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Civil Partnership Ceremony Sample Script – September 2026

Good Morning/Afternoon Everyone.

On behalf of (Party 1 Name) and (Party 2 Name)

I would like to welcome you all to (Name of Venue) today on this happy occasion as we
gather to celebrate the forming of their civil partnership.

My name is (Name of Civil Partnership Registrar) and it will be my privilege and pleasure to
conduct your ceremony and oversee the signing of your Civil Partnership schedule here
today.

*If either or both parties would like to be given away by a family member or guest, we offer
the following optional addition:*

May I ask who brings (Name of Party) here today?

*Response: **I do***

The place in which you are now met has been duly sanctioned according to the law of the
celebration of Civil Partnerships. This means that each ceremony that takes place here is
both legal and binding. The ceremony will be conducted in accordance with the civil law of
this country which requires both (Party 1 Name) and (Party 2 Name) to declare their
freedom and commitment to form their Civil Partnership as they sign their schedule before
their witnesses.

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(Party 1 Name) and (Party 2 Name) your family and friends are celebrating with you today ,
and will join with you in the celebration of the forming of your Civil Partnership. They will
witness your ceremony and promises, and support you in your future life together

*We invite you to include optional personal information to be read by the Registrar in this
section. This can include a short paragraph of information about you and your relationship
including topics such as how you met, your journey together, loved ones who can or cannot
be with you for your ceremony and celebrations, or perhaps a moment of appreciation to
your guests for joining you on such a special occasion.*

Civil Partnership is a promise made between two people who love one another and who
wish to share their future lives together.

It calls for mutual respect, honesty, patience and of course, a good sense of humour!

It will provide each of you with the love, the support, the help and the comfort you may
need, both in times of joy and in times of difficulty.

A good partner in such a union will be loving, caring and above all, a best friend.

By signing the schedule today (Party 1 Name) and (Party 2 Name) will be forming a legally
binding civil partnership with each other. If any person present knows of any lawful
impediment to this civil partnership they should declare it now.

Optional First Reading

If you wish to include a reading as part of your ceremony it can be read by either of you, one of your guests, or the Registrar. The reading must be non-religious in both content and meaning. When it is time for the reading, we will introduce the reader and invite them to the front of the ceremony area

We have now come to the solemn but joyous moment when (Party 1 name) and (Party 2 Name) will be making their declaration of partnership before you, their witnesses and guests.

This formation requires both (Party 1 Name) and (Party 2 Name) to agree to the declarations on the official schedule and both sign the document followed by the signature of their 2 witnesses.

Would the Witnesses (Name of Witnesses) please come forward to join us.

(Party 1 Name) and (Party 2 Name) you may turn and face each other and join hands if you wish.

I will now ask each of you in turn to make the prescribed declarations to one another.

The Civil Partnership Declaration

The words may be read by each party directly from the Civil Partnership Schedule or they can be invited by the Registrar to recite the words aloud with guidance for their guests and witnesses to hear.

Party 1 and Party 2 have the same declaration:

I declare that I know of no legal reason why we may not register as each other's Civil Partner. I understand that on signing this document we will be forming a Civil Partnership with each other.

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The Registration Officer now guides the couple and witnesses through the signing of the Civil Partnership Schedule.

Optional Vows / Promises

We provide the opportunity for a couple to read or say optional vows to one another – you can choose the same option or different options if you would rather. Or, you can get creative and write your own if you wish. If you do write your own these will need to be submitted in advance of the ceremony for checking and approval.

(Party 1 Name) and (Party 2 Name) have chosen to celebrate their love and deepen their bond with heartfelt promises to one another.

Each party can choose to recite the words from cards, memory or by repeating after the Registrar. You can choose to use 'Civil Partner' or 'Life Partner' where applicable.

Option One:

Today I choose to be your civil/ life partner. / I promise to love, treasure, comfort and respect you./ Day by day to walk by your side/ in joy or in sorrow.

Option Two:

I (Party 1 first name) / take you (Party 2 first name) / to be my civil/ life partner. / I promise that I will make time for you /and support you in everything you do. /I will try to bring laughter into your life and make you happy, /I pledge you my loyalty and friendship for as long as I live.

Option Three:

I (Party 1 first name) /take you (Party 2 first name) /to be my civil/ life partner. /I promise to be true to you /to share my thoughts, my hopes and my dreams with you. /I promise to care for you with love and friendship /to support and comfort you, /to respect and cherish you /and to be faithful always. These promises I make to you for the rest of our lives together.

Option Four:

I (Party 1 first name) /take you (Party 2 first name) /to be my civil/ life partner. /I promise to give you the best of myself /and ask no more than you can give. /I promise to respect you /and to acknowledge that your interests are no less important than my own. /I promise to share with you my time and attention /to bring joy and happiness to our partnership. /I promise to share my thoughts, my hopes and my dreams /as we build our lives together. /I promise to love you through good times and bad /with all I have to give /in the only way I know how / – completely and forever.

Option Five:

The Couple write their own vows to each other

The Exchange of Rings

The exchange of rings is an optional part of your ceremony. You may choose for both of you to exchange rings, or for just one of you to present a ring. During the exchange, you can choose to say words of promise and commitment to one another, or simply exchange the rings without spoken words.

If you have appointed a Ring Bearer, the Registrar can invite them forward at the appropriate time. Alternatively, the Registrar will be happy to assist with the ring exchange.

Our Registrars will guide you through the exchange of rings with gentle direction, inviting you to repeat any chosen words of promise and commitment if you wish.

A way of sealing today's ceremony and the commitment you have with each other is in the giving and receiving of or exchanging of rings

Such rings are unbroken circles symbolising unending and everlasting love and are the outward signs of the lifelong promises you are making to each other.

Optional Presentation of the Ring

(Party 1 Name) and (Party 2 Name) have chosen (Name of Ring Bearer) as their Ring Bearer today.

(Name of Ring Bearer) please come forward to join us.

Optional Ring Vows / Promises

Option One:

I give you (accept) this ring / as a symbol of my love and affection / and as a lasting reminder of the promises we have made here today.

Option Two:

This ring I give you (accept) as a symbol of our love/ and of the vows we have made here today./ I promise to care for you with love and friendship/ to support and comfort you/ to respect and cherish you/ and to be faithful always./ These promises I make to you for the rest of our lives together.

Option Three:

I give this ring as my gift to you / wear it and think of me / and know that I love you.

Option Four:

I (Name) take you (Name) to be my life partner and I give you (accept) this ring as a symbol of my love and affection.

Option Five:

The Couple write their own vows/promises to each other

Please could our witnesses and Ring Bearer return to your seats.

Optional Second Reading

If you wish to include a second reading as part of your ceremony it can be read by either of you, one of your guests, or the Registrar. The reading must be non-religious in both content and meaning. When it is time for the reading, we will introduce the reader and invite them to the front of the ceremony area

(Party 1 Name) and (Party 2 Name) you have made the commitment of Civil Partnership in the presence of me as registrar, your witnesses and all your family and friends.

The path you have chosen to travel will have both times of joy and challenges along the way, and from this day forward you will face them together.

May the love you share be limitless.

May it forever redefine itself and hold for you the very essence of life.

May your love touch those around you, and may you always be in love.

I am delighted to announce that you are now lawfully joined together as Civil Partners.

The registrar is able to invite the couple to share a kiss if they so wish.

Congratulations

If you would like photos taken the Registrar will facilitate the space for this, and when you are ready to depart, the Registrar will announce you out of the room as Civil Partners.

Optional Announcement

If you are able, please may I invite everyone to be standing and give a loud round of applause, as it gives me great pleasure to introduce to you Lincolnshire's newest Civil Partners (Names of Couple)