

Surrey Civil Partnership Scripts



SURREY
COUNTY COUNCIL

CLASSIC CEREMONY

Entrance of the ceremony party

Welcome and introductions by the Superintendent Registrar

Escort Words (Optional)

[name] you have escorted [name] here today, are you willing to give **his/her** hand to [name] in the knowledge that he/she will be a kind and loving partner, and take good care of **him/her** throughout their life together? Reply 'I am'

The Ceremony

[name] and [name] have asked you to witness their civil partnership and to share with them the happiness of this very special occasion.

As no legal objection has been declared against your civil partnership, it may now take place. Although your guests know you very well, the law requires that you fully identify yourselves:

Partner 1: [name] may I have your full names please; and **Partner 2:** [name] may I have your full names please.

The place in which you are now met has been duly sanctioned according to the law for the registration of civil partnerships. This means that each ceremony that takes place here is both legal and binding.

A reading can be inserted here

Declaratory Section

Partner 1: I declare that I know of no legal reason why we may not register as each other's civil partner. I understand that on signing this document we will be forming a civil partnership with each other.

Partner 2: I declare that I know of no legal reason why we may not register as each other's civil partner. I understand that on signing this document we will be forming a civil partnership with each other.

Ceremony with rings

The ring bearer will be asked to present ring(s)

You may choose to exchange one or two rings at this part of the ceremony.

The giving and receiving of a ring is a traditional way of sealing your union. It is the outward sign of the love you share, and the commitment you have made to one another.

Two rings

Partner 1: [name] I give you this ring as a symbol of our partnership and as a token of my love.

Partner 2: [name] I give you this ring as a symbol of our partnership and as a token of my love.

One ring

Partner 1: [name] I give you this ring as a symbol of our partnership and as a token of my love.

Partner 2: [name] I accept this ring as a symbol of our partnership and as a token of your love.

Ceremony without rings

If you have chosen not to exchange rings as part of your ceremony you may like to include this option:

The vows and promises you have exchanged are the foundation for your future together, and a confirmation of the abiding love and happiness you have found with each other. Treasure this precious relationship through the years to come.

Partner 1: [name] I give you my hand as a symbol of our partnership and as a token of my love.

Partner 2: [name] I give you my hand as a symbol of our partnership and as a token of my love.

A reading can be inserted here

Pronouncement

[name] and [name], you have made a statement to those around you of the relationship you wish to cherish and share. A strong partnership is formed by love and friendship, by learning to compromise and to care for one another. This is the core of your relationship and the reason you are here. Today marks a new beginning for you both as legal partners and we hope you look back on this day with happiness, love and laughter.

You have made the declarations that are required by law and made a solemn and binding contract with each other in the presence of your witnesses and guests here today. I am delighted to announce, that from this day forward, you are now joined together as civil partners.

You may like to share a kiss at this part of the ceremony

Announcement to legal procedures

The Registrar will complete the legal paperwork before the signing of the Schedule

The Schedule will be signed by all parties

Photographs will be taken

Conclusion of Ceremony

The couple exits the ceremony room unless the ceremony is being followed by a religious or cultural ceremony (at a licensed venue only). In this instance the registrars will hand over to your chosen celebrant and leave the room before the ceremony commences.

I DO CEREMONY

Entrance of the ceremony party

Welcome and introductions by the Superintendent Registrar

Escort words (Optional)

[name] you have escorted [name] here today, are you willing to give **his/her** hand to [name] in the knowledge that **he/she** will be a kind and loving partner, and take good care of **him/her** throughout their life together? Reply 'I am'

The Ceremony

[name] and [name] are here to formally pledge their love, to be united in a partnership, and to offer each other the security that comes from promises sincerely made, and faithfully kept. They are choosing to make a commitment to each other for the rest of their lives.

This ceremony provides the opportunity to bring friends and family together, to celebrate the happiness of [name] and [name].

We are here to witness, what is at heart, a private moment between them, as they dedicate themselves to each other.

As no legal objection has been declared against your civil partnership, it may now take place.

Although your guests know you very well, the law requires that you fully identify yourselves:

Partner 1: [name] may I have your full names please; and **Partner 2:** [name] may I have your full names please.

The place in which you are now met has been duly sanctioned according to the law for the celebration of civil partnerships. This means that each ceremony that takes place here is both legal and binding.

A reading can be inserted here

Declaratory Section

Partner 1: I declare that I know of no legal reason why we may not register as each other's civil partner. I understand that on signing this document we will be forming a civil partnership with each other.

Partner 2: I declare that I know of no legal reason why we may not register as each other's civil partner. I understand that on signing this document we will be forming a civil partnership with each other.

'I Do' promise

Partner 1: [name] do you promise to love, respect, comfort and protect [name], and to share with **him/her**, all that you are and all that is yet to be 'I Do'

Partner 2: [name], do you promise to love, respect, comfort and protect [name], and to share with **him/her**, all that you are and all that is yet to be 'I Do'

Ceremony with rings

The ring bearer will be asked to present the ring(s).

You may choose to exchange one or two rings at this part of the ceremony.

Although these rings are beautiful in their own right, it is the bond of love they represent that makes them priceless. These rings, chosen with love and care, are the outward sign of the promises you have made today.

Two Rings

Partner 1: [name] with this ring, I promise to be true to you, to support you and to be there when you need me most. I give you my hand, my heart and my love.

Partner 2: [name] with this ring, I promise to be true to you, to support you and to be there when you need me most. I give you my hand, my heart and my love.

One ring

Partner 1: [name] with this ring, I promise to be true to you, to support you and to be there when you need me most. I give you my hand, my heart and my love.

Partner 2: [name] I accept this ring, and I promise to be true to you, to support you and to be there when you need me most. I give you my hand, my heart and my love.

Ceremony without rings

If you have chosen not to exchange rings as part of your ceremony you may like to include this option:

The vows and promises you have exchanged are the foundation for your future together, and a confirmation of the abiding love and happiness you have found with each other.

Treasure this precious relationship through the years to come.

Partner 1: [name] I promise to be true to you, to support you and to be there when you need me most. I give you my hand, my heart and my love.

Partner 2: [name] I promise to be true to you, to support you and to be there when you need me most. I give you my hand, my heart and my love.

A reading can be inserted here

Pronouncement

[name] and [name] your partnership is a celebration of the love you have for each other, a relationship of tenderness and compassion, and is based on mutual trust and respect. When two people pledge to love and care for each other, they create an identity unique to themselves, which binds them closer than any written or spoken word.

You have made the declarations that are required by law and made a solemn and binding contract with each other in the presence of your witnesses (and guests) here today. I am delighted to announce that, from this day forward, you are now joined together as civil partners.

You may like to share a kiss at this point of the ceremony

Announcement to legal procedures

The Registrar will complete the legal paperwork before the signing of the Schedule

The Schedule will be signed by all parties

Photographs will be taken

Conclusion of ceremony

The couple exit the ceremony room unless the ceremony is being followed by a religious or cultural ceremony (at a Licensed Venue only). In this instance, the registrars will hand over to your chosen celebrant and leave the room before your ceremony commences.

CIVIL PARTNERSHIP - ALWAYS AND FOREVER CEREMONY

Entrance of the ceremony party

Welcome and introductions by the Superintendent Registrar

Escort Words (optional)

[name] you have escorted [name] here today, are you willing to give **her/his** hand to [name] in the knowledge that **he/she** will be a kind and loving partner and take good care of **her/him** throughout their life. Reply 'I am'.

The Ceremony

[name] and [name] have asked you to witness their partnership, and to share with them their happiness as they start their new life together. Being here today is an expression of the love, respect, and true friendship they have for each other. Together, they will be stronger to meet whatever life holds for them.

As no legal objection has been declared against your civil partnership, it may now take place.

Although your guests know you very well, the law requires that you fully identify yourselves:

Partner 1: [name] may I have your full names please; and **Partner 2:** [name] may I have your full names please.

The place in which you are now met has been duly sanctioned according to the law for the celebration of civil partnerships. This means that each ceremony that takes place here is both legal and binding.

A reading can be inserted here

A civil partnership is a promise between two people who love each other and wish to spend their future together. It is making a commitment to share their dreams and memories, their joy and laughter; and to help and support one another through whatever life brings. It calls for trust, understanding and encouragement, a willingness to accept each other as they are, and the courage to grow and change together. [name] and [name] have found happiness, fulfilment and love, and they now wish to affirm their relationship.

Declaratory Section

Partner 1: I declare that I know of no legal reason why we may not register as each other's civil partner. I understand that on signing this document we will be forming a civil partnership with each other.

Partner 2: I declare that I know of no legal reason why we may not register as each other's civil partner. I understand that on signing this document we will be forming a civil partnership with each other.

'I Will' promise

Partner 1: Will you promise to love, respect and cherish [name], will you comfort and support **him/her** in times of need, share your laughter in times of joy and will you remain loving, faithful and true to **him/her** throughout your life together? 'I will'

Partner 2: Will you promise to love, respect and cherish [name], will you comfort and support **him/her** in times of need, share your laughter in times of joy and will you remain loving, faithful and true to **him/her** throughout your life together? 'I will'

Ceremony with rings

The ring bearer will be asked to present the ring(s)

You may choose to exchange one or two rings at this part of the ceremony.

We now come to the exchange of rings; this is the traditional way of sealing your vows. These rings are unbroken circles symbolising unending and everlasting love, and are the outward sign of the love you share and of the commitment you are making to each other.

Two rings

Partner 1: [name] I give you this ring as a symbol of our partnership, and as a token of my love and lasting friendship, always and forever

Partner 2: [name] I give you this ring as a symbol of our partnership, and as a token of my love and lasting friendship, always and forever

One ring

Partner 1: [name] I give you this ring as a symbol of our partnership, and as a token of my love and lasting friendship, always and forever

Partner 2: [name] I accept this ring as a symbol of our partnership, and as a token of your love and lasting friendship, always and forever

Ceremony without rings

If you have chosen not to exchange rings as part of your ceremony you may like to include this option:

The vows and promises you have exchanged are the foundation for your future together, and a confirmation of the abiding love and happiness you have found with each other. Treasure this precious relationship through the years to come.

Partner 1: [name] I give you my hand, as a token of my love and lasting friendship, always and forever

Partner 2: [name] I give you my hand, as a token of my love and lasting friendship, always and forever

A reading can be inserted here

Pronouncement

[name] and [name] you have made promises to one another and have created a partnership which will allow you to share and give generously from the heart. It is the most that two people in love can do to show not only to themselves but to those around them, the love and deep devotion they have for one another. Your partnership will enrich the bond of love which will strengthen and grow as you share your future, bringing you many joys and riches, as you travel through the many stages of life.

Our wish for you is that you always treat each other as unique individuals; respect each other's ideas, suggestions and traditions, and remind yourselves often of what brought you here, together, today. These celebrations are just the start of a lifetime of precious memories.

You have made the declarations required by law and you have made a solemn and binding contract with each other in the presence of your witnesses, your family and your friends. You have given to each other a promise of lifelong love and commitment. May you live in each other's love, delight in each other's company and may your home be a source of strength and happiness.

[name] and [name] it gives me great pleasure to announce that, from this day forward, you are now joined together as civil partners.

You may like to share a kiss at this part of the ceremony

Announcement to legal procedures

The Registrar will complete the legal paperwork, before the signing of the schedule

The schedule will be signed by all parties

Photographs will be taken

Conclusion of ceremony

The couple exits the ceremony room unless the ceremony is being followed by a religious or cultural ceremony (at a Licensed Venue only). In this instance, the registrars will hand over to the chosen celebrant and leave the room before your ceremony commences.