

In addition to the South Barn the West Barn is a **dedicated area for Civil Ceremonies**.

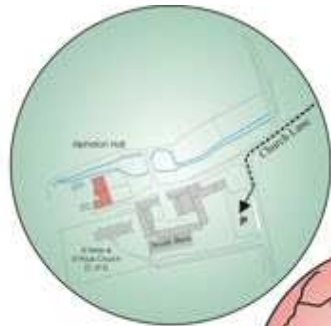


For those cold evenings the barns are **fully insulated** and there are large indirect thermostatically controlled heaters and ceiling fans.

Hire charges are based on 2014 - £3,000 for up to 125 total guests, and £3,500 for up to 200 total guests. 2015 - £3,500 and £4,000 respectively. There is a 10% addition for civil ceremonies. This is in addition to a £500 deposit which is returnable after the hire period expires. There is no VAT but we reserve the right to charge this should the situation change.

The site and the village's name, (Alpheton) dates back to and derives from Aefflead's Tun (tun meaning estate). Aefflaed (sister in law to king Edmund the Elder 921 - 946 ) settled here following the death of her husband Brihtnoth (Ealdorman of Essex) at the Battle of Maldon. It is understood that she developed the site; the Manor House (Hall), South Barn and Chapel (now the Church) prior to bequeathing them to the Abbey of Bury St Edmunds making the Hall and the Barn amongst the oldest surviving timber framed structures in the country.

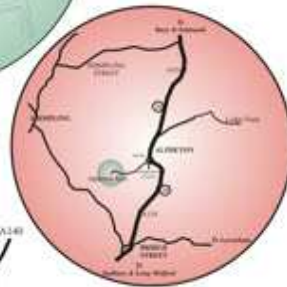
In renovating the barns we have sought to preserve and maintain their heritage for future generations



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Bury St Edmunds @ 10 miles  
Sudbury @ 7 miles  
Lavenham @ 3 miles  
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One of the oldest timber framed barns in the country



*Historic Wedding Venue*



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We seek to provide you with exclusive use of the barns and adjoining grounds for the whole of your special day, together with access to the barns from midday of the day before to midday of the day after for those special touches and cleaning up.

300, limed beech ladder-back chairs are provided along with tables for seating up to 200 people in a wide range of permutations together with a solid oak surfaced mobile bar, yet there is still room for dancing without having to rearrange the tables.



The barns which are thought to date back to Saxon times and the @10th century, offer a cathedral like vaulted space extending to some 3,500 sq ft

In addition there are “Bistro” chairs and tables to seat 40 for use in the garden



The barns offer a distinctly rural feel to any ceremony and whilst remotely located in a hidden fold in the countryside, they are only 1 mile off the A134 Sudbury to Bury St Edmunds main road.



In addition to perhaps the smartest loos in any barn in the country, (lots of bespoke solid oak doors and Venetian plaster) there is a dedicated kitchen and bar store / rest room, together with “old dears” and children’s rooms.

Most celebrations are ended as guests depart with a highland bagpipe send off for the bride and groom.



For those seeking a church wedding, the parish church of St Peter & St Paul Alpheton must be as atmospheric as you can get, with it’s ancient history and romantic oil lights and candles and being not even a stones throw from the barns there is no getting lost between the church and the reception.

In addition to Church ceremonies, the barn is licensed for **civil ceremonies** and we can Cater for a wide range of ceremonies.

Despite the barns amazing, cathedral like acoustics, speeches can be hard to hear with background chatter, so we have installed a PA system to assist the quietly spoken. This doubles up as a powerful sound system for background and gap filling music.

The kitchens, and loos and ancillary rooms are all built onto and are ancillary to the barn but at a half floor lower so back ground noise and intrusion is kept to a minimum.

Despite being licensed, we do not charge corkage as such (we charge nominal corkage - “I grab the odd drink”), and are happy for you to use your own caterer or one from our list of caterers. If wished we can arrange bar services for you.

The Hall and Barns are nestled in a quite fold in the Suffolk Countryside surrounded by Woodland and Organic farmland.



The Bury Abbey seal, found in Alpheton Hall, and showing Saxon King ,St Edmund flanked on either side by King Canute (994 - 1035) and Edward the Confessor (1003 - 1066).



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