

# RUSTIC DETAILS

Venue **SHUSTOKE FARM BARNs, WARWICKSHIRE**  
Region **MIDLANDS**

LAURA BIRCH AND TREVOR HAINES CHOSE A ROMANTIC BARN SETTING FOR THEIR BIG DAY



## THE VENUE

**HOW MUCH?** Hire for a summer Saturday costs £4,995. Off-peak and low-season rates are available.  
**HOW MANY?** Up to 140 for a sit-down reception; up to 189 for a civil ceremony.  
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*"Shustoke Farm was perfect for the relaxed, informal day we wanted!"*



Laura and Trevor were definitely confident in their choice of wedding venue - they fell in love with Shustoke Farm Barns in Warwickshire while it was a building site! "The venue is absolutely stunning!" says Laura. "When we first saw it, it was still being renovated, but we could see the magnificent potential it had. It had all the beautiful features of the original barn, plus we could fit all of our guests in there with room to spare. The staff helped us to plan our wedding in a way that really suited us - very laid back and relaxed, not too formal, just lots of fun!"

### Planned to perfection

The couple didn't leave themselves long to plan their dream day, holding their August wedding less than six months after Trevor popped the question at the top of the Empire State Building. "As a teacher, I'm on holiday during August, so knew we would be able to get everything prepared in the run up to the big day," explains Laura. "Also, we wanted an August date because we were hoping for some sunshine, which thankfully we had plenty of!"

The sunny weather made the most of Shustoke's gorgeous courtyard and olive trees,



Laura looked beautiful in an elegant Viva Bridal dress - she bought it on the spot after finding it at the Wedding Dress Factory Outlet in Leicester!





Laura and Trevor loved how their Warwickshire venue, Shustoke Farm Barns, combined rustic details and original features with a light, airy feel.

## Laura's CONTACTS

**PHOTOGRAPHER** Darren Gair Photography ([darrengairphotography.co.uk](http://darrengairphotography.co.uk)).

"I love the way Darren captured all the fun on the day. In every single picture we can see how much we were enjoying the day."

**DRESS** Wedding Dress Factory Outlet, Leicester ([weddingdress-factoryoutlet.co.uk](http://weddingdress-factoryoutlet.co.uk)).

"The experience was totally chilled out - you can browse at your own pace and get plenty of advice on what styles suit you."

**CAKE** Mee Cupcakes, Birmingham ([facebook.com/MeeCupcakes](https://www.facebook.com/MeeCupcakes)).

"Dee who runs Mee Cupcakes lives next door to a family friend and we designed our cake together. She can do anything!"

**ENTERTAINMENT** Benny Smythe ([bsentertainments.co.uk](http://bsentertainments.co.uk)).

"He had everyone up and dancing all night, and kept a fantastic atmosphere going. He just knew what everyone wanted to hear."

**FLOWERS** Aura Floreo, Birmingham ([facebook.com/aurafloreo.florist](https://www.facebook.com/aurafloreo.florist)).

"My cousin Joanne is the florist and made the most stunning displays - they were incredible!"



as guests were able to explore the grounds and unwind in the sunshine. Laura and Trevor also brought the outdoors in, filling the barn with beautiful pastel flower arrangements put together by Laura's talented cousin.

### Fun and games

The couple wanted their wedding to be full of fun, and kept their guests fully entertained! "Just before the first dance, we had the 'Man Vs Food challenge' - a marshmallow Flump eating competition which went down a treat!" laughs Laura. "We then had a dance-off between the stags who, on the stag do, were briefed that they'd need to perform a 30 second routine. They had a month to prepare and you could tell they had put some serious prep into it. My new father-in-law even did a dance on roller skates! Later on there was a limbo competition - it was brilliant to see everyone get so involved!"

"There were so many highlights of the day - the gorgeous food, the speeches, the games - but mostly it was just seeing everyone enjoying themselves and having a good time!" says Laura. "We're lucky to have great family and friends who created a fab atmosphere, and superb photos so we can relive it all - I'd love to turn back the clock and do it all again!" [WDV](http://wdv)



**THE COUPLE** Laura and Trevor filled their barn setting with delicate details like gorgeous pastel flower arrangements.



Aura Hope heels, Paradox London **£39.95**

Champagne clutch bag, Vintage Styler **£28.50**

## Get the look

BE INSPIRED BY THIS ELEGANT TAKE ON RUSTIC-CHIC WEDDING STYLE



Rose and buttercup cake, Maisie Fantaisie **From £615**



Mini heart jam jar candle holder, Dotcomgiftshop **£1.95**



Pink rose bouquet, Wild About Flowers, Stroud **£POA**

Style 1435, Demetrios Bride **£1,200**

## LOVE Laura's SETTING?

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