

Additional requirements in respect of applications for approval of gazebos and other garden structures for Marriages and Civil Partnerships.

The following has been agreed as guidance for applicants and for managers inspecting proposed premises:

1. Any gazebo or garden structure must be seemly and dignified.
2. The structure must be permanent and immovable, and have a brick, wood, stone or concrete base and a roof supported by brick, stone, concrete, cast iron or timber pillars or walls. The space between the pillars must be partially filled by trellis or other decorative materials. The roof must **not** be partially open, e.g. ironwork, but must provide full, permanent cover.
3. The structure must be a minimum of 8 feet in diameter or 8 feet square, big enough to accommodate a minimum of six persons plus a table and chairs.
4. The structure should have electric power and light.
5. The structure must not be advertised as/referred to as, enabling couples to "get married outside/hold a Civil Partnership outside"

Ceremonies in gazebos and other garden structures are limited to the period between 1st April and 30th September, when the weather is more likely to be fine. In all cases, an alternative approved room must be available for use in the event of inclement weather. The Superintendent Registrar conducting the ceremony will have sole discretion in relation to the suitability of conditions on the day of the Ceremony.

When submitting plans, applicants should show the location of the gazebo in relation to the other ceremony room(s).