

# Weddings

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THE LITTLE PAPER SHOP



A COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO MY LUXURY PHOTOGRAPHY EXPERIENCE



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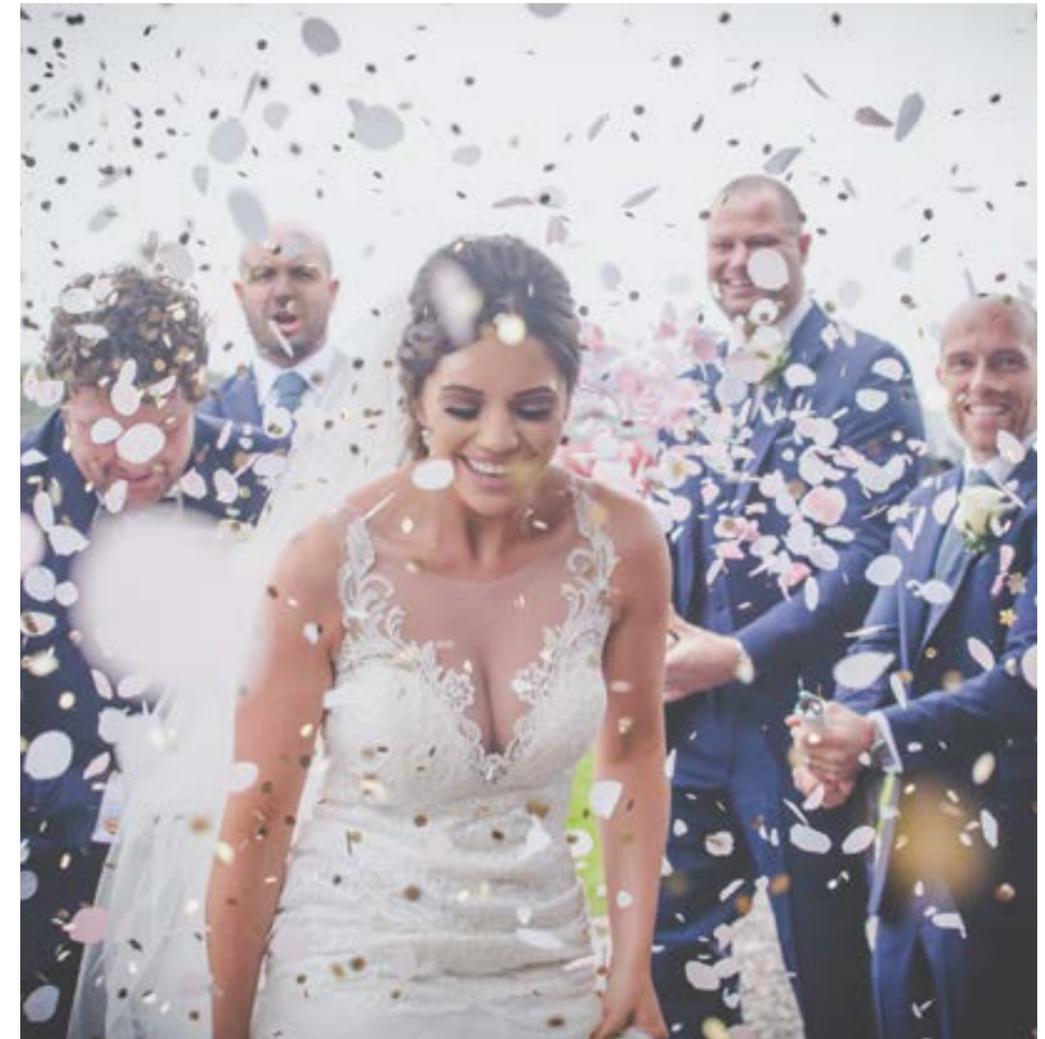
Let's Get Started

CLIENT TESTIMONIAL

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**“We’ve received the pictures and Cara they are just simply beautiful and perfect!! I cried in work when I received them!!!! You are so talented and you’ve made us look so wonderful. Thank you so much”**

HARRIET & JOSH | NOVEMBER 2018





hey there

I'M CARA

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I AM A PHOTOGRAPHER,  
LOVER OF WEDDINGS, AND A STORYTELLER

**Nice to meet you!** Most days you'll find me in our Cheshire-based studio, paintbrush in hand, smile on my face, beavering away on a custom illustration for one of our #TLPScouples - and a cold coffee somewhere in reach (I never seem to drink it while it's still hot!).

My camera? It's the vehicle I use to tell love stories like yours. I'm that girl who still loves reading through those 'Real Wedding' blogs every night, even though I've been married for 6 years. I am a wife to my beloved, a mum to one naughty chocolate lab, and a friend to my brides. I'm the girl who will help your mum with her hat, bustle your gown, fetch you champagne, and meet you on the dance floor.

I take ordinary moments that are gone in the blink of an eye and turn them into extraordinary heirlooms. The kind of photos that transport you the minute you hold them in your hands. I am a photographer, lover of weddings, and a storyteller. I've been in your shoes, I've planned a wedding, and I now know that long after the cake has been eaten, and your dress has been stored safely away, your photography will be one of the only things that remains after your special, precious day.

These are your first heirlooms as a new family, so please choose someone who will cherish them as much as you will.

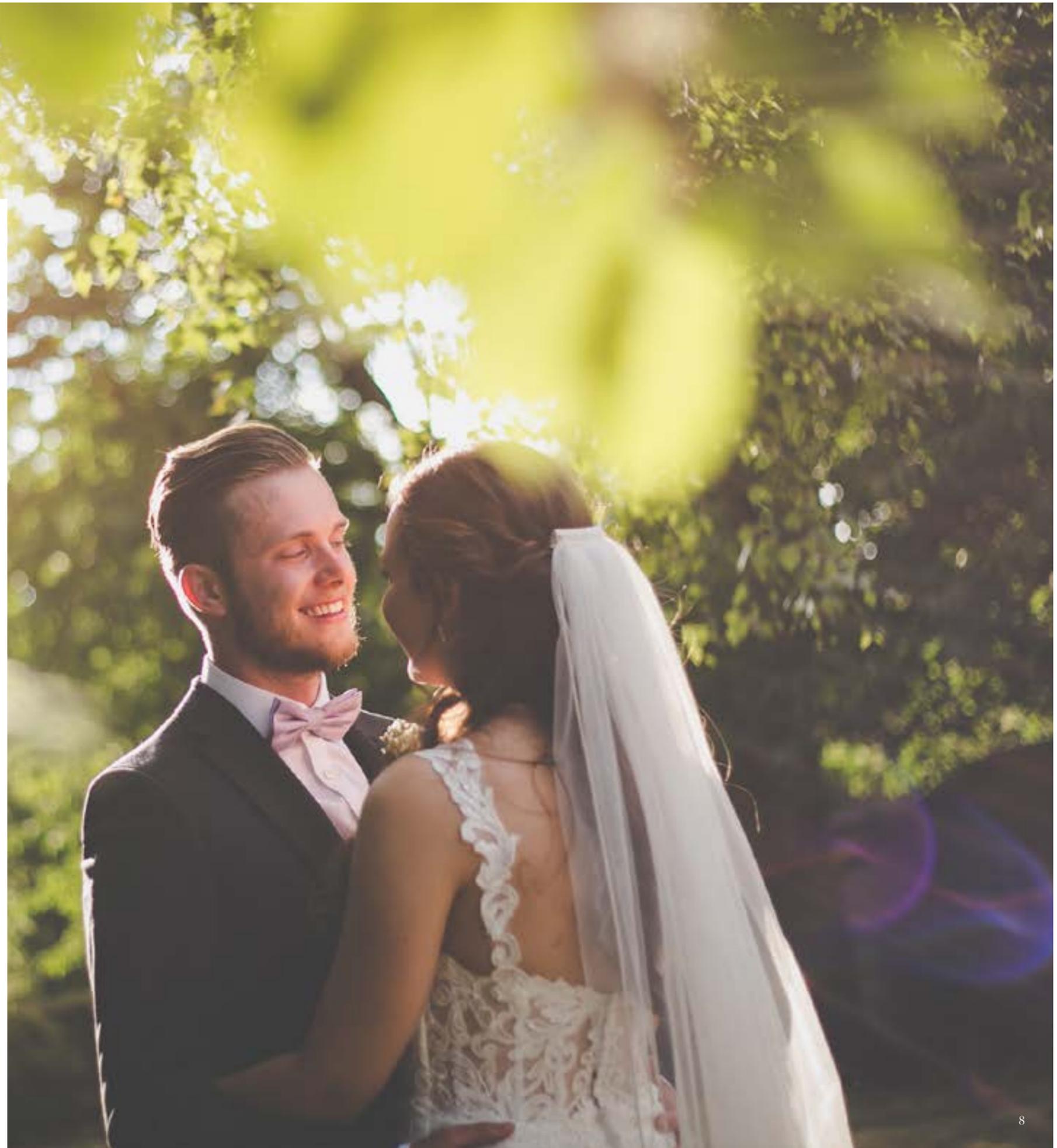
## WHAT MAKES ME DIFFERENT?

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Let's be honest: us Brits aren't supposed to brag. I'm even squirming a little as I write this! But - if this is the only chance I get to make an impression on you, you better believe I'm going to take it and make it memorable! I know that you have hundreds of options when it comes to choosing your photographer for your wedding day. There is talent oozing out of every town in our beautiful country; and yet here you are reading this (this magazine pairs well with a glass of fizz btw, so if your hand is empty, go fill it quick!).

You may not know that I am a former award-winning photojournalist. I've literally been trained in the art of capturing and telling the story of an event. I've been lucky enough to photograph royalty, megastars such as Amy Winehouse and Calvin Harris, and yet - I cherish my time spent with our #TLPSouples even more. Why? Because I care. I take our couples and turn them into close friends. Throughout your entire wedding day I am watching everything unfold and documenting moments that I know you will cherish for years to come, moments you might not even see happen.

I'm living your day through your eyes and capturing it in a way that will give you the ability to relive it for years to come. Every little hand grab, tear shed, dance move.... You'll get those shots (and hundreds more) because your wedding day is filled with tiny moments, tiny details, with one beautiful love story interwoven through every single frame. That story? It's yours. Let me tell it.





5 TIPS FOR A

# Relaxed

WEDDING DAY

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## LET'S TALK THROUGH FIVE TIPS TO HELP

After witnessing and taking part in over 80 weddings, I feel like I have truly seen it all. Let me be honest in telling: my clients are amazing. They are the best of the best, the cream of the crop, the people I feel fortunate to know. In working with the best, I need to be the best.

It's all about guiding my couples through the complicated / stressful / crazy process of planning the biggest, most important day of your life. No biggie, right? Wrong. So, let's talk through five tips to help facilitate a stress-free wedding day, shall we?

READ ON...



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## SCHEDULE STRATEGICALLY

Your ceremony time and location will direct how the day will lead. If your ceremony and drinks reception are hosted at the same venue then, great, we'll have plenty of time to do your photos in between that and the wedding breakfast, but if we're travelling from the church to your reception, well, you may want to be mindful of allowing extra time for all your guests to arrive at destination #2. My goal? To have everyone present for as much of the drinks reception as possible. Why? The answer is two-fold. One: you are paying for it, so you might as well enjoy it! Two: it's one of the only times you get to greet and be present with your guests. Work with your photographer, find out how long they need for certain things, schedule in travel time, and add a little cushion!

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## PREP AHEAD OF TIME

When your photographer shows up, you want them to get right to work. How do you do this? By preparing ahead of time. What should you prepare? Well, anything you want photographed. For my brides, I recommend having their dress, shoes, jewelry, full invitation suite (hopefully a TLPS special of course!), all of the rings, any family heirlooms, and any other bridal details they want photographed. When I start shooting, I begin with styling these details that help tell your wedding story. If you don't have things ready, I'll be wasting time tracking them down (when I could be making them pretty and shooting!) The more prepared you are, the better – for you and for me!

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## COMMUNICATE CLEARLY

Need your grandma to the church early? Want your wedding party to hang around after the ceremony? Need your uni pals ready for a shot during cocktail hour? Tell them! Make sure you communicate the schedule clearly and that everyone who needs it has it. This helps us not to waste time tracking Uncle Jim down or grabbing James from the bar. Photos move much faster, and when that happens you'll get to your party sooner and be less stressed, I promise.

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## MAKE TIME FOR PHOTOS

I urge my couples to take time out for some posed portraits for multiple reasons. First, it gives you the chance to soak it in, embrace, and experience the emotions without hundreds of pairs of eyes on you. Second, it allows us to knock out the posed photos so we can cruise through the festivities with candid shots that you'll love. Lastly, it gives me the chance to sneak into your wedding breakfast during the drinks reception and photograph all of the hard work you've done! From florals to seating charts, favours to cakes, when you give me 15-20 minutes of uninterrupted time to photograph these details, all of the work and money you've spent making your vision come to life is documented and preserved!

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## JUST BE PRESENT

Wait, what? You don't believe when everyone tells you that a wedding day is a total whirlwind? Well, it is. Take moments where you stop, hold each other's hands, and intentionally take in the moments. When I shoot portraits of my clients, I make sure it's private and I tell them, "This isn't just time for photos, this is a time for you to be fully present. To hug each other and feel the warmth, to look into each other's eyes and lock that memory, to kiss like you're 15 and never kissed before..." You get the idea. Throughout the day, set aside little breaks in your schedule where you can pull away from the party and just simply "be." You won't regret that time, I promise!

I truly believe that wedding days are living, moving, breathing phenomena. They are here and gone in the blink of an eye. It's important to set yourself up for success and to ease any stress ahead of time so that as you float through your day you aren't focused on the details or the flowers, not on the cake or the music, but you're focused on the union, the marriage that is beginning. I want you to experience - not just plan - a marriage more beautiful than your wedding day. If you put these five tips to work, you'll be on your way to a stress-free day!

# investment

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## *Your photographer is an investment*

Every wedding is unique, just like you. Being your photographer is a job I take seriously (and let's face it, hire me and you'll have an extra bridesmaid who happens to be holding a camera!).

Instead of bundling goods and services into pretty little packages, I want to give you the opportunity to build your own collection of items that will make sure your wedding day is captured perfectly, just the way you want it.

Your photographer is an investment. Investment is indeed the right word for it, because in truth your photos and your heirloom album will live on for generations to enjoy. Once the cake is eaten, the dress pressed and hung, and the guests back home, your photographs will endure to be revisited again and again, bringing back all the emotions! Ready to make the best investment of your life?

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LET'S DO THIS!





# Collections

## PREMIUM

Planning consultation  
 8 hours of wedding day coverage  
 Luxury USB presentation box  
 Over 400 edited high resolution images, in both colour and classic black & white  
 An online ordering gallery

**£1,595**

## LUXE

Planning consultation  
 10 hours of wedding day coverage  
 Luxury USB presentation box with x 20 fine art photo prints  
 Over 500 edited high resolution images, in both colour and classic black & white  
 An online ordering gallery

**£1,795**

*These images will be your first family heirloom, living on for many generations to enjoy.*

Base rates include travel within a 40 mile radius of Nantwich. For travel outside of that area, please ask for me for details.

# A la Carte

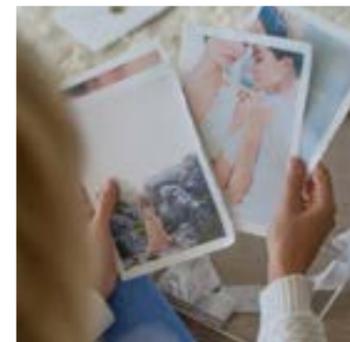
## ADD-ONS

Now that you've got your base collection covered, let's add some awesome extras!

Engagement session with files **£250**

Extra hour of coverage **£100**

Second photographer **£895**



## ALBUMS

There is no better way to show off your beautiful photographs than with your own beautiful wedding album. I create clean, stunning, timeless albums that show and tell your love story for years to come, using the very best of fine leather and linen covers.

It's pretty clear that I will obsess over your images - taking the best ones of the day and arranging them into a layout that is sure to leave you swooning. Each album is customisable to match exactly what you are looking for. For a price quote, please contact Cara.

Classic table album starting at **£450**

Luxe albums starting at **£795**

## AERIAL

Go skyhigh and add drone aerial photography\* to your package, for that dramatic birds eye view - these striking shots are sure to wow in your album!

Drone photography over a 3 hour period **£450**

Extra hour of coverage **£100**

8hrs full coverage with highlights reel video **£825**

*\* Aerial footage subject to venue suitability, permission and kind weather*



6 TIPS FOR A

# Gorgeous

PRE-SHOOT SESSION

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*Let's take some beautiful, casual pictures to celebrate your love!*

Oh wow!! That left hand of yours has been getting in a workout ever since your fiance put a beautiful rock on it, and you are oozing with excitement at the thought of wedding planning! Sound at all like you? If it does, congrats lovely! Now let's take some beautiful, casual pictures to celebrate!

Your pre-shoot photos are a celebration of your love for each other, taken in a safe place without lots of pressure. They're the perfect opportunity to get some practice in ahead of the Big Day - as well as some gorgeous photos of the two of you! I've written this article to ensure you have the perfect shoot with your love!

READ ON...

## 1 SESSION VISION

When you think of your perfect photo shoot together, what do you visualize? An open field? Urban brick? A weeping willow tree? What is it that you feel suits the two of you? Are there any special locations that might be ideal for your pre-shoot? If not, don't fret, lovely! It's not about where you are but who you are with. A lot of my couples leave the location up to me - which means I get to scope out spots ahead of time! The way I shoot, the focus is on the two of you and your beautiful faces, not the background. However, if there is a place that's uniquely special to the two of you, or you'd like to include a family heirloom, a pet, or something else that's meaningful, I am here to help you incorporate it into your images!

## FASHION & WARDROBE

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Don't feel like you need to go on a mega shopping spree for your session (but if you can, there'll be no judgement from this fellow serial shopper over here!). More than anything, I want you to be comfortable - I want you to connect with your images - so if you are a jeans and tee kinda gal, then rock it with a fun color! Some of my couples bring an outfit change to their session. Most choose a dressier option (read: flowy maxi dress) and a casual option (read: jeans and a fun shirt). If you need a little inspiration, then just shout - I am always open to chat wardrobe. Don't feel like you have to go for plain classics the entire time. Have fun with color, texture, and prints! This is to remember this special time in your lives, so don't limit yourself!

## 3 PRO HAIR & MAKEUP

This one's for the ladies - professional hair and makeup can make a world of a difference to your confidence on the day. And as a photographer, it excites me to know my girls are spending a day getting pampered before their session. It allows you to relax, feel beautiful, and confident! Nothing like a set of lashes to bring out your inner model. My top tip? Consider using this time as a test run with your makeup artist and use your session as a time to evaluate your wedding day look and how it photographs. Ladies, if you can swing it, please consider getting your hair & makeup done for your session! I promise you it will make a world of a difference and you will look and feel absolutely glamorous. Oh, and I'm right here if you need any recommendations!



## ALL ABOUT TIMING

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Timing is everything for your session. As a natural light photographer, I plan my pre-shoot sessions around the lighting of the day. If we can, I try to time them around an hour or so prior to sunset, which will allow for an outfit change and different location spots while shooting during the golden hour. Being on time ensures that we do not cut into your session time, so showing up on time and ready will help yield great results! Once the sun goes down, there isn't much we can do, so staying on track with timing and lighting is the best way to ensure gorgeous images. This also means that at times we may have to reschedule due to weather. You only get to do this once, so ensuring the environment is perfect will give you beautifully lit images!

## 5 TRUST ME

This is the whole reason you chose your photographer, right? Because they know the best lighting, the best poses, and the best techniques to make you two look and feel like supermodels. Now it's time for you to take a deep breath and trust the person you chose to do their best work with you. The more trust you place in them, the more free they will be to create the types of images that you'll love the most. You're going to feel uncomfortable, awkward, and all the things! But in-between those little moments of awkwardness come total gems of authentic interactions that can only happen when two people are in love. Relinquish the control, give trust out freely, and let go of your expectations!

## JUST HAVE FUN

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This is such an exciting time in your lives. I know that photo shoots can seem nerve wrecking but it's important to go in with an open mind and the ability to laugh. I want you two to flirt your brains out, love each other, and just have fun. We will laugh a lot, I will help pose you. Your only job: snuggle in close, bat your eye lashes, and laugh until your belly aches. It's going to be fun, and I promise you that you will love seeing these beautiful images of the two of you for years to come. These pre-shoot sessions are the perfect time to hang out with your photographer, get comfortable in front of the camera, and flirt with your soon-to-be spouse! What more could you ask for?





# Love

FROM MY INCREDIBLE CLIENTS

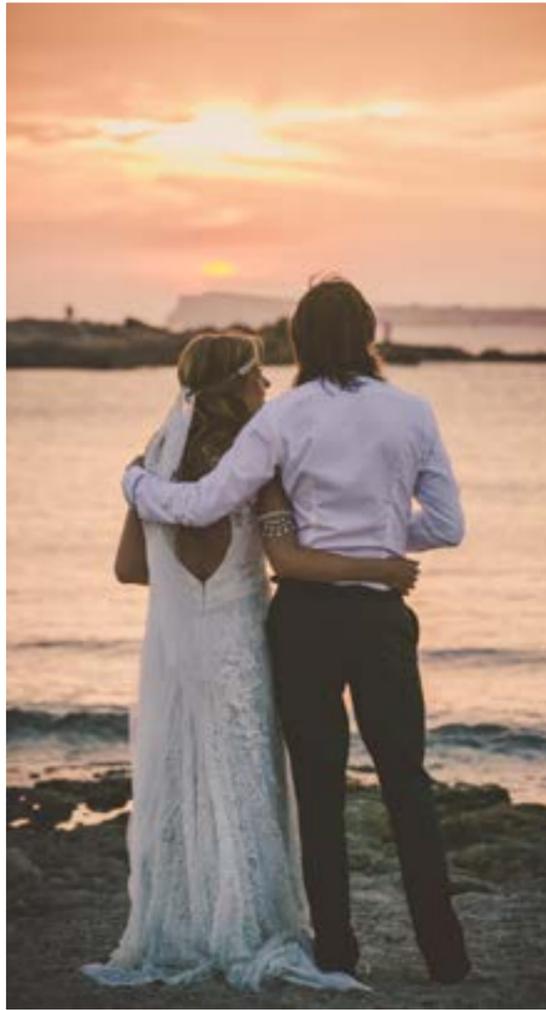
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*A few testimonials from real clients  
who have allowed me to be a part of  
the most important day of their life.*

I would not be all that I am without my amazing clients. Many of the couples I work with end up keeping in touch long after the wedding day and become my close friends, and I am incredibly grateful. I know I've talked a lot in this magazine about who I am and what I do, but now it's time to let others do some of the telling!

Working with so many wonderful, amazing people with beautiful love stories to tell has been one of the biggest gifts of my life. It has brought meaning to my work in a way I didn't dream possible. Here are just a few testimonials from real clients who have allowed me to be a part of the most important day of their life.

READ ON...



## KIRSTY & JOEL

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"Cara is much more than just your photographer for the day; she is there to give advice and to calm your nerves..."

Cara was actually the one who was there to help me in my dress, before the big reveal to my bridesmaids, Dad and Mum - capturing the special moment perfectly. Her personality, passion, fun nature and professionalism meant that all of our guests were put at ease for photos (in our case, a couple of family members usually hate photos - so this was a great feat!)

We have had so many compliments on our wedding photos! Each time we look through our gallery, the memories, feelings and emotions of the day come rushing right back! By hiring Cara, you will gain professional, beautiful wedding photos ...and best of all, a friend, she shares the whole day with you, heart and soul, she truly cares.

We actually got married in Ibiza and had no hesitation in Cara coming there with us!"



## CARLA & ROB

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"Wow, what can we say... a massive thank you to Cara for our beautiful wedding stationery, an amazing pre-wedding shoot and our incredible wedding photos!

We love each and every photo and have amazing memories you captured for us forever; we feel very lucky that you were our photographer on our big day.

Thank you so much Mr & Mrs Alcock xx"



## JANET & PAUL

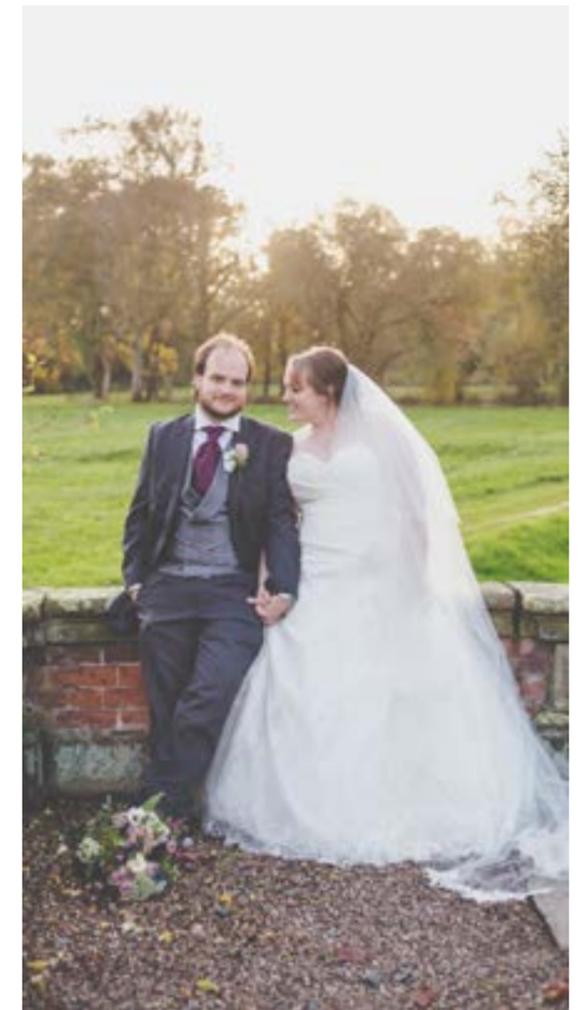
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"We were fortunate to be able to book Cara as our wedding photographer in July this year.

From our first meeting we knew we wanted her to take our photos she is so lovely and friendly that we felt really comfortable having her share our day with us.

The photos are amazing, we love them all.

Thank you so much Mr & Mrs Lovick !!! xx"



## EMMA & CRAIG

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"We cannot even begin to thank you for being such a huge part of our wedding day.

From our first meeting your talent was obvious and from that point on we knew we wanted you as our photographer too!

We used the designs of your stunning illustrations to inspire the rest of our day including our cake and flowers. The photographs that followed captured our most treasured memories perfectly. My nerves even went away after our pre-shoot together! You and your assistant photographer were a fabulous team who kept us laughing the whole day. We had such fun with you both, and you were so much more than our photographers. Our photos are all over our house and they make me smile everytime we see them.

Can't wait to see you again soon at the studio for a workshop!

Craig and Emma Barker xx"

*Let's get started!*

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*Thank you so much for  
your interest!*

It is always so great to personally connect before booking your date, regardless of how we meet: whether it be a over a coffee and cake at the shop and studio, phone conversation, or Skype! Shoot me an email, let's set up a time to chat and get to know each other!

All dates are available on a first come, first served basis. Dates will be reserved by submitting a completed contract and 25% booking deposit.

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LET'S DO THIS!

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DID YOU KNOW?

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beautiful wedding stationery!

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FOR BOTH OUR  
PHOTOGRAPHY AND  
STATIONERY

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