

Do You Really Need a Day-of Wedding Coordinator? Here's the Truth (Plus: See Us at Truro Cathedral on 24 Jan)



You've spent months (maybe even years!) planning every little detail of your wedding. The venue is booked, the flowers are sorted, and you've finally agreed on a playlist that doesn't include your uncle's dodgy 80s requests. So here's the question that pops up time and time again: do you actually need someone to coordinate it all on the day itself?

It's a fair question. And honestly? The answer isn't a simple yes or no. Let's break it down together so you can figure out what's right for *your* big day.

What Actually Is a Day-of Wedding Coordinator?

First things first, let's clear up what we're talking about here. A day-of coordinator (sometimes called an "on-the-day" coordinator) isn't someone who plans your entire wedding from scratch. Instead, they step in to manage everything on the actual wedding day so you don't have to.

Think of them as your wedding-day wingman. They'll:

- **Liaise with all your vendors**, confirming arrival times, directing suppliers where to go, and making sure everyone's on the same page
- **Keep your timeline on track**, from the ceremony start time to the first dance

- **Handle any hiccups** , because let's be honest, something always goes slightly sideways
- **Field questions from family and guests** , so you're not the one answering "where should I put the card box?" while getting your hair done

Essentially, they're there so you can actually *be* at your wedding, rather than *running* your wedding.



The Case FOR Having a Day-of Coordinator

Let's talk about why so many couples swear by having someone in this role.

You Get to Actually Enjoy Your Day

This is the big one. You've put so much love, time, and probably a fair chunk of money into creating this celebration. Don't you want to actually *experience* it?

Without a coordinator, you might find yourself:

- Telling the caterers where to set up
- Checking if the photographer has arrived
- Answering seventeen questions from well-meaning relatives
- Stressing about whether the speeches are running over

With a coordinator? You're sipping champagne with your best mates while someone else handles all of that. Sounds better, doesn't it?

Someone's Got Your Back When Things Go Wrong

Here's a little secret: something will probably go a bit wonky on your wedding day. Maybe the florist is running late. Maybe the best man's lost his speech notes. Maybe it starts chucking it down five minutes before your outdoor ceremony.

A good day-of coordinator has seen it all before. They'll solve problems before you even know they exist , and that's genuinely priceless.

Your Family and Bridal Party Can Relax Too

Without a coordinator, guess who ends up fielding questions and putting out fires? Usually your mum, your maid of honour, or your long-suffering best friend who "doesn't mind helping out."

But here's the thing, they're guests too. They should be celebrating with you, not running around with a clipboard. A coordinator takes that pressure off everyone.



The Case AGAINST Having a Day-of Coordinator

Now, let's be balanced here. A day-of coordinator isn't essential for every single wedding. Here are some situations where you might manage without one:

You're Having a Very Small, Relaxed Wedding

If you're having an intimate gathering with minimal moving parts, say, a registry office ceremony followed by lunch at a restaurant, you might not need someone coordinating. When there's less to manage, there's less that can go wrong.

Your Venue Has an Events Manager

Some venues (especially larger hotels or dedicated wedding venues) have their own in-house coordinator. They'll manage the on-site logistics, liaise with suppliers, and keep things ticking along. It's worth checking what's included in your venue package.

You Have a Super Organised Friend Who Genuinely Wants to Help

This one comes with a caveat. If you have someone who's brilliant at organising, loves being in charge, and has *offered* to take on this role, it can work. But make sure they're truly happy to do it, and that they won't miss out on enjoying the day themselves.

So... What's the Verdict?

Here's the honest truth: whether you need a day-of coordinator depends on your wedding, your personality, and your priorities.

You'll probably benefit from one if:

- You're having a larger wedding with multiple vendors

- You're a bit of a worrier (no judgement , we get it!)
- You want to be fully present and stress-free on the day
- You don't want your family or friends running around sorting things out

You might be okay without one if:

- You're having a very simple, small celebration
- Your venue provides coordination as part of their service
- You're genuinely relaxed about things not going perfectly to plan

There's no right or wrong answer. It's about what will help *you* have the best possible day.



How Kerensa Weddings Can Help

At [Kerensa Weddings](#), we offer flexible packages designed to fit around what you actually need , whether that's full planning support from engagement to "I do," or simply someone to take the reins on the day itself.

Based in Cornwall, we're all about creating weddings that feel genuinely *you*. No cookie-cutter templates, no pushy sales tactics , just friendly, down-to-earth support to help you celebrate your love story your way.

We know that every couple is different. Some want us involved from day one; others just need a safe pair of hands to keep things running smoothly when the big day arrives. Either way, we've got you covered.

Curious about what we offer? Have a look at our [packages and pricing](#) or check out what previous couples have said on our [testimonials page](#).

Come and Meet Us at the Truro Extravaganza Wedding Fair! 🎉

If you're still on the fence about whether a coordinator is right for you (or you just fancy a chat about all things weddings), we'd love to meet you in person!

Kerensa Weddings will be at the Truro Extravaganza Wedding Fair on Saturday 24th January at Truro Cathedral — and Jordan will be there from 11:00 until 3:30. Come say hi and chat about your plans.

It's the perfect chance to:

- Ask us anything about wedding coordination and planning
- Get a feel for whether we're the right fit for you
- Pick up some inspiration for your big day
- Meet other brilliant local suppliers

No pressure, no hard sell , just a friendly face and a cuppa (okay, maybe not the cuppa, but definitely the friendly face). Pop by our stand and say hello!



Final Thoughts

At the end of the day, your wedding should feel like *yours*. Whether you decide to hire a day-of coordinator or go it alone, the most important thing is that you get to enjoy every moment of it.

If you're leaning towards getting some help, we're always here for a no-obligation chat. Drop us a message via our [contact page](#) or come say hi and chat about your plans at Truro Cathedral on the 24th (Jordan will be there 11:00–3:30).

Here's to stress-free wedding planning : and an even better wedding day. ❤️