

Fox and Hounds Country Hotel

Venue - Devon

Mission statement:

Our intention is for every wedding to be perfect and most importantly, individual in its' feel. The owners of the business personally manage every wedding and are hands-on in every aspect of the hotel which reflects in the quality of the service we offer. Despite great recent success in the wedding market, we have continued to invest in our offering with a Gazebo, a Licensed Summer House and a beautiful Lake all being recently added to the stunning grounds.

We offer great facilities, in a beautiful rural surrounding at a very competitive price. This has helped the Hotel grow over 20% year on year for the last two years. We aim to continue this growth which will be built upon offering a fabulous, individual and personal service to our guests, without charging rates that would make us exclusive. We believe we can cater for a great range of couples and welcome all equally, irrespective of their budgets, backgrounds or personal beliefs. All couples are made to feel special and immediately feel welcome from their first visit to the Hotel.

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Customer comments:

“FOX AND HOUNDS HOTEL We had a very small but perfect wedding day at the Fox and Hounds the staff were friendly and everybody had a wonderful day. We couldn't have asked for anything more and we will allways remember the day with the fondest of memories.”

“Tara and her team did an amazing job in the lead up to the day and on the day - they had the wedding completely under control! They accomodated my needs and it never seemed to be a hassle for them. Everyone was just so friendly and helpful too.

I know some of my guests plan to go back and stay at the Fox and Houndw which proves how much they enjoyed it there.

And the food was delicious!

Really recommend it!”

“The service from the fox and hounds hotel was just perfect. For the whole day and the run up to the wedding, every need was attended to in such a fantastic manner. I could not reccomend the venue more! Brilliant!”

“THE PERFECT VENUE IN EVERY RESPECT-GORGEOUS SETTING-MOUTH WATERING AWARD WINNING FOOD-SPACIOUS AND WELL APPOINTED BEDROOMS-FRIENDLY AND LAID BACK ATMOSPHERE-GREAT ATTENTION TO DETAIL. THE STAFF AT THE FOX AND HOUNDS MADE OUR WEDDING PERFECT WITH LOTS OF TIPS AND ADVISE ALONG THE WAY WHICH ENABLED US TO HAVE THE PERFECT DAY THAT WAS PERSONAL TO OUR TASTES. ALL OUR GUESTS ALSO HAD A WONDERFUL AND RELAXING STAY AND HOPE TO VISIT AGAIN IN THE FUTURE. THIS IS THE WAY WEDDINGS SHOULD BE CLASSY AND UNIQUE BUT NOT STUFFY AND BORING!”

“Right from the word go Tara and her team where fantastic. They made us feel at home and well looked after. They helped with all the changes and plans, setting up and always checked in with

me if anything had been forgotten. I wouldn't have changed anything about our wedding day it was fantastic from arriving to leaving at the end of the day. The prices were very good and well the food.....was just amazing. I couldn't have faulted the effort of all the staff before, on and after the day! It's a great venue and i would choose to have the same day over and over."

"When planning our wedding we visited several venues in the Mid-Devon region searching for a venue that 'had it all'. Atmosphere, comfort and most of all a friendly, professional and flexible team. The Fox & Hounds was perfect.

We had guests arrive from across the country. All were made welcome and comfortable and all commented on the efficiency and willingness of the staff.

On the day the chapel was beautiful, the dining room was decorated exactly how we wanted and the food and gardens were magnificent. Tara even managed to arrange a hot sunny day!

It was the best day of our lives but we couldn't have done it without Tara and her amazing team who made the day and even the organisation a pleasure.

We're going back to the F&H for our first anniversary. How many wedding venues have that appeal?"

"I am a local girl who has been living overseas for many years so to have our wedding reception where I had my 21st and many other nights out was really special. Although not a bridezilla, I definitely had a vision for the day - that tended to veer away from the norm! We had a Devon cream tea reception followed by a hog roast in the evening. On the day, everything was just fantastic and the grounds at the Fox were amazing and a great backdrop to a real family wedding. Our friends and family really appreciated the location with many staying overnight in the hotel. It was a great start to our married life and no doubt we will be heading back to the Fox on many more occasions."

"Tara & her very lovely Team did everything to make our wedding go as smoothly as possible, i still cannot believe how stress free the whole planning & day was with them.

For us it was all the little touches that made the difference!

- Allowing us to prepare the wedding reception room the night before at our leisure.
- Making a jam sandwich for our nephew(pageboy) prior to the wedding reception.
- Regular checking to see if we needed refreshments whilst the bridal party were getting ready.
- Lovely soft furnishings in the rooms

Tara & Nick's team of Waitresses, Bar staff & Manager were all VERY polite, friendly, smart, efficient and very professional which i find quite rare these days.

We would do it there all over again tomorrow if we could!!"

"the staff were amazing and nothing was too much trouble. it was the perfect day. tara, the wedding planner was 1st class. i can't praise the fox and hounds enough!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!"

"Fantastic organisation and support. Fabulous food and great friendly relaxed atmosphere. Perfect setting for wedding of a lifetime."

"The venue was absolutely fantastic and we couldn't have asked for a better location to get married. The owners were terrific and were very accessible whenever we had a question. The value for money was extraordinary compared many other locations in the region. One of the great things about the Fox and Hounds is that everything is so close together, and the hotel and their staff will do whatever they can to cater for your needs.

I hope that Tara and her team are again recognised because it was as a result of their hard work that we had such a fantastic day."

“We had the most wonderful day, the staff and management were fantastic - the attention to detail and the relaxed atmosphere made our day very special indeed. The food served at our wedding breakfast was outstanding - all of our guests passed comment on it. Value for money goes without saying - we were on a fairly small budget but Tara and the team pulled it out of the bag for us, we had over 100 guests and every need was met.

The stress of travelling to different venues was one thing that worried me but when we found the Fox and Hounds catered for every part of our wedding, we were totally sold. our day went off without one hitch, we had our beautiful ceremony, wonderful wedding breakfast, and we partied till dawn.our sincere thanks go to Tara and the fantastic team at The Fox and Hounds.”

“We had a fabulous day. All the staff were very friendly and accommodating, especially Tara. Excellent value for money and beautiful grounds.”

“We believe the Fox & Hounds Country Hotel should win the award for best venue as we got married there last year and Nick & Tara and all the staff exceeded our expectations. The Hotel is located in a beautiful setting and we had some fantastic pictures taken in the grounds and all guests commented on our great choice of venue. The food we had whilst at the hotel was fantastic. We would highly recommend the Fox & Hounds for a wedding venue.”

“We had the most perfect day everything went very well i couldn't ask for anything better.The food was great and staff was excellent.The rooms were so nice i could stay there forever.I would recommend there hotel to any one, Thank you for a outstanding venue.”

“The venue and staff at the Fox & Hounds were unbelievable - nothing was too much trouble. From organising additional drinks, to changing timings slightly on the day even to providing our guests with baby monitors so they could enjoy the evening too.

I would thoroughly recommend the Fox & Hounds to anyone. The location is beautiful and the grounds make for excellent photo's - even in slightly bad weather.”

“from our first meeting tara (owner and wedding planner) we were made to feel completely at ease and in control of our plans and Tara was eager to assist and please. The venue is situated in perfect location with beautiful surroundings for photographs without having to go far, everything we could have asked for was under one roof. The bedroom was perfect for newly weds and for the bridal party to get ready with the hotel supplying drinks and snacks too! the chapple is perfect, bright and airy with good lighting. The food was fantastic and drinks a reasonable price for guests to buy at bar. Food and drinks package were affordable and Tara made lots of compromises to meet our budget, considering the credit crunch! i cannot recommend the venue staff or service enough and hope it wins!”

“The lead up to a wedding is a very exciting, yet anxious time. The staff at the Fox and Hounds in Eggesford were always keen to ease any concerns we had and surpassed themselves on the day in terms of both the quality of food and service provided. All guests commented on both the beauty of the location as well as how smoothly the day had gone; the credit being largely attributed to the organisation of those at the venue. From our perspective, we had an amazing day at very reasonable cost! It was worth every penny we paid and more!!!”

“Very attentive to detail, very happy to accommodate all your requests & plans for the day. Good service, friendly & made the day go effortlessly without a problem (even during a power cut in

the evening!). Open & honest from the start about what available, costs etc beautiful grounds & lovely wedding breakfast, both food & layout of room.
Would whole heartedly recommend it as a superb affordable wedding venue to anyone - made the day very special.”

“The Fox and Hounds really pulled out all the stops for us. We had a wonderful day which was made possible by the Tara and all the Staff at the Fox and Hounds. I have been to a number of weddings but not one where so many positive comments were made about the venue from the guest.”

“My husband and I would like to Nominate The Fox & Hounds Country Hotel @ Eggesford for the Best Venue Award 2010. They were 100% committed to making our day as special as possible as well as making the whole day about us. We had over 110 guest at our Wedding Breakfast - thus inc well over 10 children under the age of 8!!!! They did a superb job in making the whole party feel at ease and also made me forget about the "what if somebody wants this" or the "where is such and such". The whole layout of the venue looked stunning and although the weather was not all that great we still had some very stunning picture taken down by their new revamped lake. Tara is a fab wedding organiser who has even made me think about becoming one!”

“The fox and hounds country hotel made our wedding extra special. All of the staff couldn't do enough for us especially Tara (the owner) she made sure everything ran like clock work which it did, she laid all the tables exactly how we said we wanted them. We've had nothing but praise from our guests, they all really enjoyed the whole day. Everything was lovely and we have recommended it on several occasions.”

“high quality through out, felt very lucky to have had our special day there.”

“We had a small wedding of less than 30 guests but the team at the Fox and Hounds ensured that the service provided was excellent. Tara spends a lot of time ensuring that the day is very personal and we truly couldn't have asked for a better day. The food was great and the staff were friendly and eager to please. We searched lots of venues before choosing the Fox and Hounds and the wedding for a grand offer was excellent, providing great value for money (during a credit crunch!) at such a great looking venue. Venues that were far more expensive weren't as attractive in terms of the look of the venue. The Fox and Hounds provides the opportunity to have a fantastic day and the team have ensured that we have only great memories of our day, one we will remember forever.”

“Our wedding day was perfect at the Fox and Hounds. Tara made sure that we could have everything we wanted (with in reason) to fit around our budget. Me and my partner were limited for money to spend on our wedding, but looking at the outcome on the day you would have thought there was a lot more money involved. Tara and the excellent Fox and Hounds staff concentrated on making our day as stress free as possible. All staff were amazing and willing to help with anything that was needed. The rooms were outstanding, we could not fault them. And their grounds are amazing for the photographs etc. All in all, We were worried that we would not be able to afford our dream wedding because of our tight budget but the Fox and Hounds definately made that possible!”

“We could not have hoped for a more perfect venue for our special day! The setting is beautiful and the staff are outstanding in their dedication and friendliness. Nothing is too much trouble for Tara and her team. All the little touches like saving us canapes when we were busy talking to our

guests and making sure we had our favourite food from the evening buffet ensured that we felt completely pampered the whole day. We thoroughly recommend the Fox and Hounds to everyone looking for THE perfect wedding venue - the day flew by so quickly we wish we could do it all over again!"

"We were very happy with the whole thing from the planning to the actually day.
The setting was beautiful and everyone enjoyed themselves.
The service was brilliant and the food outstanding."

"our wedding was the last one out of 52 last year and Tara and her team still treated us like it was their first. The attention to detail was brilliant - they decorated for Christmas with our wedding theme in mind so my purple and silver theme worked so well. Fabulous food, great service. There were several christmas parties in the run up to our day but the staff still stayed smiling and helpful. some of my family will come back for a summer break they enjoyed it so much. i think they deserve the title best venue - they certainly keep trying."

"As we planned our wedding on a limited budget we found that Tara and Nick were keen to help meet our needs. Ranging from offering more cost effective menus to understanding when we were stalling on accomodation. No problem was too big or too small. At no point did we feel that quality or service level were comprimised by our level of spend.

The food; melon starter, carvery, and a White choc and raspberry creme brûlée were outstanding.
Many of our guests, commented throughout the day about the quality being so good for a 65 person strong group. Then the superb buffet was served!

Tara, as the owner/wedding planner made sure the day ran smoothly and we were never bothered. Nothing was ever rushed even when we were late for the breakfast." First class all round. Thank you!!!"

"The hotel staff at the fox and Hounds were fantastic,nothing was too much trouble , it was just a perfect day. They deserve to win because not just the accommodation was very comfortable, the food and the service was second to none. All the staff were extremly helpful. I would say that i am a not an easy customer but Tara and her team just accommodated me in every thing i needed and made our day perfect."

"Amazingly there were weddings at the hotel friday and saturday and ours was the Sunday. When i heard they had 3 in a row I was a bit worried but need not have been as the staff were every bit as enthusiastic as if we were the first couple of the year. The commitment to detail was brilliant - and even though my wedding was unusual in style they made my every wish come true. All my guests felt truly relaxed and welcome - the 'can do' attitude was just what i needed. My sister got married in a nearby Manor house which was twice the price and she had to fit in to their requirements as a venue. The Fox were flexible and open to ideas which I found to make the difference between a nice day and a perfect one. the food is to die for too!"

"I couldn't have hoped for a better day, the staff were brilliant and the wedding co-ordinator did everything to make it the perfect day.

We chose the Fox and Hounds because the setting is beautiful and they have made a real effort to make lovely photo opps, other venues that we veiwed either had good grouds or a few nice places indoors for photos but in our climate we wanted the option for both.

The food was excellent and they were very flexible with the menu and didn't charge when I wanted to make changes to their set menus.

All of our guests were very pleased with the food including my mother-in-law who has a serious allergy to wheat, the meal was tailor made to suit her diet, again at no extra cost or bother to the hotel. We wanted a relaxed day and thats what we got! Thankyou Fox & Hounds!!”

“Absolutely fabulous place for a wedding. Nick and Tara did everything they could to make everyone feel welcome and catered for. The wedding was tailor made for us, and we had so much flexibility in food, colours and timings it was difficult to choose! The hotel staff were helpful, even so one of the cleaners warned my husband to be careful in the bathroom because she had just cleaned it. The food is local, and wonderfully cooked. The grounds are kept very well, the rooms clean and unique, and the atmosphere relaxed. This hotel is home from home, a hug of a venue! Our wedding was perfect for us, and we are so very happy to have started married life at the Fox and Hounds Hotel.”

“We were both so thrilled with the fox and hounds and the first class service we received from all the staff there, anything and everything we wanted for our special day was not a problem for them even down to choosing the whole wedding breakfast menu ourselves and not having to choose from a selection already prepared by the venue which is what all the other venues we looked at were telling us we had to do. The day itself went so smoothly thanks to Tara overlooking everything. The Fox & Hound made our day so special, we could not have asked for more and our photos that were taken in their gardens are amazing. We were made to feel so special from the first time we stepped into the venue when we were looking for a reception venue to the moment we got into the car the day after the wedding.”

“we booked just 3 months before the wedding as our last venue let us down. What a difference from the moment we enquired - friendly staff and my calls/emails were always answered. There were no silly rules (the last venue insisted i had to wear a traditional dress!) and they were very flexible as i did not want the bog standard day. our expectations were exceeded at every turn - they couldn't do enough for us even though the way we wanted the service wasn't their usual way. They adapted brilliantly and we got the good weather we had prayed for. I am so glad the last place mucked up as we ended up with the best venue in devon - i hope they win!”

“The professionalism and customer service could not be questioned. All our needs were met and nothing was too much trouble, either during the months of preparation or during the day itself. The location of the venue is excellent and the grounds tranquil and beautiful - just what a bride and groom could expect of a wedding venue. We had the most wonderful day and would recommend the Fox & Hounds Hotel wholeheartedly.”