

Names: Stephanie McCollam and Harry Thompson

Venue: Culloden Estate & Spa Wedding Date: December 7th 2018

Stephanie McCollam met future hubby Harry Thompson at an awards dinner hosted by Young Farmer Club of Ulster, where they were attending with their separate clubs. Stephanie knew it was for life when Harry brought her to meet the 400 four-legged ladies in his life!



Harry surprised Stephanie with a farming related engagement at Harvey's Point, Donegal. The pair had went out for the day to climb Cuilcagh Mountain, otherwise known as Ireland's Stairway to Heaven, the day wasn't over when they came back to the car, as Harry surprised Stephanie with a romantic dinner and overnight stay at Harvey's Point.

Stephanie was so pleased as it was somewhere she always wanted to go but was even more pleased when Harry got down on knee by the lake! She comments that the best part is that she had no idea it was coming. 'It was amazing and the ring is absolutely perfect,' comments Stephanie, 'Harry did an amazing job.'







Knowing they wanted a winter wedding, the couple set off in search for a venue. While they paced themselves, they always knew that at the top of the list was The Culloden Estate and Spa. Nowhere else compared to the setting, views and packages offered.

It was extra special for Stephanie as her parents held their wedding reception in the Stuart Suite and she describes it as amazing, with open fires, Lady Jane Tower, Lough windows and the open planning. 'You could literally do anything with this room,' she states.

At the Culloden, Christmas decorations were in full flow and the couple added some lanterns, candles, and garlands, commenting that they really didn't need much for the stunning venue. Fairy lights were also added to the Lough windows.







Stephanie's advice to other Couples about to get married is "Take your time and don't worry about the little things. Enjoy everything from the engagement, to the planning, to the wedding day. It all goes by so quickly so sit back and take it all in. Involve your family and in-laws as well. Mine were great and helped with anything and everything – a wedding is about family and friends as well so enjoy that part before you move away from home."

Commenting on her favourite moment of the day, Stephanie said, 'Walking down the aisle with my dad towards my best friend and future husband in front of all our family and friends. I couldn't wait to marry Harry and begin our life together, which is what a wedding is all about. Walking out of the church hand in hand as husband and wife was amazing.'

## **Photographer: Rachel Cooke Photography**

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