

Venue Dry Hire – 2023

Welcome to Cartmel Racecourse!

We love to welcome as many people to our course as possible, even outside of racing season.

If you are interested in hiring our venue, please read below to see how we can provide the ideal canvas for any event idea you may have, **from weddings to award ceremonies to wakes and everything in between.**

If you have any questions or ideas you would like to explore, please call in and speak to a member of our lovely team, who would be happy to make some suggestions to direct your planning.

Overview

Our venue is comprised of several elements: our main building, the Grandstand, housing our Louis Roederer Restaurant as well as jockey areas, weighing room and offices; our race course itself; and the paddock enclosures within the course.

To summarise, the dry hire of our venue provides you with exclusive access to the site and use of the facilities, whichever you may require. What you do with the venue is then up to you, pretty much! We can of course offer various suggestions, including caterers and suppliers.

Suggested Events

As a local venue, we have hosted many different events outside of race season. For some, our Racecourse has particular significance because a loved one and the memories attached. For others, we simply have all of the facilities available to make their event go without a hitch.

Set in the beautiful Cartmel countryside, we would love to hear any suggestions you may have for how our unique space may serve you. In particular, we have hosted **weddings, christenings, wakes, birthday events, corporate functions, and party bashes!** Though we would enjoy being able to add further events to that list...

Weddings

For those looking for a wedding venue in particular, we are more than happy to discuss this with you. Your choices will vary with how many guests you would like on site and what you would like the venue to look like and be used for – please call in and one of our team would love to go over this with you. We are licensed for civil ceremonies, though do check out Cartmel Priory just down the road if you would prefer a church ceremony.

Our Areas and Their Uses

The Grandstand – our main building: home to our Louis Roederer restaurant, its kitchen and bar; male and female jockey changes and showers; the weighing room; and staff offices. Attached to the restaurant are our outdoor viewing platforms, for perfect views across the whole track.



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The Racecourse – where the action takes place during race season! Unfortunately, work is required year-round to keep our track in optimal condition, and so access to the track is very limited.

The Paddocks – largely used for parking, we have lots of available outdoor space perfect for any marquees or outdoor activity you would like to use it for.

Hire Costs

We separate our hire costs into 3 sections, and then it is up to yourself what level you may require for your event. Please note, every event must include Land Hire.

Land Hire – This includes very ample parking facilities, full use of our external toilets including baby change and disabled access, and use of our outdoor spaces. You are welcome to bring in external suppliers and marquees to set up on this space, with no extra charge.

£1500 for set up day, day of and tear down day. Consecutive event days charged at £1000 per day.

Building Hire – This includes use of the Louis Roederer restaurant and its attached viewing platforms, our indoor toilets, weighing room, jockey facilities upon request. Our Louis Roederer restaurant also doubles as a conference suite, with projection available via several flat screen TVs in the corners of the room and a PA system available on request. You are welcome to decorate any of these areas however you wish, at no extra charge.

£1000 per day

Not included – glassware, crockery, linens, cutlery, consumables.

Kitchen and Bar Hire – This includes full use of our large commercial kitchen and its appliances, sinks, fridges and freezers. Full use of our bar inside of the restaurant, its cellar and hand-pulls.

£2500 per period to a maximum of 1 week

Cleaning Fee – This will be calculated based on which areas have been used and the degree of soiling. Please note this will not incorporate taking down any items or decorations used as part of the event.

Custom – We are open to discussing any further requirements your event may need. Please get in touch and we will happily draw something up between us!

Coordination and Catering

We always want to ensure you are catered to by the best. Please contact us to discuss our current catering arrangements and how this would work for your event.

Please note, as this is a Dry Hire only, the team from Cartmel Racecourse will not be able to coordinate your event in any capacity. You will need to designate another professional coordinator to take on this role fully.

External Vendors

We welcome external vendors to Cartmel, and would love to see how you plan to make your event vibrant. Your vendors will be solely your responsibility, however please do make sure that the Cartmel Racecourse team are aware of who will be on site at given times, and that



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they have provided any necessary insurance and compliance certification. Utility hook-ups (e.g. water, electricity) must be agreed in advance as these cannot be guaranteed and may be subject to further hire costs.

Licenses and Capacity

We are lucky at Cartmel Racecourse to be able to offer a late indoor bar, open until 1am. We are also able to host outdoor bars until 9pm or sundown, whichever is later. Live music is available indoors until midnight and outdoors until 9pm or sundown, whichever is later. We do ask all noise levels to be kept to a respectful level, however, as we do have neighbours to the course that we wish to remain considerate of.

We are licensed for civil ceremonies in the Louis Roederer restaurant, the Weighing Room and our outdoor paddock. Capacities for this will vary depending on the layout you would like for later in the day – please do discuss this with the team.

If you would prefer a church wedding, we are within easy walking distance from Cartmel Priory, the gorgeous 12th century heart of the village.

We are able to host for between 1 and 140 seated indoors, varying depending on how you would like to use the space. Outdoors, we are able to host far more than this however this would require further discussion.

Do this sound like the right fit for you?

Please be in touch to get started on your planning today!