the marina. The Potting Shed has it's own quirky design, seating up to 20 people and is located on the waters edge set in its own garden.

We were delighted to learn that we could exclusively hire these additional spaces, everything seemed perfect, so we added the four domes and Potting Shed to our provisional booking.

Once we had confirmed our itinerary for the day, Aston Marina updated our quote to reflect this, took into consideration our timings and included catering requirements for breakfast, breaks and lunch.

The Boat House provided our main conference base, with theatre style seating for 140 guests and buffet stations throughout the day.

The Hideaway was to be used for our vendor showcase, with 8 vendors exhibiting each with a 6ft trestle table & refreshments available.

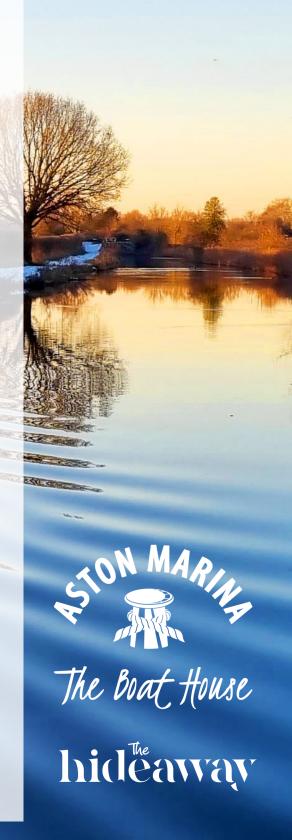




With our event fast approaching, several members of our vendor team wanted to have a look around the Aston Marina venues to finalise plans regarding our set up.

We contacted the team and were promptly booked in with one of the managers to discuss ideas. The manager greeted us upon arrival and was extremely helpful in explaining the various layout options available in each of the four event spaces that we were hiring, taking into account both the set up we envisaged but also providing great advice to ensure the smooth running of the event and all round fantastic guest experience.

We proceeded to confirm our final guest numbers 28 days prior to the event in line with Aston Marina's booking process, however when 20 additional guests confirmed less than two weeks prior to the event it was no problem for the team to accommodate.





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We also arranged for some equipment to be delivered directly to Aston Marina the day before our event, which the team received & stored appropriately for us, before making sure this was in the required venue spaces ready for our arrival on the day.

On the day of the event itself, the team were a credit to Aston Marina - friendly, professional and always available when we needed; co-ordinating the catering, assisting with the set up of our AV & directing attendees to the relevant spaces as required.

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Our overall experience with Aston Marina was fantastic and our event a huge success, with many lovely comments from our attendees regarding the stunning waterside location, beautiful venues & excellent service.

The inclusion of facilities such as a projector & screen, integrated sound system, 4K TV, complimentary high speed Wi-Fi and free on-site parking were great.







