

The Hawthornes
Keresforth Hall Rd
Barnsley
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Management Plan noise control.

The Hawthornes is a private residential Victorian House located in about an acre of grounds, bordering Locke park. It has 3 reception rooms, 8 bedrooms and extensive cellars. It is made up 4 floors including cellars and attic rooms. Two of the reception rooms will be used for business purposes along with some outside space with a portion of the cellars being used for storage. We would like to open our home for afternoon tea, private parties and weddings/ civil ceremonies.

We will offer services within the hours of 10am to 7pm, Monday to Sunday.

- We are intending to be closed Sundays and Mondays but would like to keep our options open if requests are made to open on these days as a one off.
- All of our functions and events are strictly by appointment/invitation only at set times and durations. Events would be held predominately in day time hours, with evening events being infrequent.
- Weddings will be for small numbers around 8 to 30 people and will be daytime only and will not include the evening celebration.
- The enclosed wall garden to the side of the property , which is the furthest away from any immediate neighbours ,and the front of the house will be the main outside space used.
- Live music , in the main will be un-amplified piano, flute and guitar, played during afternoon tea and wedding ceremonies.
- Music outside would occasionally be played and may occasionally be amplified, in the main all our music is played for background and ambiance purposes so would not be overly loud as to cause a nuisance.
- We have tested sound levels inside and out and feel the noise levels outside of the boundary of the property are minimal and would not constitute a nuisance.
- Noise tests will continue to be undertaken and noise levels will always be monitored during outside activities.
- If noise levels are found to be sufficient to cause a disturbance then measures will be taken to alleviate this. Windows and doors will be closed to reduce noise from inside and volume levels will be adjusted. We have already modified some instruments to reduce the volume to a comfortable background level.

- Most of our produce will be sourced locally and in small amounts, therefore we will not have many deliveries if at all, instead we will select and collect goods ourselves.
- Bottles and waste disposal will be undertaken in daylight hours and at such a time as to not disturb our neighbours.
- All staff will have an induction which will include a section on respect for our neighbours and surroundings in terms of noise and disturbance.
- In the event of complaints from neighbours regarding noise and related disturbances we will:
 - Investigate the complaint to evaluate the validity.
 - If the complaint is found to be valid, working with the complainant if possible, we will produce a plan to reduce/eliminate the disturbance.
 - Monitor and record the agreed measures/plan to provide evidence that they are being adhered to.
 - Continue to liaise with the complainant to provide and receive feedback.

First and foremost this is our home and we enjoy the peaceful surroundings and want to preserve this. Our aim is to provide a bespoke and unique service for small numbers, serving home prepared food to a high standard and we see alcoholic drinks as an enhancement to our other services and not the focus, so will not be serving mainstream alcoholic brands, or keep large quantities of alcohol on the premises. We will keep small quantities of specialist, high end beers wines and spirits. We will order pre-selected beverages for each event. We will not offer a walk in service and no one will be admitted without a booking.