

Surrey Civil Partnership Scripts



SURREY
COUNTY COUNCIL

CLASSIC CEREMONY

Welcome and introductions by the Superintendent Registrar

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.

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

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.

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

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

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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.

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

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.

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

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.