



# CLAYDON ESTATE

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A Unique Country Venue For Event Hire

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# Venue Hire at Claydon Estate

Located in the beautiful Buckinghamshire countryside, Claydon Estate has over 170 acres of scenic parkland offering flexible open spaces for large events.

An historic courtyard and charming walled gardens are the perfect places for creating memorable occasions.

A unique and inspirational setting to create an unforgettable experience.





**The Verney family** have resided in Middle Claydon for 400 years, and the estate is set within 5,000 acres of rural countryside comprising open fields, parkland, woodland, lakes and gardens.

Central to Claydon Estate, **Claydon House**, often referred to as “an unexpected Georgian jewel,” was built in the 18<sup>th</sup> century by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Earl Verney and is now owned by the National Trust.

Historic family links range from **Florence Nightingale** (‘Auntie Flo’) to Sir Edmund Verney ‘The Standard Bearer’ at the centre of the **English Civil War**.

At the heart of the estate is the delightful 18<sup>th</sup> century **Claydon Courtyard** open to visitors throughout the year. It is a hub for food, art, workshops, wellbeing and retail.



# Parkland Venue Hire

**The scenic and versatile parkland spaces are ideal for larger events.**

- Areas include: Englands, Church Park, Lime Avenue, Pond Head, Warners
- The largest event to date has hosted 10,000 visitors, and we will be welcoming Towersey Festival here in 2021.
- Several purpose built access points
- Excellent parking



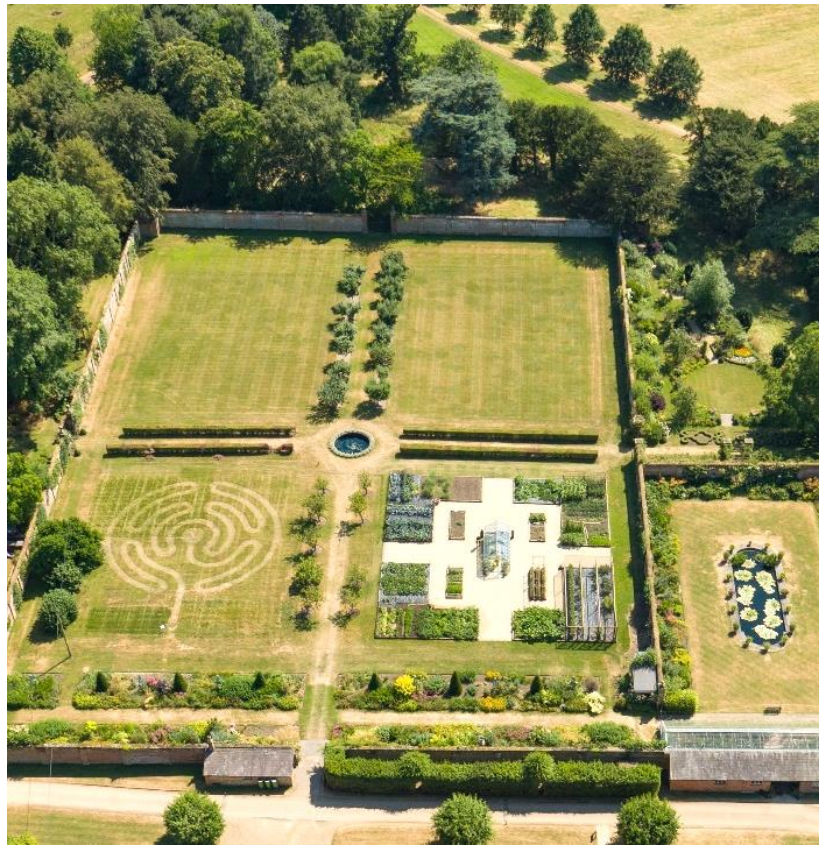


## Walled Gardens Venue Hire

**Our charming and historic Walled Gardens provide a picturesque setting for corporate or private events, festivals, fayres and shows.**

The Kitchen Garden is the principal open space measuring over 6,000sqm and offering great flexibility. The gardens extend into the tranquil Pool Garden and Florence Nightingale Garden, and natural wooded areas including Yew Tree Walk and the Woodland Garden.

Excellent access during an event and for set up and breakdown.





# Claydon Courtyard

Claydon's incredible Courtyard was once the bustling heart of the estate. It housed workshops, stables, coach houses, estate stores, the laundry, brew house and staff accommodation.

Having been carefully renovated, it now attracts visitors who want to enjoy good food, wish to enrol in a variety of courses and workshops, book a spa day or buy something unique and beautiful. We also have two charming holiday cottages, should visitors wish to extend their stay.

Also located in Claydon Courtyard is the Phoenix Kitchen serving homemade delicious seasonal food throughout the year.

The National Trust property, Claydon House, is adjacent to the courtyard.





# Claydon Courtyard Venue Hire

## **Perfect setting for events and filming.**

The central area within the Courtyard available for hire is 1,360sqm.

Between 10am–5pm, from Friday to Wednesday, the Courtyard is open to the general public and visitors to Claydon House.

It is mainly laid to grass and there are toilets, a café and free parking.





# The Phoenix Kitchen and The Stables Venue Hire

**The Phoenix Kitchen is our excellent eatery that serves visitors to both Claydon Courtyard and Claydon House.**

Available for private hire, alongside an additional space in The Stables, the total capacity for sit down dining is up to 60 people.

The Phoenix Kitchen and the Stables are available to hire on a half day or full day basis and are licensed venues.

Our experienced caterers provide best quality dishes using only the finest locally sourced ingredients. We will work closely with you to ensure the food and drink element of your event is exactly as you wish it to be.



# Catering Options

Claydon Estate has its own preferred catering supplier located on the estate.

Our experienced team can fulfill all your catering requirements from breakfasts, brunches, lunches, carveries, dinners, afternoon teas, picnics, drinks and canapes and much more.

We pride ourselves on using fresh, seasonal, locally sourced ingredients, some of which are grown on the estate. We provide sample menus and quotations tailored to your bespoke event.

If you would prefer to provide your own caterers, we are happy to accommodate this. Corkage charges may apply.





# Photo Shoot and Film Location Hire

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Claydon Estate's stunning parkland, gardens, woodland and courtyard provide plenty of inspiring locations for the film, TV and photographic industries.

We also enjoy an excellent relationship with the National Trust at Claydon House, and have worked together on film projects.

- Emma (1996)
- Far from the Madding Crowd (2015)
- The Aeronauts (2019)
- The Windsors (6-part CNN Series)





# Location and Access

Claydon Estate is less than 60 miles from central London.

By Car (please check exact address for your specific event)

Middle Claydon, near Buckingham, Buckinghamshire, MK18 2EX.

Signposted A413 (Buckingham), A41 (Waddesdon crossroads).

M40 junction 9 (Bicester) follow A41, turn off to Grendon

Underwood and Calvert, signposted from Calvert Crossroads.

By Train

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| Aylesbury Parkway | 10 miles |
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| Bicester Village | 12.2 miles |
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| Bicester North | 12.2 miles |
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| Milton Keynes Central | 16 miles |
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By Bike

Cycle Route No 51. The Varsity Way Cycle Route between Oxford and Cambridge – 120 miles.





## Accommodation

### Claydon Estate Holiday Cottages

We have two charming holiday cottages located in Claydon Estate's historic Courtyard. Courtyard Cottage and Brewery Cottage are both two-bedroom cottages, with enclosed gardens. Available for holiday lets at [english-country-cottages.co.uk](http://english-country-cottages.co.uk)

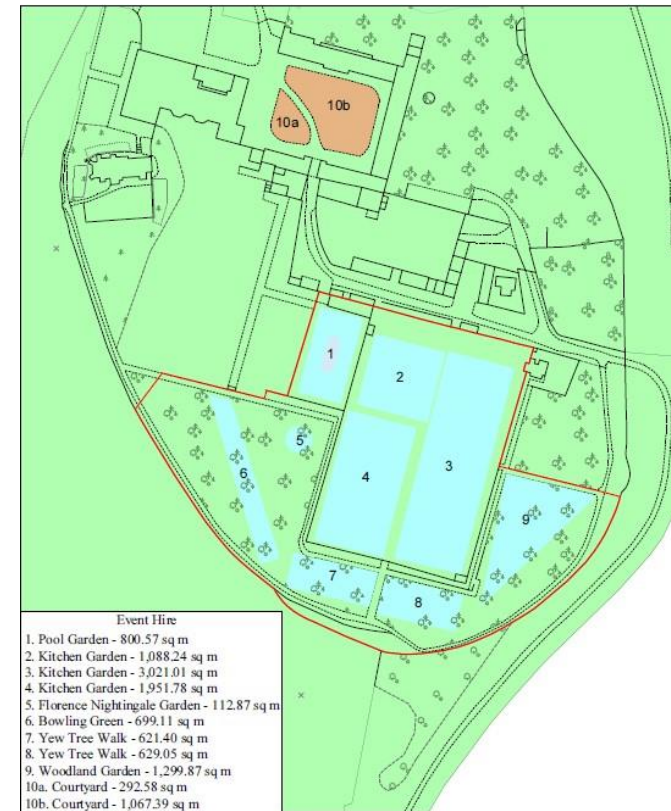
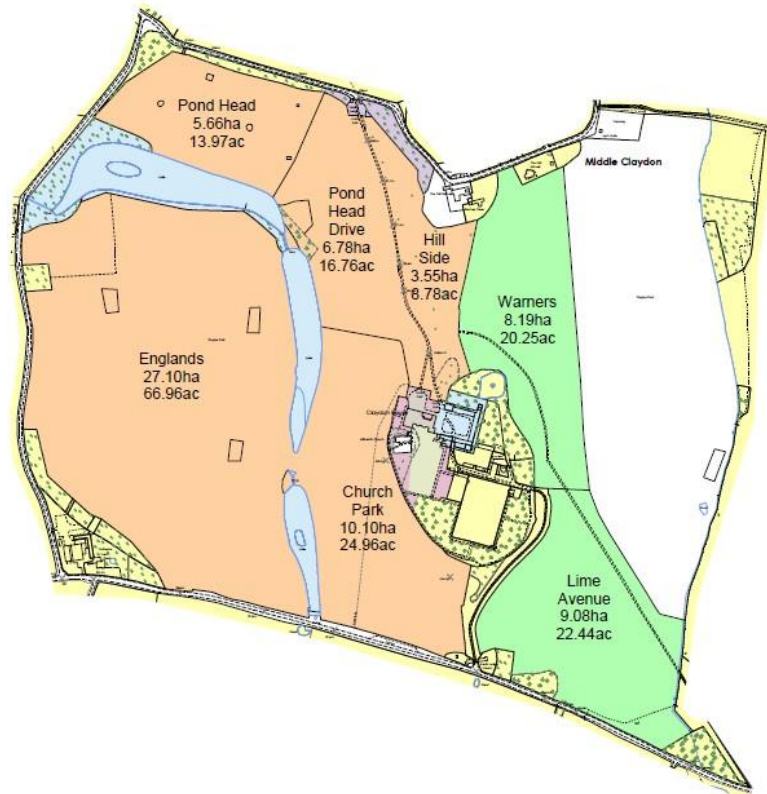
### Embers Camping

Located within Claydon Estate's parkland, Embers campsite provides a fabulous back-to-nature location with pre-pitched bell tents, fire baskets, wood fired pizzas, modern wash blocks and plenty of open space. For more information visit [emberscamping.co.uk](http://emberscamping.co.uk)

Nearest towns are Winslow, Aylesbury, Buckingham, Bicester and Milton Keynes



# Parkland and Walled Gardens Event Hire Plans





# Capacity Guide



| Venue  | Max Capacity | Area       |
|--|--------------|------------|
| Englands   | Up to 5,000  | 67 acres   |
| Lime Avenue  | Up to 2,000  | 22 acres   |
| Church Park  | Up to 2,000  | 25 acres   |
| Walled Gardens   | Up to 1,000  | 11,000 sqm |
| Claydon Courtyard<br>(Only available when <u>not</u> open to the public) | Up to 250    | 1,400 sqm  |

**Available on a dry hire basis only.**

**Premises licence required for events with over 500 people.**



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