

Upfront Weddings

Venue - Catering - Accommodation - Entertainment

A family run venue nestled on the edge of the Lake District

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Welcome to Upfront

Tucked away in the heart of the Cumbrian countryside, our family-run venue offers you and your guests a rustic retreat in a stunning 16th century barn with converted farm buildings and newly built spaces that beautifully balance old charm with modern comfort. We've been welcoming guests since 1997 and we absolutely love what we do. Now we're inviting couples to celebrate their day with us in a way that feels real, relaxed, and entirely their own.

Upfront is ideal for wedding celebrations of up to 150 guests, with accommodation for up to 27 people across a charming cottage and several eco-lodges. Additional glamping options can be provided onsite, along with a range of nearby places to stay for your guests.

With over 50 years' experience bringing people together for arts, music and celebrations, we know how to create a great atmosphere. With our licensed bar, restaurant and friendly, hands-on team, we'll look after every detail so you can focus on enjoying your special day.





The Space

Upfront is home to a vibrant music venue, puppet theatre, vegetarian café and holiday accommodation, set across beautiful buildings and private spaces within peaceful, rural grounds.

At the heart of the venue stands a beautifully preserved 16th-century barn with traditional oak beams & balcony space. The barn offers an intimate setting for dining, seating between 50 - 80 guests, with the adjoining theatre space accommodating up to 100 seated.

The courtyard is ideal for sunny days and gathering round the fire pit in the evening, leading to our light open plan foyer with bar in the converted farm buildings - the perfect space for welcome drinks and canapes.

As evening falls, the venue comes alive with music, dancing and celebration – complete with a full setup for bands, DJs and live entertainment.











Accommodation

Cedrus



Barn Owl Cottage



Larch Lodge



Willow Lodge





Imagine waking up to the sound of birds singing, enjoying your morning coffee on the sun deck and exploring the spectacular scenery with your loved ones. This is your chance to enjoy the best of what the Cumbrian countryside has to offer.

Across four separate guest houses, facilities include a wood-fired sauna, hot tub, onsite cafe, and private gardens with countryside views and stunning country walks nearby.

In addition, we are able to provide luxury glamping onsite with shower and toilet facilities. There are also a variety of B&Bs, holiday lets & hotels close by.

Cedrus Luxury Lodge

Sleeps up to 6 across 1 x double en-suite bedroom and 2 x twin bedrooms.

Larch Lodge

Sleeps up to 4 across 1 x en-suite double bedroom and 1 x en-suite twin bedroom.

Contact us for details on further accommodation.

Barn Owl Cottage

Sleeps up to 5 across 1 x double bedroom, 1 x twin bedroom, 1 x single bedroom.

Willow Lodge

Sleeps up to 6 across 1 x en-suite double bedroom, and 2 x double/twin rooms.







Wedding Catering



We've been serving delicious home-cooked vegetarian food at Upfront since 1997 and our in-house team are happy to collaborate with you to create a menu that suits your taste and budget.

We specialise in relaxed buffet and casual dining that is flavourful and full of heart. We can also provide a tasty breakfast for you and your guests to start the day off right.

If you'd prefer to bring in your own caterers, our on-site kitchen is available to hire, with room for external setups or catering trailers. We can also recommend a range of trusted local caterers we know and love.

With a fully licensed bar, we can serve drinks and refreshments throughout the day, from welcome drinks and toasts to late-night celebrations — tailored to suit you.



Entertainment & Extras



Upfront is a unique venue, combining an art gallery, puppet theatre, music venue, and event space and our team brings years of experience in hosting special occasions where creativity and celebration come together.

With a background in theatre design, our team can style your celebration with bespoke décor and one-off creations to make your day feel personal and unique.

We can also curate and manage your entertainment, taking care of everything from sourcing performers, furniture and equipment, to providing the technical setup and on-the-day coordination.

Whether you'd like a live band, DJs or children's entertainment, we can help bring it all together with the equipment, know-how and creative touches to make your celebration truly special.



Location



Upfront is located in the Northern lakes near to lake Ullswater. Our peaceful location is just 10 minutes from Penrith, with convenient access to the train station and local amenities.

The Northern Fells are just 15 minutes away, with Lake Ullswater, Hadrian's Wall Country, Keswick, and Carlisle all within easy reach.



Ceremonies

Whether you're dreaming of a traditional church service or a simple ceremony, we're surrounded by beautiful local options.

Churches:

St James Church, Hutton in the Forest – 2 minutes drive

St Michael's Church, Skelton – 5-minute drive

Skelton Methodist Church, Skelton – 5 minutes drive

Greystoke Church – Greystoke, 7 mins drive

Christ Church – Ivelgill, 8 mins drive

All Saints Church, Calthwaite – 8 mins drive

Registry Offices:

Carlisle – 25mins drive

Penrith – 10mins drive

If you'd like to hold your ceremony at Upfront, let us know!



Kind Words

“We chose Upfront as the venue for our wedding, and we are so glad that we did. It was everything we hoped it would be and more.

The site itself is beautiful, and the Upfront team even managed to book glorious weather for us. They made sure everything ran without a hitch and delivered everything we asked for and some extras, which was a lovely surprise! We could not have asked for more.

If you’re looking for a wedding venue that will let you make it your own and have your special day just the way you want it, then pick Upfront!”

Kira & Charlie





Next Steps



If you're ready to chat or you'd like more information, please get in touch – we'd love to hear about your plans.

With Love,

Elaine, John and Ben x

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