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# Fletton Quays Venue Hire

Sand Martin House





A SPECTACULAR NEW RIVERSIDE VENUE  
AT THE EXCITING FLETON QUAYS DEVELOPMENT



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# VENUE HISTORY



Peterborough is positioned on the Fen Edge, the geological feature that borders the Fen basin, the great expanse of reclaimed land primarily used for agriculture. At its very heart is the Cathedral Church of St Peter, St Paul and St Andrew, whose shadow has been flung long and broad across the city and beyond for nine centuries.

Built upon the site of the Anglo-Saxon church known as Medeshamstede, this great lighthouse of the Fens has survived the cataclysm of the reformation, the horrors of the English Civil War,

pestilence and fire. Around this great sentinel the modern city of Peterborough evolved and at the very heart of its success story was the arrival of the railways.

Sand Martin House resides in the historic railway engine sheds and workshops built in 1848 for the Great Eastern and Midland Railway Companies. The sheds were used jointly by the Great Eastern and Midland Railway Companies until 1872 when the Great Eastern took over the whole shed, which remained in use until the 1950s.

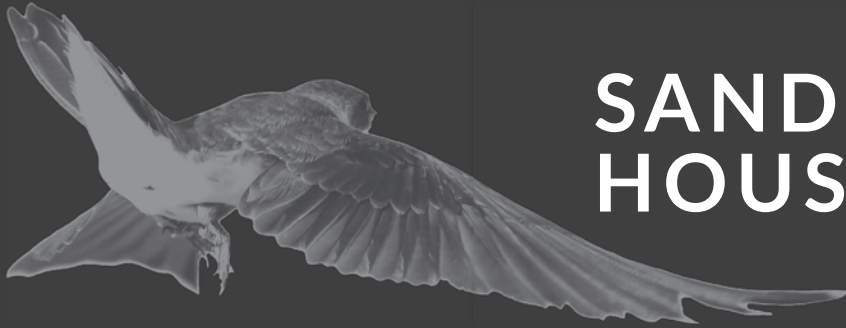
Despite Peterborough East Railway Station being a distant memory, a visionary regeneration project by Peterborough Investment Partnership's (PIP) has seen the former 6.4 hectare site with its derelict buildings transformed into a stunning riverfront development.





# THE VENUE TODAY

Sand Martin House is a crowning jewel of Peterborough's flagship riverside development Fletton Quays. The project has seen a previously underutilised and mainly industrial part of the city transformed into a vibrant hub for living space, arts and culture.



## SAND MARTIN HOUSE



The venue overlooks the river Nene, a historic waterway that has been a conduit for trade and commerce for centuries. From the boardwalk of Fletton Quays visitors can see the Cathedral, the Lido Outdoor Swimming Pool (one of the few surviving in the UK) and the city's Key Theatre.

Sand Martin House is a striking example of clever industrial regeneration; blending original features harking back to the building's industrial past with cutting edge facilities.

The building provides a wonderful blank canvas

for any event and despite the stunning vaulted ceilings, boasts stunning acoustics, making it perfect for music and performance.

The city centre location and proximity to hotels ( a new Hilton is under construction next door), plus the adjacent car parks, makes it the ultimate city events venue.

The building really needs to be seen to be fully appreciated and our team would be delighted to give you a tour and show you the features that make the venue truly exciting.







# CORPORATE EVENTS

Sand Martin House is the ideal venue to accommodate any business for the purposes of training days, exhibitions, award ceremonies and employee social events.

With a capacity of up to 600, Sand Martin House provides a blank canvas for any type of corporate event. We can offer a wide spectrum of attractions and services, from live entertainment and catering to seminar production and all the associated infrastructure necessary to compliment your event.

Our hand-picked catering companies can provide refreshments for your guests to suit your needs. This can be anything from canapés to a full multi-course sit-down meal.

In addition to this we can provide a bespoke licensed bar, operated by a team who have experience working at some of the biggest events in the UK.

Our clients can either take advantage of the venues' original features and setting, or we have production companies ready to transform the space to create specific themes.

Please contact us today to arrange an appointment to discuss your needs.



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Launches



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## CREATING SPECIAL EXPERIENCES





# WEDDINGS

**Looking for somewhere to host the biggest day of your life? Firebox Events will deliver a wedding package bespoke to your needs. We have opportunities to host your wedding at numerous venues across the city, dependent on your requirements. These venues come with prestige and style.**

We will take care of all the details for you. From table arrangement, catering and venue dressing. We also have a hand-picked group of local companies to deliver other additional services for you.

With the beauty of the buildings and surroundings, this will be a day not to forget.

Our catering partners can tailor an exquisite menu to dazzle your guests and our bespoke bar service can offer a selection of classics

and exciting niche drinks to compliment.

Live entertainment can also be arranged and with access to the very best talent from solo acts to string quartets, we can deliver an unforgettable experience for you.

Contact us today so we can get to know you and your aspirations for your perfect day.

From there we can tailor a package bespoke to your needs that can translate your vision into reality.







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## WEDDING SERVICES

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# BEYOND THE QUAYS: EXPLORING THE UK'S ENVIRONMENT CAPITAL

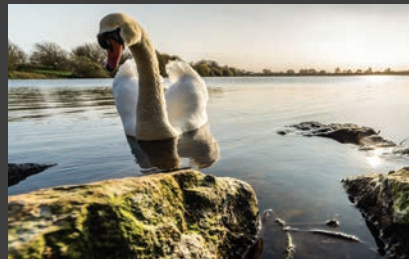
There is a good reason that many of the UK's biggest companies have chosen Peterborough as a base for their distribution centres. The city links directly to the A1/A1M, formerly the historic Great North Road that began at St. Paul's Cathedral. There are regular trains to King's Cross (45 minute journey) and the nearest airport is roughly an hour away (London Luton).

Sand Martin House boasts a view across the river of the Cathedral Church of Saint Peter, Saint Paul and Saint Andrew. Peterborough Cathedral is one of the most intact large Norman buildings in England and



is renowned for its imposing early English Gothic West Front which, with its three enormous arches, is without architectural precedent and with no direct successor. The cathedral has the distinction of having had two queens buried beneath its paving:





Katherine of Aragon and Mary, Queen of Scots. The remains of Queen Mary were removed to Westminster Abbey by her son James I when he became King of England.

Just over the road is home to the Nene Valley Railway, the reason Sand Martin House exists at all. Regular hosts to steam / diesel gala events and exhibitors of some of the most historic trains the UK has ever seen. At the city station of the Nene Valley Railway, Railworld opens to thousands of visitors every year featuring large model and garden railways, as well as creating a home for wildlife.

Along the Nene Valley Railway one can make stops at the rowing lake, Wansford Train station and Ferry Meadows, a huge wildlife nature reserve. Ferry Meadows hosts numerous healthy activities, walking, nature trails as well as water sports.

Peterborough has extensive history, going back as far as the bronze age (Flag Fen), and the city centre is home to the Museum and

Art Gallery. The building, once an infirmary, is home to 227,000 objects, from the products of the Roman pottery industry to Britain's oldest known murder victim; a collection of marine fossil remains from the Jurassic period of international importance; the manuscripts of John Clare, the "Northamptonshire Peasant Poet" as he was commonly known in his own time; and the Norman Cross collection of items made by French prisoners of war.

If sport is your thing, around the corner from Fletton Quays is the Weston Homes Stadium, the home of Peterborough United, aka 'the Posh'. Peterborough is also proud to be represented in other sports, from Ice Hockey to Rugby, Speedway, Rowing and many more.

Just up the A1 is a small Georgian town called Stamford, the jewel of Lincolnshire. Burghley House, an Elizabethan mansion built by the First Minister of Elizabeth I, Sir William Cecil (later Lord Burghley) is well worth a visit.



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