



THE 2015
WEDDING
INDUSTRY AWARDS

Best Wedding Marquee Provider

NATIONAL FINALIST
South West Regional Winner

Abbas Marquees LTD



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EXCELLENCE IN THE WEDDING INDUSTRY**



General Comments (in random order)

"Professional from start to finish"

"From the initial meeting the company listen to our requirements, but also suggested ways to improve the delivery. From original quotation and cad drawings there was total transparency on cost and design. Follow up with 2 site visits convinced us to book Abbas. The team that erected the marquee were totally professional always checking that with us that we were happy with what they were doing. We had telephone numbers for emergencies during the event, fortunately we did not need them! great team"

"Slightly more expensive but you do get what you pay for. There were some things that could have been cheaper relative to other companies but nothing overly material."

"Excellent sales pitch by James. Smooth run up to the wedding day, marquee erected seamlessly, and offered a member of staff on day to take the worry out of any potential problems with generator etc. which was fabulous for peace of mind. No problems at all during the wedding and disassembled fast and with no fuss on day of request. No mess left and area of land used looked like it had never had anything placed on it."

"Very pleasant and helpful company to work with. Good quality equipment."

"Their marquees have a modern look, they don't look tired, dated or over used. Even the seat pads looked brand new. We were extremely happy with our marquee. They also impressed Combe House. Can recommended Abbas Marquess 100%"

"Extremely helpful in the lead up to the wedding. Were very sensitive to the new site location we help our reception venue in and cleared everything away so much so that you would not have known we had a wedding there. All staff were polite, friendly and professional. Highly recommend"

"Abbas replied quickly to my inquiry in the initial phase, and called to see our site - in a field - to ensure that it was possible to erect tipis or marquee. They were extremely helpful in all their comments to get the best effects for the wedding and recommendations. They arrived exactly as promised to erect tipis which was done well, and offered 24 hour support in case of need. I could not have asked for more from Abbas directly and the teams on site."

"Abbas marquees were friendly they made us feel like we were their priority, the girls on the phone knew us by our first names. It was a personal service and when they came round to sort out the details they advised sensible things we hadn't thought of like a trailer fridge as people were bringing their own beer and friends were making home made puddings. The tipi marquee was stunning especially when lit up. Everyone had a fantastic day and the marquee just made it. Would recommend every time."



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"We were really impressed with the marquee and with Abbas Marquees as a company. We rented a gorgeous and unique marquee that suited our wedding perfectly and we were unable to find such a beautiful marquee any where else. The guys that put it up worked very hard in the blazing hot sun and did a phenomenal job. We also rented benches and table from them and they too were stunning. It was all perfect!"

"Everything from meeting James to the day was perfect. They got back to me on several queries I had in the run up and changed things as requested without it being any trouble. The marquee was amazing and we had endless comments. Working in the industry you see a lot of different marquees and this one was by far outstanding in everyway. Ive seen permanent marquees and this was far better quality than these. We cant thank the team enough."

"Abbas marquees were very professional and very helpful at all times. They provide a quality service, they listened to our requirements and provided helpful advice and guidance whilst we were choosing our marquee layout, fixtures and fittings. We would definitely recommend Abbas to our friends and family."

"Nina and James were always really helpful when it came to getting our marquee. It was such a smooth operation and looked fantastic. I have to say the reason I went with them is because I loved the furniture so much but you can tell that everything is maintained to a high standard. James also was enthusiastic about the lighting too and lit the garden as he just knew how great it would look and this was no extra expense. All round great service t make wedding day perfect."

"James and his team at Abbas provided a first class service from start to finish. They are well worth the money to have a beautiful marquee with no stress. I couldn't recommend them highly enough."

"The guys were awesome! Super efficient - we felt totally relaxed knowing that they were in control & knew exactly what they were doing. They also liased with all our suppliers meaning we didn't have to worry about a thing."

"The final tipi was so much better than I had imagined. Abbas suggested using some lighted orbs for the dance floor and they looked amazing."

"We had an unusual situation of the serenity taking place in the marquee so the spaced needed to be changed during the wedding. Everything was done swiftly and without the party realising. Very efficient service."

"I found James (owner) to be extremely helpful, patient, and efficient. All items arrived clean and the staff were very polite and efficient."

"They're great!"



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"The service was brilliant and the people were fantastic"

"We all felt as a family Abbas were a real pleasure to work with...and consequently we had a very happy wedding day"

"From initial face to face consultation to the final erection and take-down of the our marquee, Abbas marquees and all their staff were extremely professional and knowledgeable. They gave sensible advice to match our needs and the quality of the marquee plus fixtures and fittings was outstanding."

"Abbas marquees inspired us and built confidence in the service that they could provide on the first time that they engaged with us. They were visionary and artistic, they offered extra's that set them a Art from any other supplier. The team was very efficient in every way, and flexed to our needs right up to the day before. One area for greater clarity is on what can and can't be canceled within a 12/8 week window of the event from the contractual outset. Very impressed and would use again"

"Extremely profession staff and nothing was too much trouble. The marquee was very well put together and the attention to detail was incredible. When handing over to us they were thorough and answered any questions we had."

"Abbas Marquees were fantastic. Some last minute changes we needed and nothing was too much of a problem or an issue on our wedding week leading up to the big day. Exceptional service."

"Excellent and very helpful staff at all levels ... Marquee clean and fresh and admired by all who attended."

"Absolutely fantastic from the moment we picked up the phone to arrange our first visit to when they left after taking the marquee down. No faults whatsoever. Difficult ground conditions seemed no both her to the team at Abbas. Outstanding!"

"Good service in helping plan the event, very helpful staff. The putting up and take down was done quickly."

"Abbas provided an excellent service, not only in a very timely erection and deconstruction of our marquee, but in superb communication before and during the event, and the rapid response received when we had an equipment failure and when, at the eleventh our we realised that we needed an additional generator, James himself (owner) drove out to us at 11pm the night before the wedding weekend to help us out. James, Nina, Charlotte, Dan and the rest of the team could not have been more helpful!"

"Excellent service & marque, friendly company to deal with & went the extra mile for us!"



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"- relaxed, helpful, friendly staff - site visit before- offered full quote for us to go through at our leisure - no pressure or hassle, no chasing us - fitted around our plans, no trouble when setting up, taking down - teepees were excellent quality, looked perfect including all the details"

"James was great in the achieving the design we had hoped for. Unlike some marquee suppliers he worked with and built-upon our ideas, to make for a truly spectacular finish on the big day"

"We wanted something a little different to go alongside our barn venue and Abbas Marquees fabulous tipis fit the bill! Everyone was so helpful, from choosing the right tipi, the site visit, last minute changes to our requirements, fitting in with our installation dates and the fantastic site crew, who had to secure the tipi with pegs into concrete - amazing! Thanks for making our day so special and removing all the stress too! Becky & JP"

"The marquee was absolutely beautiful. The site in our garden was very tight and everything had to be taken over a very narrow footbridge over the millstream onto the lawn below as the planned access could not be used due to heavy rain in the days leading up to the reception. Everything had to be carried much further than anticipated and they worked tirelessly with good humour and professionalism until everything was perfect. NB I am the groom's mother who paid, ordered and organised it all."

"We were really pleased with the way our marquee turned out once erected and all of our guests commented on how amazing it looked. It met all of our needs on the day with the various areas within the marquee and looked clean, smart and impressive. Abbas listened to our requirements and were able to adapt the design of the marquee to include everything we wanted."

"We received a great service from Abbas Marquees through every stage of our wedding. From planning to dismantle they provided 120%. Great guys from the office to the site crew"

"We were impressed from our initial phone call to Abbas Marquees, they were very helpful and ensured that everything went perfectly on the day. We couldn't fault the way in which they handled everything from erecting to dismantling the marquee and wouldn't hesitate to recommend them to anyone."

"We were the first to have a marquee wedding reception at Dunster Castle, which being a grade 1 listed nation trust property, was a nightmare regarding red tape, health and safety etc. However James from Abbas didn't bat an eyelid at the restrictions and hurdles we had to deal with and from beginning to end filled us with confidence through the whole process. The marquee was beautiful, immaculate and definitely had the "wow factor" . Would recommend Abbas to anyone."



Why They Booked (in random order)

"They appeared to be reliable and I wanted a reliable marquee company who could offer an array of what I needed, and wanted the marquee to look amazing- which it did."

"Because I was told they never said NO to any job!"

"Right from the beginning we had confidence in the company, and when you get married you only get one chance to get it right and they got it spot on, fabulous."

"The only quote I had and the only quote I needed!"

"Good reputation! Quality marquees."

"For their professionalism and the quality of their marquees and the furnishings. Their website was very informative and showed their marquees off well."

"Total confidence that James and his team would deliver and they did. Real attention to detail"

"Recommendation"

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"Their marquees looked clean and of a better standard than others around at the time. Other companies looked like their marquees had come straight out of a field whereas abbas were so fresh looking."

"They were the only ones with a unique and naturally beautiful marquee that did not require a lot of accessories to make it beautiful. The tent was naturally beautiful and had stunning details in it that complete the whole tent. All our friends and family were completely blown away at how perfect and gorgeous it was!!!"

"Excellent ideas from the initial meeting with James, we knew they couldn't be beat!"

"I had heard great things about this company and the quality of thier work. We wanted a something a special for our wedding reception and Abbas. Marquees were able to provide us with everything we needed to make that happen."

"Professional approach, previous experience at the venue, flexibility with regards to installation and deconstruction."

"James build confidence and inspired with ideas from the first meeting and seemed able to



understand quickly our budget and what would be right for us"

"The marquees were a bit different from other marquee companies. On our first meeting with James both us and Dunster Castle were very impressed with how knowledgeable and confident James was."

"Great references and great service."

"Because of all the companies we spoke to they were the most professional, had a lot of experience and knew how to do things best and had the newest marquees and equipment."

"Wanted to use local suppliers for our wedding and they provided what we wanted for a competitive price."

"The products they supplied and the service they gave in the initial quoting phase"

"We asked three marquee providers in the area to visit our site to quote for us. We chose Abbas marquees because they completely understood our needs, didn't try to upsell us or provide us with something that wasn't necessary, but gave advice and ideas to make our marquee unique which we could accept or reject. They also appeared to be extremely professional and experienced, which made us feel very confident that they would deliver a quality marquee which matched our expectations, Their prices were also competitive."

"I liked what they had to offer regarding choice and they seemed to be a very professional company"

"Flexibility and support in design, wide range of tables/chairs/props etc to hire out to help achieve look and most importantly atmosphere we'd designed."

"High quality service and nice people"

"they were the only company who did both teepees and marquees so we felt we could have a more unbiased discussion with them about what would best suit our needs. They were very professional, friendly and we trusted them to deliver a quality service. They were friendly and relaxed, didn't hassle us to make decisions but always responded quickly when we had questions. 10 out of 10. we wouldn't hesitate to recommend them to family and friends in future."

"Recommended by Charlton House, our Wedding venue, so it made sense to use the company that regularly work onsite there. After an initial meeting with James from Abbas, we were impressed so decided to go ahead and book."

"Price point and reputation."



"They were the only ones who came up with a solution for my needs."

"Reliable/Quality/Good customer service where the words used to describe them!"

"Very professional website and a very professional service from the first meeting with Abbas, right up until our wedding day."

"They offered something different, were very helpful, pretty local and were good value for money."

"They are the best marquee company in the southwest"

"We got 3 quotes from local providers however these guys came across highly professional & made us feel relaxed about the purchase. They may not have been the cheapest - but you get what you pay for!!"

"Recommendation"

"A friend recommended them to me and as soon as I met James at our wedding reception venue, I knew instantly that I could trust him and he knew exactly what he was doing. He gave me such confidence in making sure our day would be a huge success. The choice of all marquee and interior options was far greater than others and the whole place looked stunning as an end result"

"The only provider who could give us duck egg blue voiles which the bride had set her heart on. They could provide at short notice and had an immediate grip of the problems involved."

"An initial recommendations, and the price and availability."

"Abbas were recommended by our wedding venue and on meeting James was impressed with his professionalism, knowledge and sense of pride he had on wanting to provide a marquee and lighting system that would best suit the venue we had chosen. The quote provided was not the cheapest we received but we had no hesitation in choosing Abbas as we were confident they would provide the best product/service. Any queries we had were quickly and competently dealt with meaning we could concentrate on other things having full confidence Abbas would deliver the goods!"