



GLOUCESTERSHIRE REGISTRATION SERVICE

PHOTOGRAPHS AND VIDEOS AT MARRIAGE and CIVIL PARTNERSHIP CEREMONIES

Civil marriage and civil partnership registrations and ceremonies carry a legal status and are to be performed in a dignified manner. There are requirements placed on the registration officers to see and hear what the participants are saying and to ensure that the solemnity of the occasion is upheld.

An official photographer (or one member of the party who is not a witness, if there is no official photographer) may take photos at the following points of the ceremony:

Before the ceremony begins, walking down the aisle, at the exchange of rings (without any flash) and at the end of the ceremony when the register has been signed.

As it is not legally possible for photographs to be taken of the actual register, the Registrar will position the couple for a picture of the signing of the register using a blank page at the end of the ceremony.

Only **one** photograph is to be taken at the points allowed during the ceremony, as it can be very distracting for the couple and the Registration staff if a camera is constantly clicking. The Registration staff may ask the photographer to leave if they feel that the ceremony is being disrupted by photographs being taken.

Video equipment may be set up and used during the ceremony at the direction and discretion of the registration staff. It must not interfere with the ability of the registration officers to see and hear what is going on and it must not be focused on the register. Once the ceremony has begun, the camera must be kept in one place until the end of the ceremony.

You should be aware that if you are videoing the ceremony, playing music or having readings you may be subject to copyright laws if you distribute your video or show it to members of the public. You can find out more information from the LACORS website on www.LACORS.gov.uk