



L A R K S P U R L O D G E

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Entertainment / DJ / Band Information

We understand that music / entertainment is a key component of your wedding / event. We work closely with your booked supplier to make set up and organisation on the day run smoothly. Please ensure that your booked supplier contacts our wedding planner on 01565 651738 or email info@larkspurodge.co.uk to arrange your event.

We always insist that all entertainment / bands / DJs / Live music adhere to our entertainment policy:

- Bands/Live Entertainment must end by 9pm Sunday, 10pm Monday-Thursday and 11pm Friday and Saturday.
- Pre-recorded music / DJ Music must end at 9.55pm Sunday, 10.55pm Monday-Thursday and 11.55pm Friday & Saturday. We will have a member of staff manging this with your music supplier. Any music that is played after this time is breaching our licence and will not be allowed. 30 minutes prior to the terminal hour, music to be slowed to a lower tempo.
- Live Entertainments/Bands/DJs must perform in the alcove area in the main room.
- Music is to be tested / sound checked and signed off by our duty manager. We want everyone to enjoy the day and we will help to advise on optimum volume.
- Equipment must be PAT tested and have sufficient Public Liability Insurance (documentation to be provided before the event)
- Music cannot be amplified outside after 5pm (Terrace Area only)
- Music is not permitted on the garden area.
- We do not allow Bands to use Bass Bins or Acoustic Drums for live music under any circumstances – Electric Drums are permitted.
- All Bands/DJs must play through our inhouse state of the art PA system to ensure sound quality along with sound levels.
- There is a Sound Compressor/Limiter installed at Larkspur Lodge that is set at a level suitable for the venue.
- The management of Larkspur Lodge hereby reserve this right under the contract to terminate the event in the event of failure to comply with management requests regarding regulated entertainment.

Music and Entertainment FAQ

What time does the evening party start? This can depend on the time of the ceremony, as a general rule a 12/2pm ceremony time the evening party would start around 7/7.30pm. Music is the best way to signify the start of the evening party.

What time should we do our first dance? The first dance is a good way to mark the start of the evening party – it is good to do this once all of your evening guests have arrived.

Do you have a PA system to play music? / How do we supply music? If you do not have a band or DJ music can be played via our PA system. You can use our general playlist or you can provide your own. We require you to provide a device such as an I pad, I pod or phone with the playlist clearly labelled. The device must **not** have a security passcode and must be turned on to flight mode.

When can the band / DJ collect their equipment? We recommend that bands and DJ remove their equipment straight after the wedding party. For larger set ups we can arrange pick up the following morning – before 10am, this must be booked in with your wedding planner.

Sound Limiter Control

A sound limiter is a device that monitors the volume of a band or DJ among other things. The device is set to switch off the electricity supply to the stage or performance area if a band exceeds a set decibel level for a continuous period of time.

What is the limit?

The Set level is 83Db within this venue. Only Venue staff can reset the limiter to prevent any power surge on entertainer equipment

We have a visual aid seen by the band from the stage often in the form of "traffic lights". When the volume increases beyond a set level an amber light will come on. The band has a short time to reduce volume otherwise the light will go red and if the sound level remains the same for a few seconds longer, the limiter will kick in and cut off power to the stage, all professional bands/DJs can work with this equipment and will have no problems ensuring your evening is a total success .

Sound Limiter Advice

Musicians are professionals and will try and work within whatever volume restrictions and space you give them, but try to be practical and remember, the more members of the band, the more equipment they are going to bring and the louder they could potentially be.