

Your Wedding Day

Your wedding day is a very special day in both your lives, *Carriagehorses* can make it a memorable occasion, which will sparkle even more.

The horse drawn carriage is the perfect solution to travelling in style adding a touch of nostalgia to that special event, making it a day which you, and all your friends and relations, will treasure.



Your Special Day

It may be an anniversary, a family celebration or a reminiscence. Use the charm of the horses and carriage to celebrate the event. Have a picnic or visit a hostelry for lunch. The opportunity is yours.

Carriagehorses is professionally managed and carries commercial operators insurance.

As we travel to your location, using our own vehicles, including a horse box and carriage trailer, we are totally in control of our own timing, and therefore able to meet your schedules.

Carriagehorses service is available throughout the North of England and the Scottish Borders, but we will travel further upon request.



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A photograph of a wedding scene. A bride in a white dress and a groom in a dark suit are standing next to a horse-drawn carriage. The carriage is pulled by two dark horses. The background shows a stone building and some greenery.

The Carriages

We are proud to bring you our original VICTORIA CARRIAGE. Built in Paris by Charles Vermot in 1840, this open carriage presents the opportunity for you to enjoy a panoramic view during your journey.



You will also be able to access the carriage easily, as it is open from either side. In the event of a shower or inclement weather it has a hood which can be raised. Named after Queen Victoria who used this type of carriage to drive out in the London Parks, it is comfortable for two persons but does have a rear facing seat which can accommodate two additional passengers. The carriage is Brunswick green with white linings and dark green metalwork. The upholstery is trimmed with ivory covers and the back of the carriage may be decorated with flowers to coordinate with your chosen colours.

We also have a TOWN COACH This is a covered vehicle with windows to the front and sides. Slightly bigger, this coach will seat four, and is ideal for the winter months when the weather is such that a closed carriage may be preferred.

The Horses

Imported from the Netherlands early in 2005 we have Villem v/d Stouwe and Jolle, two 16.2hh. Friesians. Characteristically of their breed, their enthusiasm, intelligence, presentation, strength and gentle nature make them the ideal horses to attend you on your special day.

Originally Friesians were used as carriage horses by the majority of the royal households in Europe, and, as such, the breed is well known for their driving ability.

They are a rare and beautiful breed and it is a privilege to work with them.



Both horses are harnessed using traditional patent leather collars and the original leather harness. Formerly used by the Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery, the harness carries his family crest in silver. Described in heraldic terms as 'a wyvern, wings elevated, vert, holding in the morn a sinister hand, coupé at the wrist, gules'. The silver crests decorate each part of the harness.

All the bright metalwork on the horses and on the carriage is therefore in silver.



The People

Your day will be supported by a team of people who will ensure that the highest standards of presentation are maintained.

Your **Coachman, James Wainwright** has driven horses for over 25 years having initially been taught to drive in the traditional method by Paul Gregory, then International Pairs Driving Champion. Having driven for others, James now runs his own carriage business where standards of safety and your satisfaction are paramount.

Accompanying him on the box seat, and at your service, is **James Ainslie**, your **Footman**, who will attend to and ensure your comfort during the drive.

If you wish the horses to wear their white plumes, have their manes and tails plaited and dressed with ribbons and small flowers, it is **Head groom, Ann Wainwright** who will work with grooms to ensure that the horses are turned out, and maintained during the day, in their full splendour.

