



Colehayes Park



DIY DIRECTORY





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We have been operating as a wedding venue for many years and, as a result, have built up an amazing network of reliable, award-winning, friendly, service-driven, good value suppliers.

Our guests are also constantly discovering new incredible suppliers which we also add to our lists. All of the suppliers we recommend have worked at the house previously and many know Colehayes inside and out.

The list below is simply a guide of suppliers we can personally recommend. We do not have a loyalty or bias from one supplier over another. We allow you the freedom to choose whichever supplier you want or provide your own catering and entertainment with the help of friends and family. However, if you would like some extra help please browse through our directory. It is always your stay, your way.

Food

Drinks

Photography & Film

Marquees, Tents & Gazebos

Décor

Florists

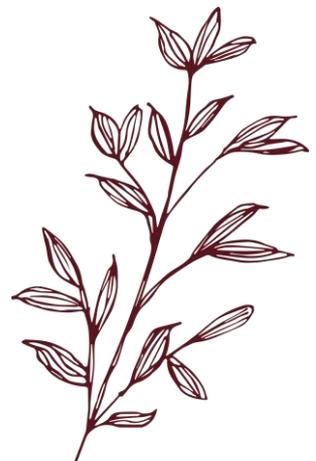
Music

Activities

Beauty

Alternative Accommodation

Helping Hands



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FOOD

We allow you total freedom to pick and choose your catering options depending on the style of your wedding and how much you wish to spend. There is no obligation to use specific caterers, but we have provided a list of who we (and our past couples) believe are the best caterers around to help you get started with your planning.

We have a fully operational commercial kitchen where you can help yourself to our cutlery, crockery and glassware, all of which are included with the house. We have tables, chairs and linens to serve up to 80 guests in the main dining room. If you have more guests, you could spread them out between the dining room and another large room like the oak panelled hall or you could hire a marquee (we have 24 trestle tables and an eclectic mix of 200). You are completely free to do as you wish.

To get you started, here are some ideas and options of how you may like to cater for your guests during your stay:

Fully self-catered – maybe you have a chef in the family or friend who thinks he's Jamie Oliver. Having your guests all pitch in with the cooking, serving and washing up, is a great way to eliminate costs and create a fun communal atmosphere.

Self-catered with a few extra pairs of hands – your guests do the cooking, while serving and washing up is handled by our dedicated local staff. We have a team of lovely ladies who do this week in week out who are happy to take the load off your shoulders.

Casual buffets/hog-roasts/BBQs – a popular option for a relaxed wedding breakfast or Sunday afternoon lunch.





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Festival style food stalls/food trucks – a fun idea for the Friday night or Sunday morning breakfast. This great budget option as the trucks can park right outside the front door and there is never any washing up!

Formal & fancy – award winning silver service banquet style caterers to put the wow factor in your wedding.

A sample weekend catering plan:

Friday evening – big pot of chilli made by a family member/stone oven pizza wagon/ fish and chip van

Saturday morning – continental buffet breakfast set out by your family or our team of lovely ladies.

Saturday afternoon – hog-roast/BBQ/casual buffet made by family/three- course banquet meal.

Saturday evening – pies or pasties brought in/home-made cheeseboard table.

Sunday – toast and cereals set out by friends/full English made by our lovely ladies/breakfast food truck (guests buy their own).

Many couples choose a mixture of the above options to suit different parts of their wedding weekend or week. You can find our list of recommended suppliers below. All of the caterers listed have previously worked at Colehayes and many know the kitchen and venue like the back of their hand!





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Formal Catering

www.dartmoorkitchen.co.uk

Banqueting style caterers that we can personally recommend from first-hand experience organising our family weddings. Winners of the Wedding Industry Awards 2015 'National Caterer of the Year' and 'West Country Caterer of the Year' 4 years consecutively. If you are looking for high quality service at a fair price, there is no comparison.

www.carolinebowsercaterer.co.uk

www.thekitchentable.org.uk

www.posh-nosh.co.uk

www.eranskitchen.co.uk

Casual Catering

www.carolinewhitecaterer.co.uk

Caroline's catering service is perfect for meals ranging from hot and cold buffets to more formal sit-down meals. She offers, delicious home cooked food and having operated at Colehayes many times, knows her way around our kitchen like a pro.



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Hog Roasts & BBQ Options

www.westcountrycarvery.com

Westcountry Carvery have been coming to Colehayes since August 2013 when they catered for a wedding for the whole week! From that time, they have become a popular choice with Colehayes brides and grooms and have been here multiple times over the years. The team provide amazing tasters upon request and are lovely people to work with.

www.facebook.com/DansAmericanKitchen

Another caterer we can recommend from our own family weddings. Dan and his friendly team can serve up delicious 'Deep South' American style BBQ for a very reasonable price.

www.kennifordfarm.co.uk

www.thecheekycow.uk

www.astridges.co.uk

www.hot-hogs.co.uk

www.pigletcottage.com



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Festival Style Food Stalls & Food Trucks

www.bigpotkitchen.co.uk

Big pan cooking, rustic sharing boards, grazing buffets.

www.flippychippy.co.uk

Delicious fish & chip van.

www.stinkyvintage.co.uk

Cheese on toast truck.

www.lemonjelli.co.uk

Breakfast truck serving crepes, sarnies & quality coffee.

www.fancythatcaribbean.co.uk

Caribbean food stall.

Bakeries, Deli's & Cheeses

www.thomasofbovey.co.uk

www.wildmoor-deli.co.uk

www.thecheeseshed.com

www.ullacombefarm.com



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DRINKS

Making sure that glasses are kept topped up throughout your big day can quickly break the wedding budget, especially when hidden fees are included. But here at Colehayes, we don't believe in hidden fees – and that includes corkage.

As one of the few venues in the Southwest to operate without a corkage fee, this makes us an ideal choice for guests that value freedom and flexibility as much as we do. And in the spirit of freedom and flexibility, we don't enforce a curfew either – so your party can continue 'til sunrise if you wish!

We do not believe in packages and leave you to choose how you would like to handle your bar to suit your style and budget. Our bar in the house is fully stocked with glassware that you are free to use. You are not only free to source your own drink options, but you are also free to set up a bar anywhere in the grounds too.

Here are some ideas of how you may like to run your bar:

100% BYOB – if you'd like to supply your own drinks, we do not charge a corkage fee. We can provide a list of items we'd recommend and approximate quantities. For staffing, your friends and family may be happy to pour their own drinks, or take turns manning the bar.

BYOB with extra help – If you would like to stock the bar but hire help to serve, collect and wash glasses, for an hourly rate, we can provide dedicated staff who know the bar well.

Hire a bar team to fully stock and run the bar in the house.

Hire a festival style mobile bar or cocktail van to be set up in the grounds.





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You can also choose different payment styles of your bar to suit your budget, the most common choices are below:

Free bar for your guests.

Set pre-paid tab and your guests pay when this runs out.

Subsidised Bar where your guests pay a small contribution, such as £1 per drink, and you pay the balance.

Fully Paid Bar – your guests pay for they own drinks.

Many couples choose a mixture of the above options to suit different parts of their wedding weekend or week. Please find some links below to our recommended drinks suppliers list.

Mobile Bar Services

www.dartmoorbars.com

www.redrockbrewery.co.uk/popup-2/

www.panachebar.co.uk

www.elitemobileeventbars.co.uk



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Bar Trucks/Cocktail Vans

www.sparkleandfizzbar.co.uk

www.thecocktailkings.co.uk

www.thecocktailcaravan.co.uk

www.beetle-juice.co.uk

Breweries

www.redrockbrewery.co.uk

They do a very tasty lager!

www.teignworthybrewery.com

Their real ale is incredibly popular.



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BYOB

Majestic Wines in Exeter is a good place to start your search. They offer free tastings, often have great sales, deliver to our door and offer a buy-back service on unopened bottles. It is worth shopping around, however, as it may be more cost effective to buy drinks at a large supermarket chain and either bring it with you or have it delivered to the house when you arrive.



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PHOTOGRAPHY & FILM

You may have a friend of a friend who is a photographer or videographer or even a family member. You may even want to have all of your friends and family document the day on their devices and invite everyone to contribute to a photo sharing platform or just email them through.

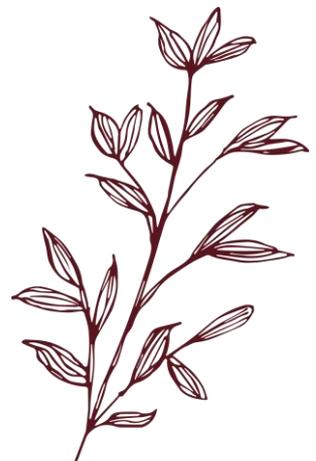
HOWEVER, we do highly recommend hiring a photographer/videographer or both to capture the best moments of your special day as it will only happen once!

There are numerous styles of wedding photography but they mainly fall into three of these categories; reportage, traditional and contemporary. Reportage is characterised by a natural approach and capturing events in an un-staged manner throughout the day. Traditional is dominated by posed photographs and formal set ups to get those mantel piece perfect classics and timeless group shots. Contemporary takes inspiration from fashion photography; although scenes may be set up, they are more relaxed and artistic. Once you have a look at some examples you are sure to find a style that suits your wedding.

Traditional

www.theeventstudios.co.uk

www.nickwilliamsphotographer.co.uk



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Contemporary

www.tarahcoonan.com

www.mckenzie-brown.com

www.johnbarwoodphotography.co.uk

Reportage

www.howelljonesphotography.co.uk

www.lucyturnbull.co.uk

www.samboxphotography.co.uk

www.yorkplacestudios.co.uk

www.libertypearlphotography.com

www.gilbertandevans.com

www.kirstinprisk.co.uk

www.milliebenbowphotography.com



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Photographers Testimonials

"Colehayes Park is one of our favourite wedding venues and one we would return to in a heartbeat. The most amazing thing about this Georgian mansion set in the Dartmoor Countryside is that quite literally anything goes: you can completely have it exactly as you want it with as much or as little help from the staff as you desire. You can hire the entire place to yourself, you can have the ceremony outside next to a spectacular cork tree (one of only 5 in the UK!), the building is beautiful and covered in Virginia Creeper, and the surrounding land is gorgeous: from the immaculate gardens to the lake with its historic stone bridge leading to a little island with a single huge tree, it's beyond picturesque. Needless to say, we absolutely fell in love with this place and we are sure you will too."

YORK PLACE STUDIOS

"Colehayes is the sort of venue that attracts creative couples wanting to put their own stamp on their day, this coupled with everyone staying the whole weekend meant a wonderfully personal, relaxed feel to the day."

SIMON GILBERT PHOTOGRAPHER



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Film

www.babalufilmscornwall.co.uk

From personal experience we can highly recommend Babalu Films for your wedding videographers, in particular, Christopher Wasey.

Photo Booth

www.southwestphotoboosts.co.uk

www.thevintageweddingphotographer.co.uk



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MARQUEES, TENTS & GAZEBOS

Our dining room can comfortably seat up to 80 people, but if you're planning on having a larger number of people seated together for your wedding breakfast, then you could consider hiring a marquee.

Marquees come in all shapes and sizes, from the traditional wedding clear-span design, to various festival-style stretched tents and circus tents. They can be positioned in the lower hedged garden, on the front lawn, in the camping field, or on Cork Tree Cottage's lawn (provided that you are also hiring the Cottage for your wedding). They usually come with the option to hire matching tables and chairs, delivered and set up along with the marquee a day or two before your wedding. They can also be decorated with drapes and lit in a variety of ways.

Hiring a marquee, does of course cost extra. To save money, many couples choose to split their guests between the dining room and living room or main hall. You could seat over 140 people in the house like this. We have 22 trestle tables and an eclectic mix of 200 chairs.



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If you do choose to hire a Marquee, all the companies listed below have come to Colehayes over the years:

www.marldonmarquees.co.uk

We have a basic quote, drawings and brochure that we can send over for this company, please ask.

www.godneymarquees.co.uk

www.funky-tents.co.uk

www.barny-lee-marquees.co.uk

www.ashleyevents.co.uk

www.vagabondmarquees.co.uk

www.soundevents.co.uk

www.reallygoodmarquees.co.uk

www.universalmarquees.co.uk

www.sperrytents.co.uk

www.worldinspiredtents.co.uk



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Gazebos

If you're lucky enough to get married on a hot sunny day, you may want to consider bringing some Gazebo shelters to provide some extra shade in the gardens. This will be especially appreciated by older generation family members or friends with young children. They can also double up as smoking shelters for rainy days, considering we're a non-smoking venue inside.

Tables & Chairs

We have 22 trestle tables and an eclectic mix of 200 chairs. The chairs range from wooden dining room chairs, bar chairs, banqueting chairs, lecture room chairs and a rustic collection of various wooden chairs. We also have polyester table cloths which are free to use, or cotton ones which can be hired for an additional fee. Please see our Equipment List for more details.

Extra Equipment Hire

The two companies listed below, are popular for hiring a variety of extra equipment for your event, such as chairs, tables, fridges, glassware, porta loos and PA systems:

www.southwesteventhire.co.uk

www.totaleventhire.co.uk



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Lighting

We do not have any exterior lighting in the gardens so if you are planning on having an outdoor party in the evening, hiring festoon style lighting really adds to the atmosphere. We recommend paying the extra for setup if you are having lights setup throughout the whole back garden.

www.djc-powerhire.co.uk

Campers

If you are having a large number of guests camping we recommend hiring additional toilets and showers as it is a little bit of a walk to the toilets in the main house and there are no outside lights. There are numerous companies you can hire cheap portaloos from, but the below suppliers offer something a little different.

www.premierluxuryloos.co.uk

Lux loo option and they also provide showers.

www.thunderboxes2go.co.uk

Eco friendly composting toilets.



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DÉCOR

The large public rooms and halls of the manor are beautifully decorated, but you are also free to think of the house as your blank canvas to theme it however you would like.

Unlike many venues, we are very lenient when it comes to decorations and what you can hang on the walls. We are more than happy for you to use small drawing pins to pin bunting up in the ceiling area for example (you will often find pins left behind from past weddings still in place which you can use.) And while we ask that you do not stick anything to painted walls, you are more than welcome to stick things to the doors and glossed areas with white tack. We also allow hanging decorations to be put up in our lovely oak panelled room as long as they are hung from the corners and not pinned directly into the oak panels.

We are also fine with you taking down paintings and tapestries as long as they are put back on your departure.

We are on hand to give any advice you wish about décor. All of our couples theme their weddings differently. With endless possibilities to make the house your own, you have the freedom to make your wedding look entirely unique and individual to you.

Here are a couple of a recommended suppliers to start you off with décor ideas.

www.propfactory.co.uk

Has a great range of amazing props, games, furniture to make your wedding that bit more fun and entertaining.

www.michaeldark.co.uk

Just 5 minutes away is a mecca for those wanting to do a total DIY job on decorations and floristry accessories. They are brilliant for all of the little touches.





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FLORISTS

www.simplyflowersdevon.com

Our local florist in Bovey Tracey consistently wins awards at the Royal Chelsea Flower show and has done umpteen weddings at Colehayes.

www.joannagameflowers.com

Unusual floral designs.

www.stmellionflowers.co.uk

Professional and reasonably priced.

www.peamoreflora.co.uk

The best wholesale florist in the area. You can do a completely  DIY florist job or have them make something up for you at a good price.



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MUSIC

Many couples choose to have a festival type vibe for their wedding at Colehayes. On a lovely summer evening, a live band playing in the gardens makes for a very fun atmosphere.

Outside the house we are licensed for live music to be played until 11pm. Inside the house, live entertainment is permitted until midnight Monday – Saturdays and until 11:30pm on Sundays. We also have a large room in the basement that many guests have used as an after-party club. The walls are so thick they are almost sound proof so guests sleeping upstairs will not hear a peep!

We have had everything from soul bands to Irish ceilidh and your choice of entertainment entirely depends on your tastes. Instead of listing previous bands that have played at Colehayes we recommend using these entertainment agency websites to help start your search for entertainment to suit your fancy.

www.warble-entertainment.com

www.entertainment-nation.co.uk

www.alivenetwork.com



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A few favourites:

www.paddyswhiskers.co.uk

Foot stomping Irish/Scottish style band.

www.brotherfromanother.co.uk

Soul/funk/R&B band.

www.truebrassensemble.wixsite.com/true-brass-ensemble

New Orleans style brass band.



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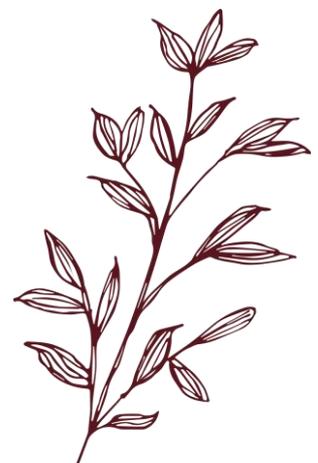
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ACTIVITIES

www.backwateradventures.co.uk

Tucked away in the woods on the Colehayes estate is our outdoor pursuits activity camp, Backwater Adventures. The friendly and experienced staff run team building days, activities for schools, clubs and stag & hen parties. They regularly provide wedding parties with amazing activities such as clay pigeon shooting, archery, canoeing on the lake, and many more.

If you are looking for that extra bit of fun for your guests, please contact Andy on **01626 821276** or visit their website.



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BEAUTY

Please find below our list of recommended hair & makeup artists who have styled numerous brides at Colehayes!

Hair & Makeup

www.gershwins-hairdressing.com

Award winning salon based in Newton Abbot.

www.eveashby.co.uk

Experienced professional bridal make-up artist based in Exeter.

www.amy-elizabeth.com

Somerset based specialising in air brush make up.

www.lucymilton.com

Exeter based artist specialising in light air brush make up.



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ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATION

As the majority of our rooms are not en-suite, some guests prefer to stay elsewhere. If you would like to suggest alternative accommodation for your party there are a wide range of options in the local area, from cosy B&Bs to luxury hotels.

We've compiled a list of options below that you can share with your guests. There are also a number of apartments and holiday cottages on Airbnb.co.uk, which can be a great choice for families or people with pets.

The Edgemoor Hotel (0.8 miles)

www.edgemoor.co.uk

The closest option to Colehayes, being just across the road at the end of our driveway. Formerly Bovey Tracey Grammar School, the Edgemoor has been converted into a lovely family run hotel with a beautiful garden.

Courtenay House (2 miles)

www.courtenayhouse.co.uk

Courtenay House is an Antique Centre, Tea Room and 3 star rated B&B. Tina who runs the business has been trading for 26 years. The Devonshire Cream Teas with homemade jam are pretty special!



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The Copper Kettle (1.5 miles)

www.thecopperkettlebovey.co.uk

A cosy and friendly B&B and Tearooms. Conveniently located, with good value traditional rooms.

The Dolphin Hotel (1.5 miles)

www.thedolphinbovey.com

Conveniently located, good value option. A 19th century coach house turned family-friendly restaurant and hotel.

The Cromwell Arms (2 miles)

www.thecromwellarms.co.uk

Traditional English pub with real ales and West Country ciders, in the centre of Bovey The Cromwell Arms offers 14 rooms in total and a nice beer garden. Good reviews and dog friendly!



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The Rock Inn (3.5 miles)

www.rock-inn.co.uk

Close to Haytor Rock, in Dartmoor National Park. The Rock Inn dates back to the 18th Century. It has elegantly decorated traditional rooms; a lovely garden and they serve excellent food in their cosy restaurant.

Islington Country House (4 miles)

www.ilsington.co.uk

Set within 10 acres of private grounds, the Islington Country House Hotel & Spa is great retreat and dog friendly!

Bovey Castle (10 miles)

www.boveycastle.com

A 5 Star Luxury option. A grand estate, complete with golf course and swimming pool, fine dining, restaurant and spa.



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HELPING HANDS

We have a wonderful team of dedicated, reliable, hardworking, friendly staff led by Kathy, one of our most integral staff members. Kathy is a vital part of our business and is an expert at weddings at Colehayes, having organised two of her daughter's weddings here and been involved in nearly every wedding we've had at the house. Even if you are adamant on doing everything 100% DIY it is worth having a think about if you would like any extra help to ensure your wedding runs as smoothly as possible.

Kathy and her team of lovely ladies are available for tasks such as but not limited to:

Freshening up the bathrooms daily over the week or weekend (this includes changing the hand towels).

Tidying up the large public rooms in the mornings over the week or weekend.

Ensuring all plates, cutlery, and glassware is washed and put away depending on which caterers you have.

Running the bar, after having stocked it yourself.

Helping prepare, lay out, clear up and wash up after DIY buffets.





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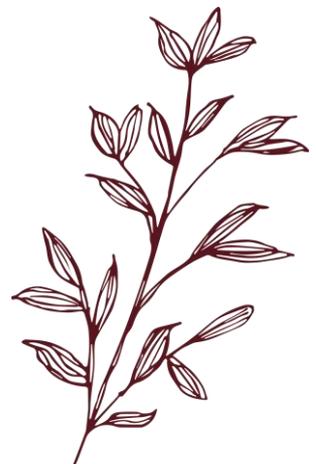
Cooking up a delicious full English breakfast for Sunday morning.

Acting as your wedding coordinator to make sure everything runs like clockwork. Kathy is very experienced in being the main point of contact for the different suppliers coming to the house throughout the day.

Kathy can advise you on the things that you may be unsure of as well as give you brilliant ideas for things you may not have considered. She is an absolute pro at what she does and depending on the size of your wedding she can come by herself or with her team of lovely ladies. They work like Trojans (clocking up an average of 25,000 steps per day while running a Colehayes wedding!) and strive to provide the most amazing service. Kathy aims to leave you happy and at ease in knowing your day will run perfectly.

If you would like Kathy's help please just let us know and we will organise this for you.

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