

Conferences & Events

at CHESTER ZOO



Welcome to Chester Zoo

A destination like no other

We've been bringing visitors closer to the wonder of the natural world for over ninety years through our zoo, home to some of the world's most endangered animals.

We're a not-for-profit charity which means the entire cost of your event will be used to support the important work our conservationists do to prevent extinction, both here in the UK and with our conservation partners in more than 20 countries.

You can find out more about our work by visiting chesterzoo.org/whatwedo



Amazing spaces

Our venues are set within 128 acres of award winning zoological gardens and are an important part of the zoo's history. Both The Oakfield and The Square have been lovingly restored to combine the best of the past with the best of the present.

We're also able to host events in other amazing spaces around the zoo. Our Events Team are on hand to help organise a truly bespoke event if you wish. Imagine a drinks reception in Monsoon Forest or taking pride of place in front of our Asiatic lion habitat for breakfast.

Venues *for* Nature

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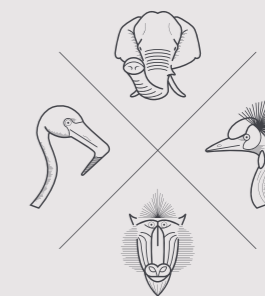
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A unique venue at the heart of Chester Zoo

The Square, our brand new wedding and events venue, features a large private courtyard, vaulted rafters and large windows overlooking the zoo. The space is an extension of our existing Grade II listed stable block that has been central to Chester Zoo since opening day in 1931. Several historical features have been preserved to retain the rich history and character of the building.

In addition to The Square's main event space, there are several syndicate rooms perfect for use as breakout spaces with flexible furniture configurations.



The Oakfield

Where the Chester Zoo dream was born

The Oakfield has stood at the heart of the zoo since 1931 when our founder George Mottershead moved in with his family and his vision of a 'zoo without bars'. Since then, The Oakfield has had many uses from a family home to an aquarium, before becoming a stunning Grade II listed contemporary pub and venue. Today, the building's original structure has been retained, and its original features preserved.

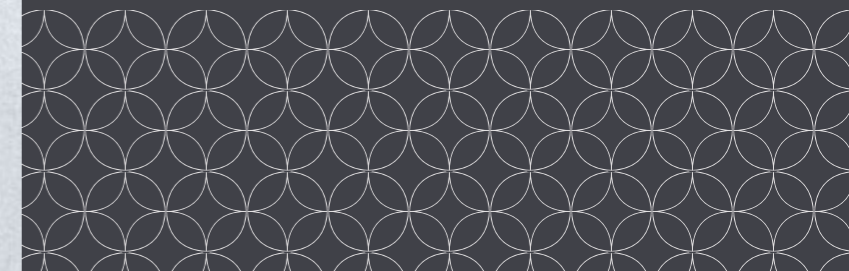
Our spaces in The Oakfield are set apart from the rest of The Oakfield so you are ensured privacy for your events, while still allowing you flexibility to use the whole venue if you wish. Our zoological gardens provide an inspirational backdrop for successful meetings.

Hospitality

At Chester Zoo, we believe that high quality cuisine is an important ingredient in the recipe for any event.

We're passionate about sourcing fresh, local produce and we hold several key accreditations which ensure that all food served meets the expectations of our guests, and the environment.

We're able to cater for guests with dietary restrictions, have plentiful plant-based options and our menus are always free from additives and preservatives.



Audio & Visual

From complimentary WiFi to keep your delegates connected, to large touch LED screens in every meeting space, audio visual has been at the centre of design for The Square.

The central atrium room features a LED LSCB 163" wall with audience and presenter cameras for hybrid working. Our state-of-the-art audio system also allows for a complete surround sound experience. Our event spaces come fully equipped for any type of modern event.



Room Capacities

	Theatre Style	Cabaret Style	Boardroom	U Shape	Classroom	Reception	Lunch or Dinner	Dinner and Dance Floor	Exhibition	Company Zoo Day
The Atrium	250	128	65	65	170	300	180	156	300	500
Joinery	30	x	22	24	16	80	24	20	x	x
Tack Room	25	18	18	20	16	80	20	20	x	40
Smithy	65	30	26	28	24	100	28	24	x	60
The Courtyard	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	900	900
Garden Room	75	70	x	x	x	100	90	100	75	200
Library	65	40	30	x	x	50	40	x	50	x
Boardroom	40	x	15	x	x	30	20	x	x	x
Redwood Suite 1	25	x	14	14	12	x	12	x	x	x
Redwood Suite 2	x	x	12	x	x	x	12	x	x	x
Magnolia Suite	30	x	10	14	10	x	x	x	x	x

Room Facilities

	Length (m)	Width (m)	Disabled Access	Floor Level	Blackout Blinds	Dimmable Lights
The Atrium	22	10	✓	G	✓	✓
Joinery	5.3	4.4	✓	G	✓	✓
Tack Room	8	5.5	✓	G	✓	✓
Smithy	12	5.5	✓	G	✓	✓
The Courtyard	26	25	✓	G	x	x
Garden Room	19.88	5.96	✓	G	✓	✓
Library	8.57	6.48	✓	G	✓	✓
Boardroom	8.22	5.67	✓	G	✓	✓
Redwood Suite 1	6.09	5.14	x	1	✓	x
Redwood Suite 2	5.76	4.66	x	1	✓	x
Magnolia Suite	6.37	5.91	x	1	✓	x

Day delegate rates

Our venues, set in 128 acres of zoological gardens, offer a truly unique setting for your event. Both The Square and The Oakfield are equipped with state of the art meeting facilities. Our Day Delegate Rate includes everything you need for a productive and memorable day.

Enjoy a range of refreshments and snacks, locally sourced dining options, and the chance to explore our zoological gardens. Our expert Zoo Rangers can also offer a range of interactive experiences and tours.

Your dedicated Event Coordinator will be on hand to provide a seamless and stress free experience from your first enquiry to the end of your event, allowing you to focus on what matters most.

So why not *escape the ordinary* and book your next event with us at Chester Zoo?



Premier £63.00

Classic £56.00

Included in our day delegate rates:

Access to Chester Zoo and free car parking

Dedicated Event Coordinator and
Event Delivery Manager

Room hire of our main meeting room

Refreshments throughout the day

Finger buffet

Still mineral water

Screen and PA system

Flipchart and pens

Delegate stationary

Free WiFi

Prices are inclusive of VAT.
Minimum number is applicable.

Catering

Premier

On arrival: Freshly brewed coffee, selection of teas, and fresh fruit juices. Choice of sausage, bacon rolls, or roasted flat mushroom & cured tomato, and fresh fruit platter

Mid-morning: Freshly brewed coffee, selection of teas and biscuits

Lunch: Finger buffet including a selection of hot food items, open sandwiches, fries and salads

Afternoon: Freshly brewed coffee, selection of teas and home baked chocolate brownie bites (ve, gf)

Unlimited tea and coffee

Classic

On arrival: Freshly brewed coffee, selection of teas, and fresh fruit juices, selection of freshly baked Danish pastries and fresh fruit platter

Mid-morning: Freshly brewed coffee, selection of teas and biscuits

Lunch: Finger buffet including a selection of hot food items, open sandwiches, fries and salads

Afternoon: Freshly brewed coffee and selection of teas



Corporate Zoo Day

at CHESTER ZOO

You'll have exclusive hire of The Square for the duration of your company zoo day to use as a hub while your guests explore our zoo and discover over 27,000 animals. You'll also have full use of our integrated audio-visual equipment throughout the day to deliver messages to your team.

The package includes:

Entrance to Chester Zoo
Private hire of The Square from 10am until zoo closing
Buffet lunch
Unlimited filter coffee, tea and cordial

Package price:
£65pp

Minimum occupancy 50,
maximum occupancy 900*

*Based on a rolling capacity for catering

All prices are subject to change and are inclusive of VAT



Corporate Family Zoo Day

Our family company zoo day offers a unique opportunity to say thank you to your staff and their families at the UK's most visited zoo!

If you're looking to reward your employees, increase team spirit or entertain clients our family zoo day package will be a roaring success.

You'll have exclusive hire of The Square too, to take a break from the action with refreshments and lunch included.

The package includes:
Entrance to Chester Zoo
Private hire of The Square from 10am until zoo closing

Buffet lunch
Unlimited filter coffee, tea and cordial

Package price:
£65 per adult,
£50 per child *

Minimum occupancy 50,
maximum occupancy 900 **

* No child under the age of 14 will be admitted to the zoo unless accompanied by an adult ticket holder

** Based on a rolling capacity for catering





Additional *experiences*

We can also offer a variety of activities to enhance your day, including a number of discovery activities, plus a team scavenger hunt.

Team Scavenger Hunt

Join us on an unforgettable scavenger hunt, where you'll explore our lush habitats and encounter fascinating animals.

£200 for up to 40 guests
(£5pp for each additional guest)
Duration: 45 minutes – 1 hour

Zoo Ranger Discovery Walk

Join a Zoo Ranger for a guided walk of the zoo. You'll get to visit some of your favourite animals with our expert zoo guide, who will be on hand to answer all of your questions.

£200 for up to 40 guests
(£5pp for each additional guest)
Duration: 45 minutes – 1 hour

Zoo Ranger Discovery Talk

Enjoy an exciting discovery talk from a Zoo Ranger. Choose from a number of exciting topics, and learn all about our work to prevent extinction.

Topics to choose from: Predators, South East Asian Islands, Sustainable Palm Oil, History of Chester Zoo, Act for Wildlife, Science at the zoo.

£200 for up to 30 min talk, max 75 delegates.



Sustainability

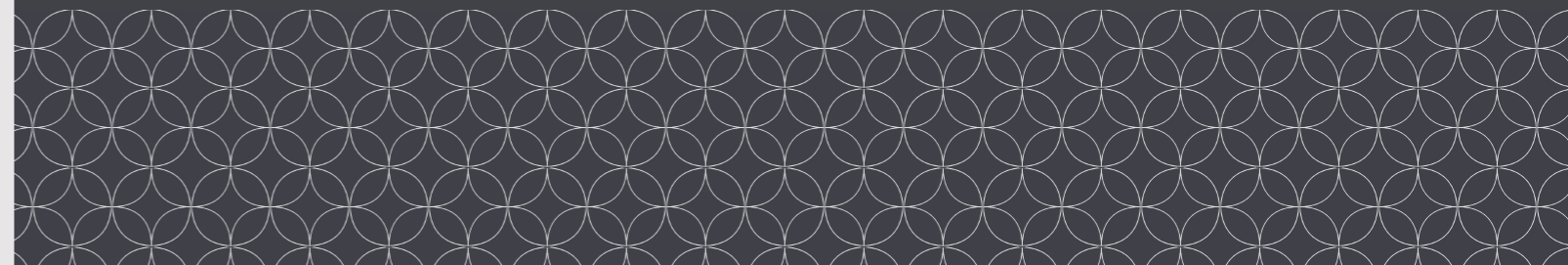
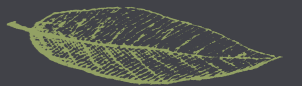
When you choose Chester Zoo for your event, you and your guests will become part of our sustainability journey.

We're committed to sustainability at Chester Zoo and have set ourselves ambitious targets, including to be carbon net zero in our scope one and two emissions by 2030, working towards a zero waste operation by 2030 and to buy only deforestation free products in our major supply chains. You'll see some of the positive actions we're taking on the day of your event as we work to meet these targets.

Sustainability is even built into the fabric of our venues. At The Square, we reused materials from

the original building wherever possible to minimise waste. The building is heated using an air source heat pump and uses fully electric equipment throughout, eliminating the use of fossil fuel energy in the building.

We're passionate about building sustainability into our menus, too. We're proud to use locally sourced products where possible, with some ingredients even being grown here at the zoo. We're also working across our supply chain to minimise the carbon footprint of the products we use and working towards buying only deforestation-free products.



Get in touch

To find out more about Venue Hire at Chester Zoo, please talk to our team today.

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