



Our Wedding Day
Darren & Gillian Kinnier 



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How did you meet?

In a club in Belfast, I was wearing a bright yellow dress and he told me I looked like a traffic cone! That chat up line didn't work- but we bumped into each other a while later and the rest is history!

How did he propose?

Boxing day, 2016. Darren's daughter and nephew appeared with a balloon that said "Will you marry my daddy" After what seemed like the longest few minutes in history I said yes!

Why did you choose the Culloden Estate & Spa for your special day?

My parents got married here 30 years ago. When we went to view the Culloden we fell in love with the setting. It has everything you need all in one space for guests and vendors.

We met Ainsleigh on the first viewing of the venue, she couldn't have been more helpful throughout the planning and nothing was a hassle when we asked her questions and advice. We were very lucky to have her celebrate with us on the day! She ensured everything ran smoothly.

Did you have a theme in mind?

We didn't have a theme- we picked the Stuart Suite due to the modern decor and beautiful views. We wanted a party, not a wedding- and the venue didn't disappoint!

The Dress!

I went to a few boutiques to try on dresses and then I went to divinity bridal, Shellie was so patient with me as I was so unsure of what I wanted- the dress I picked came out of a cardboard box that was delivered as I was trying another dress on! She had a vision and she went for it!



Wedding Planner/Stylist:

We had an idea of what we wanted and we had Andie from Andie Crafts help us with modern, but quirky decor.

Groomswear

Sinclair- A family friend- he suited the boys out to match the bridesmaids.

Decor

When it came to the flowers I knew I wanted neutral to match the bridesmaid's dresses and groom's suits, Shirley from Blooms of Belfast sorted us out as I had no idea when it came to flowers!

I left the decor for our stylist, she created a modern football theme table plan (Darren is a Manchester United Fan) so we had to include his ideas somewhere in the planning!

Food & Drink

Soup, Turkey & cheesecake- all of our favourites, although after the wedding tasting menu, we found it hard to choose!

For our cake, a family friend of ours, Reville boutique made ours- if you don't know-get to know she is the best!

Favourite Moment

Favourite Moment Groom: Celebrating with friends & family – the best party, I mean wedding if I do say so myself!

Favourite Moment Bride: I set up a "First Look" with our photographer Ryan for Darren- he was waiting at the bottom of the steps for me- however it wasn't me, we dressed his best man up as a bride! He came down the steps instead of me. It was better than I could have ever imagined!

Also celebrating the best day with our loved ones! It wasn't a wedding- it was a party!

