



Kent Event Centre
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THE MOST FLEXIBLE VENUE IN KENT



200 ACRES OF OPEN SPACE
7,000 SQUARE METRES OF INDOOR SPACE
12 ROOMS AND SPACES
30 YEARS OF EVENT EXPERIENCE

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“As an events company, a great venue is one of the key ingredients to staging perfect events. The Kent Event Centre is just that; positioned in a great location with a huge amount of flexible indoor and outdoor space.

But it’s more than just a great venue, they have a first-class team to support you. Everyone in their team genuinely cares that our event is successful and that makes us feel as if their team is an extended part of ours.”

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About Us

The Kent Event Centre opened at the Kent Showground, Detling in 1991 and has grown ever since with the development of modern, purpose-built event spaces.

All profits from the Kent Event Centre go to the registered charity; Kent County Agricultural Society. Formed in 1923 the Kent County Agricultural Society aims are to improve and promote rural industries and crafts across Kent.

In addition to making several charitable grants each year, the society is best known for organising the annual Kent County Show. A number of other society events are held each year, including the Kent Farming Conference, Farm Expo, the Heritage Transport Show, Biddenden Tractorfest and Living Land.

Every booking at the Kent Event Centre, from the largest exhibitions to a team meeting, helps to support the charitable work and objectives of the Kent County Agricultural Society.

We can't wait to welcome you to the Kent Event Centre!

Ellie Pannell
Event Centre Team Leader



Room	Area	Reception	Theatre	Cabaret	Classroom	Board Room	U-Shape
Maidstone Exhibition Hall	3,000 sqm 73m x 42m	1,800	2,500	Dinner Dance 1,600 Conference 1,200	On Request	On Request	On Request
John Hendry Pavilion	1,752 sqm 73m x 24m	900	1,000	Dinner Dance 600 Conference 400	On Request	On Request	On Request
Clive Emson Exhibition Hall	1,700 sqm 48m x 36m	900	1,200	Dinner Dance 900 Conference 600	On Request	On Request	On Request
Astor Pavilion	151 sqm 18m x 8.4m	80	100	64	50	30	26
Cornwallis	110 sqm 10m x 11m	70	90	64	50	26	22
Detling	80 sqm 10m x 8m	40	60	35	24	24	20
Chilham	60 sqm 7.5m x 8m	40	60	35	24	24	20
Bredhurst	60 sqm 7.5m x 8m	40	60	35	24	24	20
Stockbury	20 sqm 4.6m x 4.3m	16	12	8	8	8	6

Maidstone Exhibition Hall

CAPACITIES & DIMENSIONS

	Theatre	2,500
	Reception	1,800
	Cabaret - Dinner - Dance	1,600
	Cabaret - Conference	1,200
	Length	73 ^m
	Width	42 ^m
	Cargo Doors	4.5 ^m
	Ceiling Height	5.5 ^m
	Area	3,000 ^m 2

ABOUT

The Maidstone Exhibition Hall is large, modern and flexible, spanning over 3,000sqm. Perfect for exhibitions, trade shows, large scale conferences, award ceremonies and more!

A permanent walkway and cargo door links to the John Henry with walkways to the Astor Pavilion as well as being surrounded by flat outdoor areas if you require additional space. For organisers' ease, there is also use of a small office, domestic kitchen area and reception/foyer area.

Ample ladies, gents, disabled toilets and baby changing facilities are easily accessible within the building. Extensive hard standing and grass car parking is available around the building.

"The Maidstone Tattoo Extravaganza chose the Kent Event Centre to hold our event as the location has so much to offer; excellent choice of buildings, excellent access for the public, great parking and safety for everyone. We have used the John Henry and the Maidstone Hall for our event as they offer excellent options for us and can be easily adapted to suit our needs."



John Hendry Pavilion

CAPACITIES & DIMENSIONS

	Theatre	1,000
	Reception	900
	Cabaret - Dinner Dance	600
	Cabaret - Conference	400
	Length	73m
	Width	24m
	Ceiling Height	4m
	Cargo Doors	2.95m
	Area	1,752m ²

ABOUT

The John Hendry Pavilion covers 1,752sqm, seating up to 600 delegates for dinner dances, 1,000 for conferences and exhibitions or can be used as part of your event as additional storage.

The brick exhibition hall has multiple entry points down both sides and attaches directly to the larger Maidstone Exhibition Hall. There is power throughout the structure with 2.95 metre high cargo doors. Water taps are available around the building as well as adjacent hard standing for parking or displays.

Ample ladies, gents, disabled toilets and baby changing facilities are all easily accessible. For organisers' ease there is also use of a small office and domestic kitchen area.

For additional space, organisers can hire the adjacent Astor Pavilion as a syndicate or breakout space.

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Clive Emson Exhibition Hall

CAPACITIES & DIMENSIONS

	Theatre	1,200
	Reception	900
	Cabaret - Dinner Dance	900
	Cabaret - Conference	600
	Length	48m
	Width	36m
	Ceiling Height	5.5m
	Cargo Doors	5m
	Area	1,700m ²

ABOUT

The Clive Emson Exhibition Hall is a clear span exhibition hall of over 1,700sqm. Ideal for conferences, corporate awards, dinners and exhibitions. The hall is fully carpeted and lined with marquee style draping.

This self-contained space is perfect for the growing event offering underfloor electrics, multiple cargo doors and a commercial kitchen capable of catering for up to 900 people.

Full disabled access is available throughout including a platform lift to first-floor meeting rooms. The hall boasts ample ladies, gents, disabled toilets and baby changing facilities as well as hard standing for car parking directly outside for 100 cars including disabled parking bays. Grass areas can be used for overflow parking as needed.










For large events within the Clive Emson Exhibition Hall, organisers can hire the smaller Cornwallis, Bredhurst or Chilham meeting rooms as syndicate or breakout spaces.

"We have used the Clive Emson Conference Building and associated rooms at the Kent Event Centre for our annual conference since 2014. The building provides a very large, flexible space for conference seating and ample room for attendees and exhibitors to mingle during the breaks, enjoying a coffee or lunch. Ample parking is available, which is an essential for any large event."



Astor Pavilion

CAPACITIES & DIMENSIONS

	Boardroom	30
	U-Shape	26
	Classroom	50
	Theatre	100
	Reception	80
	Cabaret - Conference	64
	Length	18 ^m
	Width	8 ^m
	Area	151 ^m 2

ABOUT

Ideal for small conferences, meetings and training events. This versatile function room can accommodate up to 100 delegates theatre style with room for refreshments.

Overlooking the Astor Ring, the Astor Pavilion offers plenty of natural daylight and even boasts patio doors opening out onto its own terrace.

The room is fully equipped with a PA system, built-in data projector, screen and surround sound speakers. There are ladies, gents and disabled toilet facilities easily accessible within the building and ample car parking on hard standing.

Adjacent to Maidstone Exhibition Hall, the Astor Pavilion can be hired as breakout room or lecture space during large exhibitions. All rooms can be hired on an all-inclusive Day Delegate Rate or standard room hire to create a bespoke package.

“The team could not be more helpful, working with us to make sure we get the best for our events. Even with all the requests thrown at them, they work hard to help us come up with the best solutions. Our trust in the team is what gives us the confidence to keep coming back.”



Cornwallis

CAPACITIES & DIMENSIONS

	Boardroom	26
	U-Shape	22
	Classroom	50
	Theatre	90
	Reception	70
	Cabaret - Conference	64
	Length	10 ^m
	Width	11 ^m
	Cargo Doors	3 ^m
	Area	110 ^m 2

ABOUT

The Cornwallis room offers cargo door access to large machinery and equipment and built-in AV facilities to create a unique meeting space.

Located on the ground floor of the Clive Emson Conference Centre and reached through the Bearsted room, which can be used as additional space.

Fitted with cladded walls and altro flooring, the Cornwallis can also be booked as additional kitchen space for large events in the Clive Emson Centre. Adjacent to the room are ample ladies, gents and disabled toilet facilities. Hard standing car parking including designated disabled spaces is located directly outside the building.










For large events within the Clive Emson Conference Centre, organisers can hire the Cornwallis room as a syndicate or breakout space. All rooms can be hired on an all-inclusive Day Delegate Rate or standard room hire to create a bespoke package.

"The Cornwallis Room has become our 'go-to' venue for meetings of all sizes. The option to hire individual rooms or the entire venue means it's a really flexible option. We have booked it again for the third year in a row for our annual conference, safe in the knowledge that everything will be ready for us, the staff will be helpful and professional, and our delegates will have a great time."



Detling

CAPACITIES & DIMENSIONS

	Boardroom	24
	U-Shape	20
	Classroom	24
	Theatre	60
	Reception	40
	Cabaret	35
	Length	10 ^m
	Width	8 ^m
	Area	80 ^m 2

ABOUT

Centrally located with views over the whole Showground, the Detling Room provides an ideal venue for all day meetings, small conferences or team away days for up to 60 delegates. Built-in screen, data projector and flipcharts are available to delegates.

Adjacent to the meeting room is a small refreshment area and ladies and gent's toilet facilities.

Please note, the Detling room is located on the first floor of the Alan Day House and there is no lift access to this room (for wheelchair access please see our facilities in the Bredhurst & Chilham rooms)










The Detling room can be hired in conjunction with the Stockbury room as an exclusive use space. All rooms can be hired on an all-inclusive Day Delegate Rate or standard room hire to create a bespoke package.

"The venue and service were pretty much perfect. The events we hold, this was the best we have had yet and I put this down to the venue being ideal for it."



Chilham & Bredhurst

CAPACITIES & DIMENSIONS

	Boardroom	24
	U-Shape	20
	Classroom	24
	Theatre	60
	Reception	40
	Cabaret	35
	Length	7.5m
	Width	8m
	Area	60m ²

ABOUT

The Chilham and Bredhurst rooms are located on the first floor of the Clive Emson Conference Centre, with access available via stairs or lift from the ground floor.

These light and airy rooms boast fully fitted AV facilities including a data projector, screen, speakers and air conditioning, making them the perfect venue for all day meetings, training or small conferences.

Adjacent to the rooms is a refreshment area and private ladies, gents and disabled toilet facilities. Hard standing car parking including designated disabled spaces are just outside the building.

For large events within the Clive Emson Conference Centre, organisers can hire the Chilham and Bredhurst rooms as a syndicate or breakout space. All rooms can be hired on an all-inclusive Day Delegate Rate or standard room hire to create a bespoke package.

"We had a fantastic event with the Kent Event Centre, the staff were helpful and friendly and the food was delicious."



Stockbury

CAPACITIES & DIMENSIONS

	Classroom	8
	Boardroom	8
	Theatre	16
	Reception	16
	U-Shape	6
	Width	4.3m
	Length	4.6m
	Area	20m ²

ABOUT

The Stockbury is the smallest meeting room on offer at the Kent Event Centre. Located on the first floor of the Alan Day House, the Stockbury boasts plenty of natural daylight with views of the Astor Ring and surrounding countryside.

With built in AV facilities and free parking for all delegates, the Stockbury room provides the perfect setting for an interview or intimate meeting for up to 8 delegates. Adjacent to the room is a small refreshment area and ladies and gents' toilet facilities. Please note, there is no lift access to this room (for wheelchair access please see our Bredhurst or Chilham Room)

The Stockbury room can be hired in conjunction with the Detling room as an exclusive use space. All rooms can be hired on an all-inclusive Day Delegate Rate or standard room hire to create a bespoke package.

"All the staff were beyond helpful, and extremely patient with the needs of the event we were asking for which did keep changing from time to time. During the event, the staff were always on hand, extremely friendly and very attentive."



Outdoor Space

ABOUT

Set in an area of outstanding natural beauty, Kent Event Centre has over 200 acres of outdoor space and private woodland. The site is secure with a permanent perimeter fence, up to 6 public entrances, electricity and water throughout. As well as toilet and shower facilities that can cater for up to 30,000 visitors.

As well as acres of open outdoor space, the Kent Event Centre offers enclosed rings and a 30 x 40m sand school. Perfect for activities from showjumping and dog agility to drone flying or a football match. We're home to numerous outdoor events, from music concerts for up to 20,000 people, outdoor cinemas and large shows - we have the flexibility here to suit any type of event.

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Team Building

ABOUT

Looking to enhance communication skills, improve office relationships, boost morale or maybe just reward the workforce with some team building or corporate hospitality?

Look no further, we can provide a space to hold your conference and a team building activity OR if you just want to use an area of our outstanding outside space or woodland area then we are the right venue for you! With ample inside space not only can we accommodate your team building in the summer with a BBQ but we can also accommodate throughout the year with over 7,000sqm of indoor space to choose from.

Contact the Team to get a bespoke quotation.

Alternatively, if you have a preferred supplier you wish to work with, we are happy to provide space only and work with your supplier.

“Just wanted to say a huge ‘Thank You’ to you and the team for all your help in the lead-up and set up of our Away Day. It went without a hitch and everyone seemed to have had a great time. Lots of compliments about the lunch too! We’ll definitely be in touch for any future events we will hold.”



Catering & Additional Services

Our team work closely with clients to ensure that our venue can support your event needs, from catering spaces to Audio Visual equipment, please do contact our team directly to discuss your requirements.

Our flexible venue offers all the facilities needed for a professional catering team! Some of our larger event spaces benefit from an easily accessible, fully equipped service kitchen. Meanwhile, our meeting rooms each boast a dedicated refreshment area. If you don't yet have a caterer in mind for your event, we work with recommended caterers who can provide a wide range of flexible menus for large or small numbers, whether you're looking for formal dining, buffets or bowl food.

Whether you are planning a public event, conference or wedding, we know that having the correct Audio Visual equipment on hand is a vital component in your event plan. Our dedicated AV Technician can offer support with microphones, overhead projectors and even live-streaming equipment!

The flexibility of our range of meeting rooms and spaces offers the opportunity for event organisers to provide wellness spaces for event attendees. Whether you want to add a Quiet Zone, breakout space or Pastoral Care Room, our meeting rooms are ideally situated close to our larger event spaces to cater for your needs.

Our outdoor space is also at your disposal for your delegates or visitors! Why not make use of our picnic area for an outdoor lunch break or include a Woodland Walk or team activity to break up a conference day? With all this space at your disposal, there are so many options for you at the Kent Event Centre!



Marketing Your Event

Here at the Kent Event Centre, our team is dedicated to supporting our clients in ensuring the success of their events! This is why we offer a range of marketing opportunities to help you to promote your event and secure ticket sales or bookings.

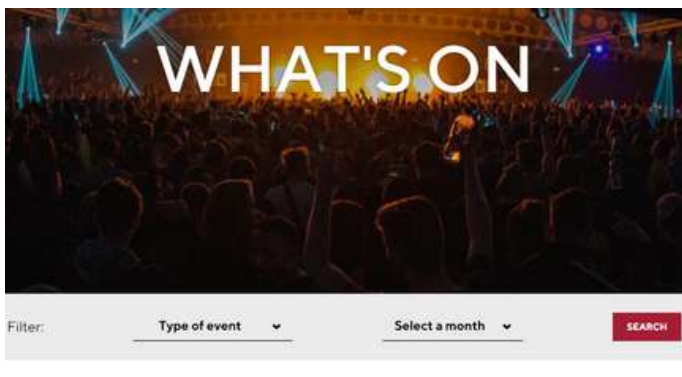
From our FREE standard marketing offerings to our premium Platinum Package, we have created a range of options to suit every budget.

Feel like you need a more tailored approach?

We know that every event and every organiser that we host is unique, which is why we created our Individual Options list, offering you the opportunity to create a bespoke package that suits your specific needs.

If you would like any further support in marketing your event or wish to discuss your options with us, our marketing team is on hand to support you.

To request our Marketing Brochure and look at our full range of marketing support options, please email emmas@kcas.org.uk or contact our team on 01622 630975.





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