



# Warksburn Old Church

Wark - Northumberland - NE48 3LS - UK

The Globally Unique Zero Carbon Venue  
For Decision-Maker Meetings

Warksburn Old Church offers a private, **Beyond Net Zero** environment which blends discreet luxury with a genuine commitment to sustainability.

This exclusive venue is the world's only **Passivhaus certified** church conversion, and winner of the Green Tourism **Gold Award** amongst many other accolades. It is one of the UK's most energy-efficient buildings, using only zero carbon electricity, and exporting more energy than it consumes.

Located 45 minutes from Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Carlisle, and only 30 minutes from Newcastle Airport, Warksburn Old Church provides an inspiring, zero carbon setting for **high-performance** teams to achieve strategic clarity.



## A serene and inspiring working environment: an outstanding space for exceptional teams to think

Combining stunning architecture with an exceptionally calm interior, Warksburn Old Church is a unique space, designed for discretion, security and focus, ensuring zero distractions and maximum productivity for your senior team. A private garden and patio are also at your disposal.

Our **technology & connectivity** setup is C-Suite ready. Delegates benefit from a full Gigabit Fibre-to-the-Premises (FTTP) internet connection and a Gigabit mesh WiFi network within the property, guaranteeing speed and reliability across the entire property. A secure, single-touch QR code makes WiFi network access effortless.

Drive discussion and decision-making with **professional presentations** on our 55-inch 4K Ultra-HD OLED screen. The display is able to mirror any device on the secure, private WiFi network for immediate, seamless presentations. Furthermore, a hardwired ethernet connection ensures instantaneous, lag-free streaming of any internet-based content.

### Capacity & Accommodation

The venue is suitable for intensive one-day meetings for up to 8 delegates. The statement ceramic and glass table provides the focal point for discussions; with the colours of its accompanying chairs echoing the tones of stained glass by the Victorian master Charles Eamer Kempe.

For longer C-Suite retreats, the property offers overnight accommodation in three individually designed bedrooms, each with a porcelain tiled luxury en-suite bathroom.



The layout is designed for maximum privacy, accommodating a maximum of three couples (six guests total) across three luxury suites. All three bedrooms feature a superking bed. Two of the bedrooms can be optionally configured in a twin bed layout.

### Supplementary Accommodation

For groups exceeding the overnight accommodation capacity of the Church itself, additional delegates can usually be accommodated at a neighbouring, highly-regarded hotel and gastropub just 200 metres away, ensuring the entire team remains within easy walking distance.

### Security

Electronically programmed doors ensure absolute privacy and access control. A unique, one-off access code is generated for every booking, which expires upon departure.

Client security requirements (both physical and cyber) can generally be accommodated.



## Service, inclusions and options

Every booking includes an **inspirational sustainability briefing**. This takes the form of a short introduction to the property's history and its 'Beyond Net Zero', Passivhaus-certified performance. This resonates well with leadership teams committed to sustainable business practices and provides a unique talking point.



A particular highlight is the 'history comes full circle' story of the building's benefactor, Sir George Barclay Bruce (pictured here, portrait courtesy of Westminster College, Cambridge). Sir George was an eminent Victorian engineer who funded the church's original construction in 1875.

He began his career apprenticed to Robert Stephenson, whose 'Rocket' locomotive ignited the Industrial Revolution. When he became President of the Institution of Civil Engineers in 1887, Sir George's visionary Presidential Address contained the world's first documented reference to the renewable generation and storage of electricity – technologies now at the very heart of Warksburn Old Church.

**Parking.** Ample private parking with **free EV charging** is available for delegates' cars at zero cost. Delegates' cars will charge at 7kW/hour via a standard Type-2 connector. Four EV chargers are available on site.

**Bespoke Catering.** Our trusted catering partners will tailor their services precisely to your team's needs. From working lunches to private fine dining experiences, all bespoke catering is quoted separately upon request.

## Optional additional service - strategic facilitation

The owner of Warksburn Old Church, Dr Alan James, is an experienced strategic advisor and Project Director who has worked at Heads of Government and corporate C-Suite levels.

Alan has spent his professional career at the intersection of innovation, investment and infrastructure, mainly in advanced transportation and smart energy. His broader experience also includes the diplomatic service, economic development and tourism. He has worked on every continent except Antarctica.

As a unique additional service, specific to this venue, you have the option to engage Alan to facilitate your sessions with vision, precision and authority.

If you feel an 'outsider perspective' could help your team define, refine and deliver high-impact outcomes, Alan is happy to offer an informal exploratory discussion to explore matters further.



# Rate Card

Please note: VAT is chargeable at the standard rate on all fees quoted in this document

Exclusive Use Of Warksburn Old Church		Fee
Whole day session: maximum 8 day delegates.	09:00 - 18:00	£875
1 night executive retreat: maximum 6 overnight guests. Please note: for bedroom configuration options, please see 'Capacity & Accommodation' information above.	Day 1 Arrival – From 09:00 Day 2 Departure – By 10:00	£1,500
Longer stay block booking: 2 nights	Day 3 Departure – By 10:00	£2,875
Longer stay block booking: 3 nights	Day 4 Departure – By 10:00	£3,950
Catering		
Unlimited bean-to-cup coffee, tea and water are provided. A welcome pack comprising a selection of biscuits, locally-sourced artisan chocolate, and fruit is also provided.		Included in venue hire cost
Bespoke catering can be arranged, from sandwich lunches, through canapés, to a chef-prepared gourmet dinner. All bespoke catering is quoted separately based on client requirements.		Additional cost: by arrangement
Optional Additional Services		
Strategic meeting facilitation by Dr Alan James (on site at Warksburn Old Church)	per day	£1,450
Pre-session alignment and preparation for strategic meeting facilitation (video conference)	2 hours	£400
On request, we can arrange a wide range of team building activities with nearby partners. Options include stargazing in the International Dark Skies Park, mountain biking in Kielder Forest, or expert guided tours of the nearby historic sites along Hadrians Wall.		Additional cost: by arrangement



## CONTACT FOR BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES

Please contact us directly to discuss your proposed dates, session format, as well as bespoke requests and your accommodation & catering requirements.

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