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Wedding Marquee Provider Of The Year

NATIONAL WINNER
South West Regional Winner

Abbas Marquees



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General Comments (in random order)

"very professional, willing to make adjustments all the way up to putting marquee up which showed great flexibility. willing to take on board ideas and run with it. member of staff on call so great peace of mind after marquee put up. easily contactable and quick communication back made for easy planning in the run up to event"

Dr emma gracie (randall)

"We were very happy with the marquee that Abbas Marquees provided for our wedding. The lining inside the marquee looked very luxurious, we also loved the 'stars in the sky' lighting above the dance floor. Plus the lighting for the marquee entrance and the trees"

Mrs Wiebke Worthington

"James and his team are incredibly experience. We had the most amazing day"

Dr Joseph Fitchett

"Abbas were fantastic in coming up with the concept which was built around a farm wedding in a cider orchard. James and the team went out of their way to produce a reception venue which encouraged light, ambience and that embraced and was sympathetic to the rural surroundings. They managed to erect the marquee over a cider tree which then formed the centre piece in front of our bar which was unique and visually stunning."

Mr simon warren

"Abbas were really very good and really flexible about when they put up and took down the tipis. All round very good service."

Mrs Kelly Ball (Thompson)

"Myself and my husband planned our wedding ourselves for 310 guests. I can honestly say without James we wouldn't have achieved such a wonderful day. James and the Abbas team were extremely accommodating and efficient from the date we made our enquiry till the marquee was set up. I would and have already recommended Abbas marquees to others. I can safely say this is one of the easiest reviews I could give as the entire process with James and the Abbas team was outstanding."

Mrs Roshanthi Redwood

"Really pleased we decided to go with Abbas marques for our wedding, they were fantastic throughout the planning of the day, the communication was second to none, so helpful in making everything run smoothly. I can imagine we weren't the easiest of customers due to the location of the venue, the guys had to manually lift the tipi and the tables and chairs down a lot of steps and across the lawn to set up which they did with ease. Truly a bunch of nice guys. The tipi itself was absolutely stunning!"

Mrs Gemma Wright (Angus)



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"Charlotte was incredible - always replying promptly to any emails and could answer ANY question. Sam was great when erecting the marquee in the pouring rain (with tricky access conditions!) and was fantastic with communication throughout the day to ensure everything was perfect, without me needing to be on site. He even made a return trip to drop off an extra chair and fix the light dimmers. We loved the last minute addition of lights in the trees and a disco ball, great advice from James."

Mrs Heidi Preece

"We chose Abbas for our wedding after enquiring through what seemed like a lot of different companies in the southwest. What stuck me initially was the response I received from James about what a fantastic job his team do. His confidence in his team is what made me chose Abbas over the rest of the companies. From end to end planning, Abbas provided fantastic communication and no job was too hard. The erection of the marquee was seamless and the team polite. The other thing that stood out for me w"

Mrs Hayley Parsons (Porter)

"They were very quick to get back to us with any queries. When the tpee went up there were a couple of misunderstandings but they were sorted that day and at zero charge. It's easy to be a good company when everything goes to plan but it's when things go wrong you find an excellent one. Great company to work with."

Mrs Lauren Kime

"Choosing Abbas was a no brainer. They're not the cheapest marquee, company and they're the first to admit that, but what you do get is value for that money. Their experience with a variety of different events, venues, scenarios and numbers, a large inventory of good quality and new products as well as a commitment to making sure that our day would exceed our expectations was what encouraged to go with Abbas. Great service."

Mr Thomas Ross

"No"

Mr Liam Ellis

"James and Nina were a great to work with, they were friendly and helpful throughout. They have a great team from the girls in the office,(especially the lovely lady who dealt with the somewhat inarticulate bride as they were loading the lorry to the team putting up the marquee. We were impressed by the variety of options available and how you were not pushed into anything but rather advised on what was important but also where money could be saved. The gift to us from them was a very nice touch!"

Mrs Julia Zengerink

"Abbas Marquees have a huge range and choice of options to allow you to tailor your marquee and really make it personal. We wanted a relaxed tipi wedding and they were able to deliver this and make our fantasy of having the nearby lake surrounded by festoon



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lighting a reality. They were extremely flexible so we could achieve the exact look we wanted and very friendly too! We also couldn't believe how quickly they were able to construct (and deconstruct) our beautiful reception!"

Mrs Clemmie Millbank (Robinson)

"It is an absolute pleasure to have the chance to credit James and his fabulous team at Abbas Marquees. What they managed to produce was a piece of art in terms of the final finished article for the big day. The marquee, tipis and all the added extras were put up with speed, professionalism and were of an outstanding level of quality. The staff on the day were full of smiles, no job was too big and they certainly helped make the day the perfect fairy tale that it was."

Mrs Lauren Green (Rowntree-Taylor)

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Mr Adam Brooks

"A very efficient and friendly service. The marquee was erected very smoothly and there weren't any complaints at all. The linings were spotless and the lighting superb."

Mr Alexander Richards

"The marquee was the icing on the cake for our wedding, looking beautiful and stylish. It was exactly what we asked for."

Mrs Louise Fleet (Wilson-Ward)

"Fantastically helpful and efficient throughout."

Mrs Emily Azis

"Abbas marquees listened to what we wanted, advised what would work and what wouldn't and created a beautiful extension to our venue for our wedding day. The vast quantity and selection of their stock meant we could hire most things needed through them, knowing that it would arrive clean, working and on time!"

Mrs PHOEBE Bright

"Abbas made the process simple, pain free & delivered the highest quality & outstanding service, making our wedding venue beautiful. Other suppliers commented - after 15 years in the industry ours was the best marquee they had ever seen. They helped us reach the quality we desired & listened to our vision, over delivering & going beyond what we had imagined. The extra steps they took to ensure everything was perfect & their commitment to our day means I would recommend them time & time again."

Mrs Amy Pearce (Creasey)

"Abbas Maquees absolutely made our wedding day! They were efficient, polite and extremely helpful. We will recommend them to all of our friends. Everyone commented on



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how wonderful they looked and how individual they made our special day. Can't thank them enough :-)"

Mrs Lauren Merrick-Wren (Bartlett)

"Abbas marquees were excellent from start to finish, we knew we wanted tipis and Abbas marquees could offer the best value for money with the expertise and stock of a wider marquee company. We had a site visit from James who listened to our vision and was helpful at answering our questions. The team erecting the tipi were fantastic and we were even able to ring them for advice on the heating the following day and they couldn't do enough to ensure we had a happy problem free wedding!"

Mrs Tara Potter (meyers)

"Abbas were booked at short notice and were fantastic. we had the reception in one of our fields dreaming of a warm sunny evening instead it rained for the week before sunny on the day and then rained in the evening.the team of lads were fantastic. they got stuck putting it up, getting out totally bogged in and they got local farmer to pull them out and they just cracked on. due to heavy rain a slight leak rang and one them came straight down and sorted. great bunch great company . well done"

Mr adrian simpson

"We received fantastic service from start to finish. James and Nina are lovely and James is extremely knowledgeable and helpful in providing advice for what is needed and not. Without this we would not have achieved the incredible atmosphere we did. They are highly professional, whilst being totally personable and I can't really can't recommend them enough. We chose the giant hat tipis and they were absolutely stunning. Everyone commented that they had never been to a wedding like it before!"

Mrs Kate Burdett

"Really pleased with the marquee. Loved how it looked, and how efficiently it was put up to my specification of where we wanted it. Think the boys measured 4 or 5 times before putting it up to check it was in the right place. All correspondence was good, emails answered quickly and no problem when we wanted to add or remove extra items. Hassle free."

Mrs Lucy Gabb (Avent)

"Great, helpful and plenty of choice."

Mrs Alice Gillespie

"Stunning Marquee, couldn't have asked for smarter. Particularly easy de-rigging without any fuss. Good communication throughout."

Mrs Annabel Ranger (Matters)

"See below"



Mrs Rosie Hutton (carter)

"Fantastic service from start to finish. Met with them at the venue for a site visit very friendly and honest advice. Catered for all our needs including some last minute changes and additions. Arrived on time to set up with a team - very quick and professional when setting up. Checked that we were completely happy before leaving. Excellent marquee company very professional and excellent quality. We had lots of comments about how amazing the marquee looked!"

Mrs Becca Lewis (Purchase)

"A superb service at the wedding. The marquee was very popular and created a great deal of interest amongst guests who regularly attend marquee functions. The service from initial contact and quote to marquee erection and breakdown was professional, efficient and precisely as expected. There were no surprises. Excellent. Very pleased and impressed. They were a pleasure to work with."

Mrs Julia Pitman

"Abbas were simply wonderful! I had a lot of hesitations and worries about using a Marquee and they really followed the brief and made it seem like we weren't in a Marquee at all. It was simply stunning."

Mrs Alexandra Young (Findlay)

"The team at Abbas marquees were quick to respond to all of my queries, and were very helpful in providing images to help in my decision making. Once they conducted a site visit, they also provided some good tips in order to improve the overall look. The onsite wedding planner noted it was "the best looking marquee" they'd ever had at Sharpham."

Anonymous

"Fantastic attention to detail and flexibility that will make any brides life easier! Seamless operation in erecting and dismantling."

Anonymous

"Abbas helped us with all aspects of our wedding not just the marquee. Their professionalism and experience shone through and our event went perfectly. Thanks Abbas!"

Mrs Lucie Florentiades

"We were delighted with our marquee and the lay out . The quality of the furniture provided and the dance area were great, we loved our unique bar with the fun lighting offering and James and his team provided some great advice and advance previews of what it would look like well in advance. Thanks to him and the team for all their help to ensure we had a memorable and wonderful wedding day."

Mrs Elizabeth Harrison



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"James at Abbas Marquees was absolutely amazing in helping us prepare. Nothing was too much trouble and he made everything so easy. We feared terrible weather in the days running up to the wedding and an Abbas Marquee team came out AGAIN to us, specially to add some sides onto a marquee we had not already requested. Seriously amazing service."

Mrs Cara Boyce

"We were extremely impressed by how profesional, efficient, friendly and thorough abbas marquee company were. We felt we could trust them completely. We had no problems but they gave us all the necessary information and contacts should a problem arise. We would recommend them to anyone and everyone!!!!"

Mrs sophie judson (mella)

"I feel that Abbas are market leaders with marquees, upon first communication with James at Abbas we knew we had to book with them. The marquees and content they offer are top notch, everything looked new, nothing was tired or dirty. The communications with the team via email etc were speedy and very clear. The team who delivered and constructed the marquee were incredibly fast and did a perfect job. The best part of our decor was the marquee and we would without a doubt book with them again."

Mrs Poppy Gosling-Pezzolo

"Detailed and very helpful advice on what was required to plan and provide a first class marquee reception in the grounds of our home. All stages of the process expertly executed with an efficient and friendly team on site and no problems throughout on what could be a stressfull event."

Mr Christopher Poole

"Abbas were fantastic during the whole process of ordering and setting up our marquee! their communication was fantastic while we were planning the marquee and layout, they were always on the end of the phone for any question we had and made the whole process so easy! When it came to setting up the marquee their team were professional, fast and amazingly helpful, talking everything through with me as they set up the marquee. I cant fault Abbas and would happily use them again!"

Mr Andrew Cox

"Great company that really understood what we wanted. While many marquees companies stick to the traditional "safe" marquee style and options, Abbas were open to ideas and refreshingly innovative in their approach. They are also one of only a handful of companies in the UK that match up to quality and product to what is available in the US. They were extremely professional and a real pleasure to deal with (especially Leah who is a real star)"

Miss Aisha Ahmed

"We found Abbas on the Internet and were initially impressed with their videos on their website. We contacted Abbas for a consultation, James arrived and was very clear,



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enthusiastic and knowledgeable- showing us in great detail what was available and the best option for our garden reception. On the day of erection, the team worked like Trojans; were friendly and very tidy. They explained everything thoroughly and we had the reassurance of the team being only a phone call away if a problem arose."

Mr Glyn Morris

"N/A"

Miss Hannah Moody

"It was wonderful from start to finish, we would recommend Abbas to anyone who wanted a superb day. Several orders will be placed with Abbas after guests saw what an amazing Marquee we had. The team who erected the Marquee were professional and knew what they were doing, from start to finish it inspired confidence in a professional company, thank you Abbas Marquees you helped to make a perfect day."

Anonymous

"Helpful and informative from the very beginning. Superb knowledge of their field (no pun intended) Friendly and reassuring throughout every step, right up until the last minute! Tipi of such a high standard - exactly what we were imagining and more. They presented us with a bottle of (great quality) wine for our wedding gift - what a lovely touch. Personalised, professional and thoroughly recommendable service."

Mrs Katy (Pitt) Allen

"Excellent service. Staff were outstanding - they worked hard, long hours and cheerfully. Up front advice was good and better than other providers approached. Dismantling was outstandingly quick."

Mrs Rebecca Allen (Filmer)

"Abbas were excellent in every aspect of service, product and delivery."

Mr Peter Dacombe

"When James came to visit the field for our wedding, he has so many ideas about how we add those finishing touches to our day. It felt like nothing was too much for him and he had plenty of Pictures to show us how our dream day would be brought to life. Abbas were fantastic and we couldn't have asked for a better, more professional and good value supplier. Thanks James and team."

Mrs Tory Deacon (Dentith)

"My experience in dealing with Abbas Marquees was a delight from start to finish. The choice available, customer service and value for money were second to none. They handled last minute requests with absolutely no fuss and went out of their way to help me. They took all the hassle out of organising the tipi by communicating directly with the venue, leaving me and my wife to concentrate on other things. In summary, they provide a truly fantastic



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service that I would not hesitate to recommend."

Mr Mark McGettigan

"Abbas Marquees created my dream marquee! The booking process was simple and professional. The company captured what I wanted through our email and telephone conversations. They captured the precise lighting effect I wanted and loved so much on the day. Changes were no problem to the booking as the wedding approached and the team who came to the venue worked so hard to make sure we had the most beautiful venue. You couldn't ask for better."

Mrs Amy Sellers (Carter)

"This is a great company to work with, they are flexible and helpful coming up with very good / useful suggestions and seemed concerned to guide us through the decision making process so we would achieve the style and layout that would best suit the wedding location and theme we had chosen. Friendly and helpful always when we contacted them and a great team erecting and dismantling the marquee-efficient, polite, friendly. Big part in making the day special, several requests for the companies name."

Mr David Middleton-Gear



Why They Booked (in random order)

"Complete confidence in the their ability to provide excellent service."

Mr Peter Dacombe

"They sounded really lovely on the phone and knew what they were talking about."

Mrs Kelly Ball (Thompson)

"Loved the look and style of the tipi's. They got back to us very quickly with lots of useful information."

Mrs Lauren Merrick-Wren (Bartlett)

"Not just on price, but the overall concept and flexibility of options available for fitting out, right up until the week before the event. They were able to be far more flexible than other companies and also greatly assisted in the recommendation of other suppliers."

Mr simon warren

"We had to from the venue"

Mrs Lauren Kime

"Their ability to demonstrate their experience and expertise in supplying the full marquee service and all associated equipment required for our wedding."

Mr Christopher Poole

"I had researched and had quotes from a number of other providers during my search. Abbas was actually recommended to us for exceptional service and also came out as one of the most competitively priced."

Mrs Kate Burdett

"James came to meet us armed with pictures, examples of previous events and full of ideas. The level of quality was evident in all the pictures, however what we really loved was James offering some unique ideas, all of which we went ahead with and made a wonderful difference."

Mrs Lauren Green (Rowntree-Taylor)

"See comments above."

Mrs Hayley Parsons (Porter)

"James clearly knows what he is talking about, and filled my husband and I with immense confidence that they could create a venue that we wanted, they helped suggest things to meet our needs and go above this with ideas and suggestions we would never have thought of. The images on their site and options available to choose from means you can personalise and create your dream, we knew after our first meeting that James and his team were



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capable and would deliver what we wanted. The umbrellas were a brilliant touch!!"

Mrs Amy Pearce (Creasey)

"Most competitive price for our needs and quality of tables compared with other companies."

Miss Hannah Moody

"They had done my sister in laws marquee and she recommended them."

Mrs Lucie Florentiades

"Lovely looking marquees, efficient team of people who are flexible and can offer innovative ideas on how to create a stylish marquee."

Mrs Julia Zengerink

"Quality of marquees and service provided Range of products and additional extras available with the company"

Mrs Becca Lewis (Purchase)

"Recommended by local friends who had used them for their own wedding."

Mrs Alice Gillespie

"They were the most impressive of all 4 companies that we met. Very professional."

Mrs Julia Pitman

"They showed a more competent approach and final product was smarter"

Mrs Rebecca Allen (Filmer)

"They had a good selection of marquees and options."

Anonymous

"Good quote for what we wanted."

Mrs Louise Fleet (Wilson-Ward)

"Great web page, fast responds to first email/enquiry, reasonably priced, extremely helpful, normal people trying to make your day the best it can be with their help and understanding of what your after for your wedding/event ."

Mrs Gemma Wright (Angus)

"Recommendation from a friend."

Mrs Annabel Ranger (Matters)

"We got quotes from 4 marquee companies and Abbas were the most reassuring and obviously top quality."



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Mrs Cara Boyce

"Good website initially followed by good customer service and sensibly priced. Plenty of options to choose from."

Mr David Middleton-Gear

"Testimonials and the way the company dealt with our initial enquiry."

Anonymous

"I have worked with Abbas in the past and knew that they would be the only ones for the job! Their attention to detail and professional approach are second to none"

Mrs PHOEBE Bright

"Professionalism, price"

Mrs Tory Deacon (Dentith)

"I booked Abbas as they came highly recommended by a few friends and contacts in the wedding business. James and his team were really fantastic and went above and beyond to create the most magical day for us."

Mrs Alexandra Young (Findlay)

"James and the team did an excellent job for my sister's wedding so it was a no brainer to use Abbas for my wedding. We were able to make some subtle changes to our marquee and set up to ensure our celebration was different to the year before and included some personal touches. The team responsible for erecting and dismantling the structure were great, very efficient and nice to deal with."

Mrs Elizabeth Harrison

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Mr Adam Brooks

"We booked with Abbas marquees because we were specifically looking for panoramic windows and a clear open roof over the dance floor, so that we could dance under the stars. We didn't find any other companies that provided these specialist options and offered a perfect service. It's clear that James and Nina have very high standards and don't re use the same tired marquees and content over each season. After meeting with James to discuss the quote we felt that we had to book with Abbas because they seemed incredibly professional and reliable and definitely lived up too and beyond our expectations."

Mrs Poppy Gosling-Pezzolo

"For my wedding reception"

Mrs Roshanthi Redwood



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"There is a huge range in terms of quality and pricing across the marquee sector. I know Abbas offer a reliable and quality service hence why I used them for my own wedding."

Mr Alexander Richards

"Our wedding planner had very good experience with Abbas Marquees"

Mrs Wiebke Worthington

"We liked their octagon marquee option, carpet colour options and chair designs/options. Price was obviously an important factor."

Mrs Heidi Preece

"Great recommendations, brilliant service and great images online"

Mr Andrew Cox

"I was having a small wedding (24 guests) and was concerned about keeping my guests cooped up in the same small room all evening. By providing a comfortable and stylish tipi area in the gardens of the venue Abbas Marquees helped me to create a 'change of venue' halfway through the evening which reinvigorated my guests and meant the party really got started."

Mr Mark McGettigan

"see above."

Mr Thomas Ross

"Because they were highly recommended to us and they had everything we needed in one place."

Mrs Clemmie Millbank (Robinson)

"Because they're the best in the south west and I had confidence they knew what they were doing after I met James."

Mrs Lucy Gabb (Avent)

"They replied to our enquiry quickly and nothing was too much trouble, extremely helpful throughout."

Anonymous

"They had exactly what we wanted at a reasonable price. They were friendly and helpful throughout."

Mrs Katy (Pitt) Allen

"A friend used them. We could see after our first meeting with them that they were experienced and reliable!"

Mrs sophie judson (mella)



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"Nothing seemed to daunt them."

Mrs Emily Azis

"Extensive range of equipment and very helpful service from the start, which continued throughout our dealings with them."

Mrs Tara Potter (meyers)

"Best looking marquees"

Mr Liam Ellis

"great website/reputation/quality of product provided"

Dr emma gracie (randall)

"We booked with Abbas firstly because of their professionalism and secondly because of their range of marquees; something to suit every size and pocket."

Mr Glyn Morris

"Recommendation from my aunt who has a wedding venue that this company was the best, we didn't approach anyone else."

Mrs Amy Sellers (Carter)

"They're the best in the south west ! If it's good enough for Glastonbury then I had no doubt they'd do a superb job. Really couldn't fault the entire experience !"

Mrs Rosie Hutton (carter)

"Flexibility and comprehensiveness offered"

Dr Joseph Fitchett

"nicest bunch I spoke to"

Mr adrian simpson

"Great marquee, and really understood what we wanted. Hands down our best wedding provider"

Miss Aisha Ahmed