

Wedding Storytelling



















Congratulations!

Thanks for getting in touch about my photography services and many congratulations on your engagement. I hope that this is the beginning of a really great partnership between us.

My name is Ritchie and I'm a wedding and portrait photographer working from my studio in Crook, County Durham. My style is a relaxed photojournalist approach, which allows me to record the day as it unfolds in front of me.

I won't take over your day, I won't annoy your guests. I want you to see me on the day as that quiet guy in the room, unobtrusively capturing all those moments you will want to remember forever.

It is my aim to present you with a finished collection of images that seamlessly tell the story of your special day from start to finish.

Take a look through my brochure and if you'd like to meet up and have a look at my work in person then please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Enjoy!



Wedding Packages

Starter Package - £399

Includes 2 and a half hours photography. Coverage begins 30 minutes before the ceremony and includes the ceremony, post-wedding portraits with the bride and groom, family group shots and ends with a mock cake cutting. (This package is best suited to weddings taking place at one location as travel time between venues comes out of the coverage time).

- An initial meeting to say hello and answer any questions that you might have
- I will visit the venue before your big day to check out the best locations for photographs
- Me photographing your day
- A beautifully crafted USB stick containing your of images
- Full printing rights

Bronze Package - £649

Includes half day coverage, beginning 30 minutes before the ceremony and includes your initial arrival at the wedding venue until after the speeches at the wedding breakfast.

- An initial meeting to say hello and answer any questions that you might have
- I will visit the venue before your big day to check out the best locations for photographs
- Me photographing your day
- A beautifully crafted USB stick containing your of images
- Full printing rights

Silver Package - £949

Includes a full day of coverage, starting with the bridal preparations in the morning (2-3 hours before ceremony) until the first dance in the evening.

- An initial meeting to say hello and answer any questions that you might have
- I will visit the venue before your big day to check out the best locations for photographs
- Me photographing your day
- A beautifully crafted USB stick containing your of images
- Full printing rights
- 30 prints of your day presented in a handmade wooden prints box

For up-to-date pricing please visit www.ritchiecoatsworthphotography.co.uk/weddings

Gold Package - £1299

Includes a full day of coverage, starting with the bridal preparations in the morning (2-3 hours before ceremony) until the first dance in the evening.

- An initial meeting to say hello and answer any questions that you might have
- I will visit the venue before your big day to check out the best locations for photographs
- Me photographing your day
- A beautifully crafted USB stick containing your of images
- Full printing rights
- 30 prints of your day presented in a handmade wooden prints box
- Free pre-wedding shoot
- Signing board to capture your guests messages
- Luxury handmade leather Italian story book album

Photo & Video Package - £2699

I also offer a combined photography & video service which includes everything in my Gold Package as well as videography coverage by a highly recommended professional videographer. The videography begins 2 hours before your ceremony up to your first dance & includes a highlight video, ceremony & the full speeches.

Weekday Photo & Video Package - £1999

(Available Monday-Thursday in term time ONLY) includes everything in my Silver Package as well as videography coverage. The videography begins 2 hours before your ceremony up to your first dance & includes a highlight video.

Please note that video packages are subject to the availability of the videographer. Further information on request.













My Approach

I believe that everyone's wedding day is unique and that every wedding tells a story. It's my job as a wedding photographer to capture the real smiles, the real emotions and the laughter that tell the story of your day.

My style of wedding photography is predominantly photojournalist, capturing moments as they happen naturally throughout the day and building a story. I find that taking an unobtrusive approach helps me to capture unrepeatable, impromptu and authentic moments, moments that you may not of known had happened until you see the finished photographs.

A selection of posed and group shots are an essential part of any wedding story and I can tailor these to your individual preferences so I can get the best shots without keeping you away from your guests for too long. Couples have different comfort levels when being photographed, I respect this and adapt my style accordingly.

Wedding Album Options

I understand we live in a digital age, where we view nearly everything through a computer screen, phone or tablet. However, as a photographer, I feel it's important that I have good quality albums to offer you as there is something special about flicking through the pages of a physical album. All of my albums are handmade by some of the most highly reputable photographic labs in both the UK and Italy.



Kind Words

Back in August Ritchie shot our wedding at Healey Barn and I couldn't recommend him enough! He had the perfect mix of listening to our requests while gently guiding us with his professional advice as to what would make the best picture. He was quick but thorough meaning we had plenty of time to spend with our guests!! During the ceremony he was discreet but captured some incredible moments and pictures. I can't say enough how happy I am with our photos, they are so perfect and I will treasure them forever! Thank you Ritchie!

Laura & Jonathan Olsson

What can we say about Ritchie Coatsworth? Well, if you're looking for exceptional dedication and friendly and personal services then look no further. We can't thank Ritchie enough for capturing our perfect day and listening to our wants and needs. A master of his trade and commitment to making the bride and groom and their guests feel at ease is the very essence of his service. We can't wait to see our photos and feel very lucky to have had Ritchie be part of our special day. Thanks Ritchie!!

Marcus & Jemma Dickinson

Ritchie has been amazing from booking through to the wedding! On the wedding day he managed to just blend in getting amazing natural pictures. He put us at ease throughout, even convincing Jamie to do a first dance! Thank you so much for everything!

Jess & Jamie Reed

Ritchie was fantastic doing our wedding photos, he made everyone feel at ease and caught beautiful natural shots of our day! I would like to thank him especially for how lovely he was with my dad who has dementia, he was so relaxed around you it was one less thing for us to worry about. Thank you so much.

Steph & Chris Forster

We are over the moon with how our wedding day photography went. Ritchie is a lovely genuine guy who listened to our requirements and made us feel at ease. We were confident the day would go ahead smoothly as the communication was there from day one. We were kept informed and spoke frequently both in person and via email. We would highly recommend Ritchie and hope to use his services again.

Rachael & Kyle Robinson

5 stars is not enough. What a lovely guy Ritchie is, his communication is excellent and even before we met I was impressed by his prompt replies. Our pre-wedding meeting again put us at ease and made us much more relaxed knowing what to expect on our wedding day. Nothing has been too much trouble and Ritchie soon blended in with the celebrations often helping out if we needed anything. His genuine friendly nature combined with his professionalism made us feel at ease all day. He even sent us some sneak preview shots the following morning.

Susan & Trevor Holmes























We could not have asked for a better photographer to capture our wedding day than Ritchie! Our photos are amazing and you caught every special moment throughout the day! The guests made several comments as to how friendly and easy-going you were! Our day was perfect and you were a massive contribution to that! We will absolutely recommend you to anyone we know who may need a photographer in the future! Thanks so much Ritchie!

Ruth & Marc Liddle

Ritchie is incredibly talented and one of the nicest guys you will ever meet. He photographed our wedding day on the 9th November and he captured some incredible shots of our big day. We only had a small wedding and the photos Ritchie took were so natural and included all of the little details from the day. He suggested shots

we wouldn't have thought of and the results are amazing. The presentation box that was delivered with the prints and stick was fabulous!

Nicole & Grant de Vega-Mahoney

Picked up our wedding photos today and we are over the moon with them! Ritchie is such a lovely man and we felt so comfortable being around him and him sharing our day with us. Cannot thank you enough for all of your time and effort in taking some absolutely lush pictures of our day that we will treasure forever.

Mia & Alex Robson

Fantastic wedding photographer! We met Ritchie at a local wedding fair and from day one he was fantastic. He met with us before the wedding to discuss the style of photographs we liked and he attended our wedding rehearsal at the church to help the day run smoothly. We are delighted with our final photographs and he captured the best moments from the day. We would highly recommend Ritchie for wedding photos! Great value for money and a genuinely nice guy!

Sophia & Adam Graham

We first met Ritchie at our reception venue 2 weeks before we were to be married. He quickly knew exactly what kind of photographs we wanted and what type of wedding we were planning to have, relaxed and not formal at all. This is exactly what Ritchie was on the day!! He put us at ease throughout the day and he is a very genuine guy. We are so glad that we had Ritchie at our wedding, he was more like a guest than the photographer!! Some of our guests thought he was just a friend doing a favour he was that relaxed.

I would highly recommend Ritchie. The photographs are exactly what we wanted of our day. Thanks Ritchie you were fab.

David & Suzanne Collins

Fabulous photographer, superb job, very discrete when he needs to be and a friendly person, you feel right at ease while he photographs you. Highly recommended.

Patricia & Daryl Reilly

For more testimonials please visit www.facebook.com/ritchiecoatsworthphotography/reviews

Thinking about booking?

If you are interested in booking me to photograph your special day, please get in touch as soon as possible in order to secure your date. I shoot weddings throughout the year and I work on a first come first served basis.

I encourage all couples to come along to my studio for an informal chat and to have a look at my work in person before booking. It's really important that you feel comfortable with me (and I with you). I work in a very relaxed and unobtrusive way, and place great importance on establishing a rapport with all of my brides and grooms.

Once the day is done you won't have to wait months and months for your final wedding photographs either. I guarantee you will have your wedding photos 8-10 weeks after your wedding, but it is often much sooner.

So, if you would like to go ahead and book, I require a signed **wedding contract** and a **non refundable booking fee of £199*** at the time of booking to secure your day. To be completely fair, I can't save a date without these. The booking fee is deducted from your final balance, which is due 3 weeks before your wedding.

So if you think we are a good match, let me know and lets start this creative journey!

For complete peace of mind I am fully insured with both public liability insurance and professional indemnity insurance, as well as insurance for all my equipment.



*I only require a booking fee of £50 with the Starter Package.

















Questions ...

Q. Are you insured?

A. Yes, I have full Indemnity and public liability insurance.

Q. Do you offer midweek and out of season discounts?

A. I'm afraid I'm not able to offer discounts but please allow me to explain why. These days many couples choose to marry during the week and these bookings form a large proportion of my work. By discounting these weddings I would be running my business at a loss. In addition, midweek and Winter weddings require just as much work as any other wedding, in fact Winter weddings require additional skills to shoot, more equipment, and usually a longer editing time.

Q. How many photographers cover each wedding?

A. Most of the time I work alone, but occasionally couples request an

additional photographer. My second shooters are professional photographers in their own right and are expected to have a similar style of shooting, similar equipment, and be able to work independently and with confidence.

Q. Do you take group shots?

A. Yes of course, I view these as an important historical document and something generations of your family will look back at and enjoy. When planning your list, please take into consideration the time of year and light restrictions, as well as allowing up to 5 minutes (sometimes longer) to set up and take each shot. A good number is around 5 combinations, and no more than 10.

Q. Can I make special photography requests?

A. Yes, definitely! Hopefully you will have booked me because you love and trust what I do, but it's important for me to know any additional information so that I can produce a collection of images you will love.

Q. What happens if details change between booking and the wedding?

A. I encourage all of my couples to get in touch whenever they have anything they need to discuss. A few weeks before your wedding I send you a detailed wedding questionnaire to capture all of the timings of your day, any special photography requests and a group shot list so that the day runs as smoothly as possible.

Q. What happens if you are ill and cannot attend the wedding?

A. I have never, to date, let a couple down or had to cancel coverage due to poor health. In the unlikely event that I am unable to attend your wedding, please be assured that I belong to a large network of professional photographers, and every effort will be made to supply you with a photographer of similar style and ability.

Q. What happens if we have to cancel our wedding?

A. I sincerely hope you don't, but sadly if you do have to cancel your wedding please let me know as soon as possible. Unfortunately as a secure booking prevents me taking another booking for that date meaning I may have turned other weddings away, I am unable to refund any monies paid. Couples who cancel more than 8 weeks before their wedding date will not be liable to pay their balance.









www.ritchiecoatsworthphotography.co.uk

Telephone: 01388 434 403 Email: studio@rcphoto.co.uk

12 Hope Street, Crook, County Durham DL15 9HS