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## WELCOME TO HILL PLACE

Hill Place is a beautiful Georgian villa located in the Meon Valley on the edge of the South Downs National Park.

The house is a private family home run by the owners allowing for unrivalled flexibility in planning, organisation and implementation. That's why each event at Hill Place is a unique, bespoke and special occasion.

With four principal rooms, formal gardens, and ample space for a marquee, Hill Place can accommodate parties of up to 200. A wedding licence for up to 60 people provides the ultimate spectrum of ceremonies, parties and accommodation. All can be provided for at Hill Place.

From the moment you arrive at Hill Place and are greeted at the front door, the combination of muted grandeur and homely comfort is prevalent. Hill Place is foremost a home. The striking views and surroundings complete the picture and guarantee a true country house experience.

Will and Rebecca go the extra mile at every step of the journey to ensure you feel at home and achieve the day you dreamed of. 'No' is not a word used at Hill Place.

*“A true hidden gem”*



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## HILL PLACE SINCE 1753

### from swash-bucklers to apple farmers

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Captain Roger Martin bought the tithing of Hill in 1753 from the neighbouring Midlington estate with the money he gained on capturing two Spanish galleons in 1741. On his death, the estate passed to his great nephew, Richard Goodlad. It is thought that the house was built by him with the money made while working for the East India Company. Hill Place first appears on maps on 1791 with Richard Goodlad returning from India and taking up residence by 1801. It appears to have significant influences of the renowned Georgian architect, Sir John Soane. In 1916 the estate (now totalling 1,059 acres and 10 properties) was broken up and sold. The house, park and model farm were bought by a local property developer who maintained ownership from 1916 to 1977, albeit with two intervening sales of the house and park. An annexe was added to the east side of the house in the 1930's.

In 1977 the house and park were bought by the present owner's grandparents, who established it as a family home once again. The model farm is now also owned by the family and trades as a thriving fruit farm, Hill Farm Orchards. The house and park passed to their grandson in 2009. Will and his wife, Rebecca, continue to run the house as a family home and are restoring it to its former glory.





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## THE ROOMS

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### The Hall

The Hall truly is the heart of the house. Undoubtedly, the most striking feature is the sweeping, stone cantilevered staircase housed within the reception Hall, whether for a bride's entrance or a saunter down to breakfast.

### Morning Room

The Morning Room, with its Georgian painted floral ceiling, open fire, glorious views of the park and flight of stairs descending straight on to the lawn, is an infinitely versatile reception room. From a cosy winter sitting room to a warm summer evening drinks reception or a wedding ceremony, this room amply provides for all.

*“Each experience is personal and special”*





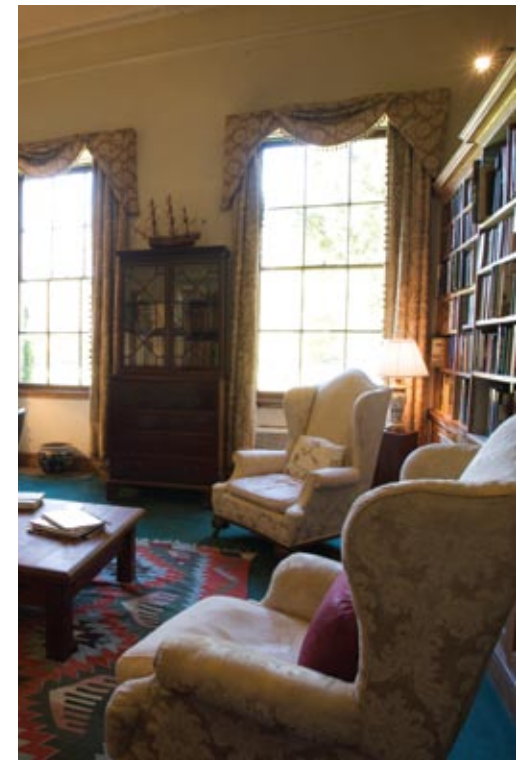
### **Drawing Room**

The traditional Georgian Drawing Room enjoys an enormous picture window presenting striking views across the park. A grand piano in the corner of the room is tuned and at the ready.



### **Dining Room**

Able to seat up to 50 people, the Dining Room combines intimate surroundings with the grandeur of parkland views, seen through the large picture window and reflected in an enormous mirror.



### **Library**

An intimate room perfect for both meetings and for use as a quiet room during louder events. A roaring fire makes this the perfect hideaway to contemplate the day's proceedings or to peruse the wealth of books.

*“Kick off your shoes and relax”*

### **Bedrooms**

Hill Place can accommodate up to 12 people in five large, antique-furnished double bedrooms. Wake up to the gentle sounds of the countryside and enjoy beautiful views from the comfort of your sumptuous bed or simply snuggle down with a good book.



*“This house loves a party”*

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## THE GROUNDS AND GARDENS

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The house is set in 2 acres of formal gardens and surrounded by some 18 acres of parkland studded with majestic oak trees.

The sweeping lawn provides generous room for a marquee, capable of seating 200, together with space for garden games and drinks.

Across the ha-ha the parkland has ample room for all sizes of event together with plenty of parking.

The uninterrupted views from the garden stretch over the parkland to the orchards and the Isle of Wight beyond, creating a tranquil and spacious environment for any event.

Whether you are planning a corporate away-day with archery and games, a dream wedding or a mini music festival with the back drop of Hill Place, there is an abundance of space and a plethora of people to help fulfil your every need.



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## HOW TO FIND US

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We are conveniently situated within easy reach of London, between Winchester, Portsmouth and Southampton making Hill Place an ideal location for any event.

For detailed directions and other helpful information please visit our website at [www.hillplace.co.uk](http://www.hillplace.co.uk)



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