



# Leicester's Heritage Venues



## Beautiful Venues Steeped in History

Abbey Pumping Station • Belgrave Hall & Gardens • The Guildhall • New Walk Museum & Art Gallery





Bridal Dressing Room at  
Belgrave Hall & Gardens

# Welcome to Leicester's Heritage Venues

**Leicester's finest collection of historic and stunning locations for your wedding ceremony and reception.**

Celebrate your special day in the Victorian splendour of Abbey Pumping Station. A magnificent backdrop with extensive grounds for your marquee reception.

Host your ceremony and reception in the 18th century Belgrave Hall with period features and charming walled gardens.

Exchange your vows in the 14th century timber-framed Guildhall, next to Leicester Cathedral, set in the Greyfriars conservation area.

Marry in the Regency elegance of picturesque New Walk, with your ceremony in the spectacular Victorian Art Gallery.

These wonderful venues have a range of rooms available for civil ceremonies and receptions.

All our venues provide outstanding settings for wedding photographs and are perfect for couples seeking a truly individual and romantic location for their special day.

Each venue has an experienced team to help you with the planning of your special day and will ensure you and your guests enjoy the occasion.

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# Abbey Pumping Station

## Unique Victorian Splendour

Abbey Pumping Station, Leicester's Museum of Science and Technology, provides a truly unique setting for your special day.

From the moment you and your guests enter this magnificent 120-year-old monument to fine Victorian engineering, you are transported to a bygone era.

Host your intimate wedding ceremony in the beam engine house, supported by decorative columns with foliate capitals, rising to meet beautifully-finished ornate ironwork. It is the only place in Britain where you can see four steam-powered beam engines restored to working order.

The adjacent Electric Switch Room is also licensed to hold larger weddings for up to 50 guests.

Take memorable photographs in front of exceptional backdrops to leave a lasting impression on your guests.

Our permanent marquee seats up to 160 guests, depending on layout. Alternatively, a larger marquee can be erected in our private paddock. Nearby car parking is available.

## SPECIAL EXCLUSIVE OFFER

For a limited number of weddings we can offer couples the unique experience of riding on the museum's mini-railway which will transport you and your guests towards our marquee to continue the celebrations. Please check availability when making your enquiry.



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# Belgrave Hall & Gardens

## 18th Century Hall and Gardens

This lovingly restored former family home provides the perfect backdrop for a more intimate ceremony. Surrounded by two acres of serene walled gardens, Belgrave Hall is an enchanting location.

Recently refurbished, Belgrave Hall dates back to 1709 and retains much of its traditional architectural character with period features and detailing.

### There are three ceremony rooms to choose from:

- the elegant William Vann Room with an original fireplace and glorious views of the gardens
- the John Ellis Room with period features and large windows
- the former laundry with its rustic charm and doors opening onto an attractive cobbled courtyard.

Enjoy the bridal room overlooking the gardens, where you can prepare for the ceremony. Then, your photographer can capture the special moment as you walk down the sweeping staircase and up the aisle.

During the summer months you can join your guests in our garden marquee for your reception or wedding breakfast, seating up to 120 people.

The gardens change with each season. Enjoy a stroll around the woodland, water and formal gardens. Colourful flower beds, fragrant Edwardian roses and ancient mulberry trees offer the perfect backdrop for photography.

We welcome outside caterers and our converted stable block offers a catering kitchen. An adjacent car park is also available for your guests.



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# The Guildhall

## Medieval Elegance

One of the finest surviving timber-framed medieval halls in England, The Guildhall has been a focus of life in Leicester for more than 600 years.

Dating back to 1390, The Guildhall's historic architecture is beautifully complemented by the recently developed contemporary gardens next to Leicester Cathedral.

Imagine your wedding day in a stunning medieval setting where Parliament once met, grand feasts were held and where Shakespeare's players took to the stage.

Astound your guests in the stunning Great Hall, with murals dating back to the 17th century and surrounded by large medieval windows, fine brass chandeliers and impressive dark panelling and beams.

For a more intimate ceremony or drinks reception, the Mayor's Parlour offers a backdrop of carved wooden panels, an elaborate 17th century fireplace and stunning 15th century stained-glass windows.

The charming enclosed courtyard is also available for a celebratory glass of fizz and memorable wedding photography.



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# New Walk Museum & Art Gallery

## The Fine Art of Weddings

At the heart of the picturesque New Walk, Leicester's original museum combines culture, history and style. It is home to exquisite collections of art, culture and the natural world.

Take your vows in the breath-taking Victorian Art Gallery surrounded by Leicester's fine art collections which include works by Turner, Rodin and Degas.

You are welcome to have musical performers and we have a beautiful Steinway grand piano available to hire. The gallery has a modern AV system and hearing loop.

We can now offer ceremonies in our popular dinosaur and fossil galleries – delightful for adults and children.

The Lord Mayor's Room is also available for weddings and, along with the Parlour, is ideal for holding a drinks reception where guests can toast your bond.

Our impressive new entrance and staircase, the attractive Museum Square and historic New Walk, bordered by grand townhouses, all provide stunning settings for your wedding photographs.

Only five minutes from the train station, the museum has full access for wheelchair users and guide dogs are welcome. Limited car parking is available.



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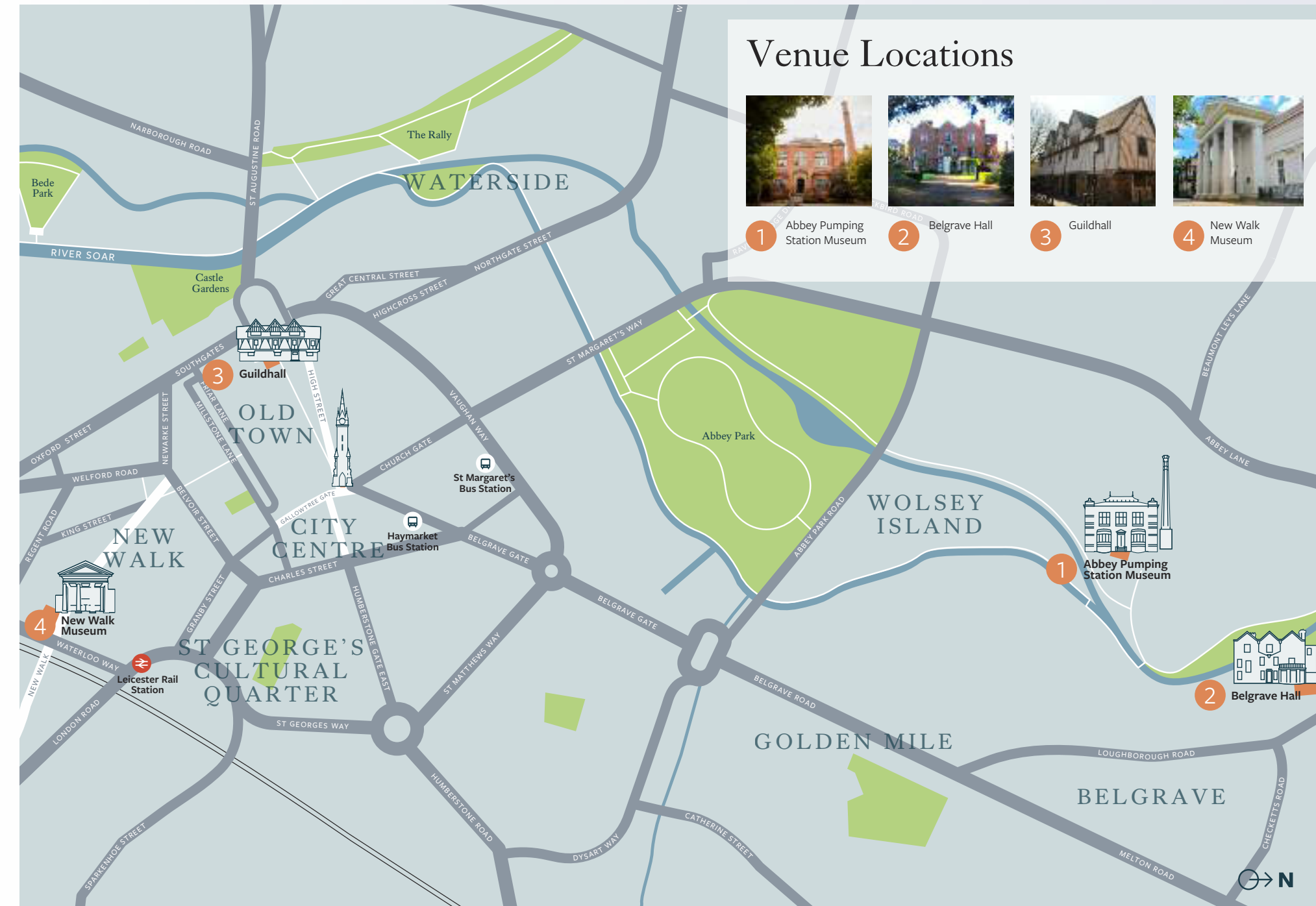








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