

PAUL SPENCER

PHOTOGRAPHY

Wedding Brochure



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Photography

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Planning your perfect day...



It's great to get to know each couple and tailor their wedding photography package to meet their exact needs. Pre-wedding consultations and a rehearsal are included. During the rehearsal we'll agree the backdrops for your pictures and take some trial shots too.

I work with the venues and other service providers, to ensure we have everything covered.

By the time of your wedding, all the details will be confirmed and you'll be confident that I have everything in hand. This doesn't stop those candid and fun moments which I'll also capture - they are often very special memories.

What style of photography do you provide?

My style of photography is 'reportage', documenting the whole day to give you a detailed record of all the aspects, but always with a fun and candid approach, so everyone relaxes. If you haven't already, please take a look at the feedback from previous customers. I have found many couples prefer natural photos, capturing those candid moments during their day. There are newer ideas like 'first look' and 'first touch'. Ultimately, my aim is to take the photos you want. After all, they are your photos of your 'big day'.

I offer a tailored service both in terms of style, duration and the finishes of your wedding photos. Often, this includes the wedding party preparations, meeting the key guests to capture photos as they all get ready for the day ahead, before going to the wedding venues. My packages include full coverage of the wedding service, formal group photos afterwards and the more fun/ candid shots too, as well as those personal photos that you'll treasure. You will have full usage of all the images, to share with family and friends, avoiding the costs that some photographers charge for individual reprints.

What photography packages do you offer?

I offer three packages, which can be tailored to meet your exact needs. There are more details in the pricing section below. I like to keep things simple and aim to provide a great service at a competitive price.

About Paul...

I've always had an interest in photography. I bought my first 'proper' camera 30 years ago and was hooked. My interest was in landscape photography with the lake district being one of my favourite places to visit. Around 10 years ago I was asked to help a couple with their wedding photos and took a family portrait for a friend and the rest as they say....



I studied for a City and Guilds in photography and started doing portrait and wedding photography on a part time basis. I now specialise in wedding photography and in this, my 10th year of business will capture my 100th wedding! That said I still have the same passion as when I first started and want to make every set of photographs special. It is always great to see the couple's reaction when they receive their wedding photos (still the best bit)!

Since the Covid pandemic all wedding suppliers have been so busy. It is great to be doing what we love so much again, helping you lovely couples to have a fabulous wedding day and beautiful photographs to provide a lasting memory.

I am based in Swadlincote, Derbyshire. If you would like any more details, please contact me.

Which locations do I cover?

I provide wedding photography services throughout the East and West Midlands but can travel further afield too. Most of my wedding photography takes place in Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire, Staffordshire and Warwickshire. There are many examples of previous weddings in my portfolio. You can see them on my website at www.pauldspencer.co.uk/

Wedding Photography in Burton on Trent

Each venue has a unique feel and from experience you know exactly the locations to use, to provide the couple with the best wedding memories. I've worked at a lot of venues in and around Burton, from the Registry Office which has lovely gardens near the River Trent, and in nearby Branston at both the Riverside and Branston Pavilion. I love working at the Pavilion (in part as it hosted the wedding reception for my wife and I) and have captured many weddings there over the years. If you look on the weddings page of my website, you'll see examples of other wedding photographs in Burton and its surrounding area.

Wedding Photography in Staffordshire

Not far from Burton, there are a number of bespoke wedding venues. Some of the venues I have worked at are Alrewas Hayes, Barton Marina, Blithfield, Dovecliff Hall, Banbury Barns, Hoar Cross Hall and at Lichfield. There are many examples in the wedding portfolio on my website if you would like to take a look. It has been hard selecting just a few images for this brochure!

A lot of planning goes into preparing for your perfect wedding and the photos that will provide a lifetime of happy memories. We will arrange a rehearsal to visit the venues and take some trial photos. They are included free of charge. Why? Well its important to agree the backdrops for the wedding photos you'll treasure for a lifetime.



Bridal preparations at Lichfield



Dovecliff Hall in Rolleston-on-Dove, Staffordshire. This part colour image is based on the film 'Up'.

Wedding Photography in Derbyshire

There are so many beautiful venues for weddings in Derbyshire and the backdrops they provide for photography are stunning. I have had the pleasure of working at so many throughout the County.

In the north, these include Makeney Hall, Shottle Hall, Cressbrook Hall and Alison House Hotel. I have also taken wedding photographs in Derby at West Mill, Darley Abbey, and the city centre Registry Office and Conference Centre. Then in the south of Derbyshire, at Hartshorne, Linton, Melbourne View, Newhall, Newton Solney, Rosliston (Forestry Centre and Hidden Hive), Swadlincote (Church and Town Hall), Ticknall and Weston on Trent.



The bespoke wedding venues provide a range of photography options from outside weddings, to marquees and lovely scenery as a backdrop for your wedding pictures.

So many great memories, including the Coopers Arms in Weston on Trent in the middle of the hot 2018 summer. A lovely location is West Mill, Darley Abbey, a

sympathetically restored mill, giving a mix of the urban heritage with lovely grounds set against the River Derwent. I love the photo below at Derby Conference Centre in 2022 and that to the left taken during bridal preparation at Swarkestone.



Ready for her wedding, at Derby Conference Centre



At Cressbrook Hall, Derbyshire



In the grounds at Melbourne View, South Derbyshire

I've worked at Newton Solney several times for weddings at the village church and also at Ticknall, in the village church with receptions at the village hall and some photos taken at the nearby Calke Abbey. Nearly all my wedding photography bookings come from customer recommendation, which is a real compliment.

Wedding Photography in Leicestershire

Leicestershire has some beautiful locations for weddings. Pictured below is Staunton Harold Hall, a new venue for me in 2021. It is an amazing venue, surrounded by lakes and sympathetically restored rooms providing a really classy wedding location. Staunton Harold only host a handful of weddings each year, so I feel privileged to have worked there.



The new Mr & Mrs Cotton leaving Donisthorpe Church in Leicestershire

Donington Park Farmhouse Hotel, is a lovely Leicestershire wedding venue where I've taken photographs several times. It's a seventeenth century farmhouse with a series of original brick & timber barns, sympathetically restored to create a beautiful collection of rooms.

Other Leicestershire wedding photography venues where I have worked include Ashby de la Zouch, Conkers and Lakeside at Moira, the churches at Donisthorpe (above) and Ibstock St Denys, receptions at Kegworth, Measham, the link Hotel at Loughborough and as far south as the lovely village of Marston Trussell on the Leicestershire / Northamptonshire border. There are some beautiful villages and great venues. Many sample photos can be seen on the website.

Wedding Photography in Nottinghamshire

A church service in the centre of Nottingham was followed by photographs at the arboretum for Lydia and Josh. We worked together to create a specific finish for their photographs to emphasise the autumn colours.



Autumn at Nottingham arboretum with a tailored finish chosen by the couple.

Pricing

Investment in your wedding memories

I provide a tailored, professional and friendly service to ensure you have the photographs of your wedding day to treasure for a lifetime.

Naturally everyone looks at the costs, but I'd also ask you to think about the service you will receive and the benefits of investing in an experienced photographer to capture the most important day of your lives. Please have a look at the feedback page and you'll see the lovely comments previous couples have made and which I truly appreciate.

Thanks for considering me to take your wedding photographs and if you would like further information, please contact me.

Experience

I've been capturing weddings for over ten years now. During that time I've gained loads of experience which will ensure that your wedding photos are exactly what you want.

The photography is tailored to meet each couple's needs, with an offer of different styles of photography such as candid and natural photos, as well as 'reportage', capturing the story of your wedding day. Many people find the formal group photos can be a chore, but I aim to make them fun and keep people engaged. The most important photos are those of you, the happy couple to provide you with lasting memories of your best day!

From experience I can assist and guide you with ideas, locations for your photos, backdrops and the number of group photos needed to allow plenty of time for the less formal, fun and spontaneous moments. I am known for working with the venue and other service providers to ensure everything runs smoothly, so you can focus on enjoying your special day!

What is Included?

We will work together to plan your wedding photography, with meetings and conversations as often as you need them. By the time of your wedding day I'll have everything covered. Couples can contact me at any time and will always receive a prompt response.

All packages include a rehearsal at your wedding venue(s) and I'll take some trial photos, which you get to keep. I find this helps the couple to be more relaxed for their wedding photos.

All your images are edited professionally by myself. After the excitement of your wedding day you'll want the photos as soon as possible. Rest assured you will have some samples within a day or two and usually all

the edited photos within a couple of weeks. Often it is much quicker, but I never compromise quality for speed - your wedding photos are too important!

They will be provided on an engraved wooden memory stick, in a matching presentation box, with multiple copies of each image, in different file sizes for printing and electronic use. You'll get to keep all the images to share with family and friends.

You will also have a password protected online gallery of your wedding photographs. For those who can't be at your wedding or who live a distance away you can share the password and they can relive your wedding day!

Option 1

Everything shown above with up to four hours' coverage at the wedding venue before, during and after the ceremony, including group and personal photographs.

Price - £525 (£550 for 2025)*

Option 2

We'll start with photographing the wedding party as they prepare for the 'big day'. This will include travel to numerous venues, coverage at the wedding venue before, during and after the ceremony, including group and personal photographs. This package includes additional time at the reception venue, where we'll capture those candid and spontaneous memories and more personal photographs, right through to the start of the wedding breakfast. Up to six hours of coverage is provided.

Price - from £650 (£675 for 2025)*

Option 3

The whole day covered. From the preparations to your first dance and cutting your wedding cake. This tailored service will include everything in the options above with up to 10 hours of coverage to include the speeches, arrival of your evening guests, casual photos of the evening reception, your first dance and cutting the wedding cake.

Price - from £1075 (£1100 for 2025)*

Payments

A £75 deposit is required to secure the date and confirm your wedding booking. This will be deducted from your final balance, due two weeks before your wedding day.

Albums, photo books and Wall Art

All can be supplied in a range of formats and sizes. They provide a lovely printed record of your day, either on the wall or in a book. Some couples also choose to buy guest books for the key people in their life. There is a range of options from the suppliers I use. For further information on the options and pricing, just contact me.

Price Increase and Travel

* Due to the cost of living, sadly I have had to increase my prices. The prices shown above are for 2024 and 2025 bookings. I will honour existing bookings at the prices quoted.

* The fees include travel to locations within 15 miles of Swadlincote. For events further away, I may need to add a surcharge for fuel cost and travel time.

Customer Feedback

I'm always touched by the kind comments I receive. Some from recent weddings are shown below. There are loads more on the website- please take a look: <https://www.pauldspencer.co.uk/customer-feedback>

Vikki and Gaz

Portraits - September 2023

Please rate my service: ★★★★★

Please add your feedback here: We had an absolutely amazing family photoshoot. Paul made us feel so comfortable and he was fantastic with the children. He provides a wonderful service and goes above and beyond. We received the photographs back quickly on a memory stick for us to keep forever and for us to print the photos at our leisure. We would highly recommend Paul and want to say a massive thank you for our wonderful photos.

Catherine and Matt

Wedding - July 2023

Please rate my service: ★★★★★

Please add your feedback here: Paul is absolutely incredible! Paul did the photography for our wedding last week and we have had so many beautiful photos back. He met with us before hand to ensure he knew exactly what we wanted and to get to know any little details we wanted included. From the minute Paul arrived at the venue he put us at ease. We felt so comfortable having the photos done (2 people who usually hate the camera) and all of our guests commented about how friendly and approachable he was. Paul is a fantastic photographer who ensures he captures every tiny detail of your special day. I would highly recommend 😊
Catherine and Matt x

Sue and Mark

Wedding and Wedding Party -
April and September 2023

Please rate my service: ★★★★★

Please add your feedback here: We wanted something a bit unusual! Our civil ceremony with a small number of close friends took place in April followed by a celebratory party in September. When we approached Paul to capture both he was extremely helpful and really listened to what we wanted - nothing too formal, relaxed and natural photos. He completely understood the brief, gave fantastic suggestions and worked with us to provide an outstanding record of both events. We are both thrilled with the results as are our friends and family. We couldn't have asked for a better photographer and would have no hesitation in using Paul again or recommending him. Thanks so much,
Sue & Mark

Amy and Josh

Wedding - July 2023

Myself and my husband couldn't have wished for anything more from a photographer. Paul was so engaging with the whole wedding party, from toddlers to the older generation. So many people from our wedding party complimented on how great Paul was. Our wedding photos are amazing, we are so pleased with them and Paul takes care to capture everything you ask him to from your day, we would 100% recommend booking with him.

Sam and Katie

Wedding - August 2023

Please rate my service: ★★★★★

Please add your feedback here: From the moment we first reached out to Paul, we knew he was the perfect photographer for our wedding. He just "got it". We had regular communication in the run-up, bouncing ideas of each other. And on the day, Paul absolutely delivered. Not only are the photos wonderful, but his interaction with us, all of our guests, and the staff at the venue was fantastic. He put everyone at ease and made sure he captured the perfect candid moments, smiles, laughs, hugs, and (happy) tears! Paul really held our day together, and made everyone feel comfortable enough to strike a pose. We couldn't recommend Paul more.

Sharon and Simon

Wedding - June 2023

Please rate my service: ★★★★★

Please add your feedback here: From the beginning on our trial photo shoot Paul was very friendly and very professional. He knew exactly where we would get the best pictures for our special day. On the day itself Paul put everyone at ease. He made having your picture taken relaxing and fun. He made everyone feel included and special. He was exceptional with the youngest members of the family, especially with one of our young grandsons who is very shy. The pictures taken were amazing and totally summed up our day. He ensured all pictures we wanted were taken. We would not hesitate having Paul to take our pictures again, and would highly recommend him to others. He truly is amazing in his profession.

I hope you have enjoyed the brochure. For more information please do get in touch:

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