‘Dragon Hall was the perfect space to host our wedding reception; celebrating with friends and family in one of Norwich’s most historic venues was a real treat and made the day even more memorable.’

– Mr & Mrs Markham-Uden
WELCOME TO DRAGON HALL

The 15th-century Dragon Hall – home to the National Centre for Writing – is a magnificent timbered trading hall and courtyard garden located in the heart of Norwich, easily accessible from city centre hotels and the train station.

The soaring oak-beamed Great Hall paired with the contemporary glass wall of the Foyle Gallery offers a stunning setting for your wedding day, and the specially designed white flower border in our garden forms an elegant backdrop for photographs.

1000 YEARS OF STORIES...

There have been buildings on this site for more than a thousand years. Archaeological research shows us that it was home to Saxon huts, a medieval open hall house built in 1330 and Tudor town houses – evidence of which can still be seen today.

Built c. 1430 by Robert Toppes, the Great Hall is a rare example of a medieval merchant’s trading complex. Its centrepiece, the magnificent first-floor trading hall, originally used more than 500 large oak timbers, was decorated with 15 carved dragons of Baltic oak and has a fine crown post roof.

After significant renovation, Dragon Hall reopened in 2018 as the home of the National Centre for Writing. It is a place of discovery, exchange, ideas and learning for writers, literary translators, readers and everyone who loves words and the stories woven from them. To find out more about our charitable work, visit www.nationalcentreforwriting.org.uk

YOUR NEXT CHAPTER

As the awe-inspiring centrepiece of the building, the Great Hall is the ideal setting for ceremonies and wedding breakfasts.

The space is open, with a good amount of natural daylight, and each wall, window and post radiates history – from the carved dragon and the witcher marks to the remaining traces of Victorian wallpaper. It is a stunning blank canvas which you can furnish to your own taste.

Downstairs, the glass Foyle Gallery is the perfect place for post-ceremony drinks or for the dancefloor at night. It overlooks an immaculately designed garden which makes a beautiful backdrop for photos in both summer and winter.

Our exclusive wedding specialists, Softley Events, will be with you every step of the way, and their services are included as part of the cost of the venue hire. From initial viewing through to planning, setting up, the day itself and the clearing up afterwards, the team are happy to be involved wherever useful and will ensure that everything runs smoothly. Find out more at www.softleyevents.co.uk.

Dragon Hall is fully licensed for weddings and civil partnerships. We are also happy to host just your reception and evening party.*

*Please note we do not offer a ceremony-only package.
THE VENUE

Our wedding package gives you the time and flexibility to relax and enjoy your special day.

Set up day before (Friday)
10am–4pm

The day itself (Saturday)
Access to the venue is from two hours before guests arrive until one hour after the event finishes

The day after (Sunday)
Collections can be made between 9–11am

PRICE
All of the above, including the services of Softley Events, is included in a fixed-rate price of £5,000

WHAT WE PROVIDE
• Exclusive use of the Great Hall for ceremonies, drinks receptions and dining, and the Foyle Gallery and Garden for drinks receptions and dancing in accordance with our premises licence
• Ceremony space for up to 120 guests
• Tables and chairs for up to 80 dining guests
• Use of a retiring room for your celebrant
• Use of a kitchen and an approved list of caterers (catering itself not included)
• Full disabled access throughout the building and a hearing loop in the Great Hall
• Use of all audio-visual equipment
• A dedicated event manager from Softley Events, who will be your point of contact during the months leading up to your event and will be able to offer any advice required
• Two Duty Managers and door security, responsible for the safety of guests and the building

GET IN TOUCH
If you would like to visit Dragon Hall to tour the building and discuss your wedding plans, please contact us at
weddings@nationalcentreforwriting.org.uk
or by calling 01603 877177

For further information on the venue, including floor plans, visit www.weddingsdragonhall.co.uk

ANY EXTRAS?

We want every detail of your special day to be perfect and memorable.

If you need additional hours to set up or clear away an additional hourly charge will apply. Details of all our prices are available on request.

Hire of the Hall does not include the cost of catering, bar facilities, music, flowers or other decorations. However, our wedding specialists, Softley Events, will be delighted to discuss everything with you and will offer help and advice wherever possible.

‘Dragon Hall was the perfect venue for our civil partnership. A beautiful historic building, it is at the same time modern and accessible, but retains its history, charm, and sense of occasion.’

- Jan Robertson

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- Mr & Mrs Ducker