



SLIEVE DONARD
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Your Wedding



Couple's Names: Rachel Crawford & Steven Lyness

Venue: Slieve Donard Resort & Spa

Wedding Date: 9th September 2017

Steven and Rachel were married on Saturday 9th September 2017 and celebrated their wedding at the Slieve Donard Resort and Spa.

Rachel is the Manager at The Spa at Culloden and Steven is a Telecoms Manager. The happy couple have a long relationship with the Slieve Donard Resort and Spa and it holds many special memories for the couple so when choosing a venue for their big day, Rachel and Steven decided it was the ideal venue to celebrate their love with family and friends.





Rachel and Steven met when they were introduced by a mutual friend and enjoyed their first date at the Duke of York and Bert's Jazz Bar in Belfast. Rachel said the couple clicked from Day One and knew from very early on in their relationship that Steven was the person she wanted to spend the rest of her life with.

Steven popped the big question on a very romantic trip to Iceland to celebrate Rachel's 30th birthday. His initial plan (which Rachel discovered later) was to propose under Seljalandsfoss waterfall but the couple got lost on route and Plan B, which Rachel preferred was put in place, with Steven asking the all important question in a beautiful restaurant in Reykjavik.

Rachel wanted the day to be quite elegant with lots of candles and flowers. The couple had chosen a mixture of cherry blossom trees and floral arrangements on the tables, described being totally blown away when they walked into the Chandelier suite. The room was literally transformed, it was absolutely stunning.

For her dress Rachel had a style in mind of what I like, although after visiting numerous bridal shops, her indecisiveness began kicking in. Her final appointment was in Perfect Day in Lurgan, she told the lady what style she was looking for, and as soon as she tried on the dress, knew it was 'the one'.

Steve opted for a dark navy check suit from Remus Uomo and his Groomsmen had navy suits with grey check waistcoats from SD Kells, Larne.





Reflecting on the highlights of the day, Rachel spoke of the wedding ceremony itself and the fact that the celebrant, Canon Robert Clarke is a close relative of her family. Robert's relationship to the happy couple allowed him to make the ceremony that bit more intimate and emotional.

When asked for the advice she would give to couples planning their nuptials, Rachel said to relax and enjoy it! It's a fun experience and shouldn't be stressful. Rachel added she so laid back when planning our wedding because of her complete confidence in the team at the Slieve Donard Resort and Spa and all of our suppliers involved in the day.

Ceremony location: St Johns Church of Ireland, Newcastle

Reception location: Slieve Donard Resort and Spa

Wedding Dress bought from: Perfect Day, Lurgan

Bridesmaids dresses from: She's Fabulous

Groomswear hired from: SD Kells, Larne

Flowers by: David McConkey

Room Décor by: SBD events

Stationery by: Claire Ball

Transport hired from: Bentley Hire NI

Photography by: Jayne Lindsay Photography

Your wedding day is your most important day and we want to make everything perfect. Our experienced Wedding Coordinators are among the best in Northern Ireland and are on hand to help you to create an unforgettable and magical day which is truly a unique expression of you.

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