a NEW breed of VENUE

For creative business events

Meetings, Functions,
training & team building

CHESTER ZOO
Meetings & events
Breathe fresh life into your business events

Be inspired. Get creative. Come to Chester Zoo!

Business minds work better in a fresh and stimulating environment. Meetings and conferences become more productive. Fun days are more fun. Training and team building takes on an extra dimension.

There’s an inspirational air to everything you do when you’re surrounded by nature. That’s what makes Chester Zoo a new breed of venue.

We’ve got all the facilities you’re looking for and so much more:

• 3 meeting rooms and high quality entertaining spaces all set within a lovingly restored manor house
• 125 acres of zoological gardens and 27,000 incredible animals; a world class zoo for you to explore
• Access to a team of wildlife experts and all of the excitement that the zoo offers to really enhance your day
• All proceeds contribute to the zoo’s conservation work – helping protect wildlife in the UK and around the world
Chester Zoo is the most visited zoo in the UK and has an exceptional reputation for its animal care, conservation work and for giving people and inspiring and unforgettable day out.

Our team of events, catering and guest experience specialists love creating really special private events that your delegates and guests will look forward to attending and will remember forever. We’re not just a venue, we are Chester Zoo.

Starting the day with a walk in nature has proven to improve concentration and attention spans.
The Oakfield, at the heart of the zoo

The Oakfield is where it all began for Chester Zoo. Founder George Mottershead’s family home and the place where his ‘zoo without bars’ began.

It’s now an elegant pub and home to a range of meeting rooms and event spaces where your team can get together.

Beautifully restored and renovated in 2018, The Oakfield retains many stunning original features like the intricate wood panelling in the Library and the sumptuous luxury of the Boardroom.

The Oakfield provides you with a unique location for business meetings, events, and celebrations.
At Chester Zoo, every day delivers new experiences, new challenges – often brand new life, too. That’s what makes us a different kind of venue.

Our team excel at finding ways to make your event truly unique. Here are just a few of the types of events that we can deliver:

• Day delegate packages for formal meetings
• Training and team building events
• Family fun days
• Evening receptions and BBQs
• Private dining and celebration parties

Our spaces are flexible and our outdoor habitats can form the backdrop for an inspiring and exotic experience.

Let your imagination roam wild and explore all the amazing opportunities our unique venue can bring to your business.
Inspirational spaces for successful meetings

Our upstairs meeting spaces are perfect for meetings, training and presentations. Fully equipped with all the AV equipment and connectivity you might need, our meeting and event suites feature large windows looking out over lawns (and some animals!)

The Dove, Magnolia and Redwood Suites are set apart from the rest of The Oakfield so you are ensured privacy for your events and can be used together to provide break out space.

A small kitchen area gives you access to hot drinks throughout the day and we can provide a working lunch. Or if you'd prefer we can provide breakfast, lunch or dinner in our downstairs dining area.

Our dedicated events team will be delighted to talk through all the services our meeting rooms offer you – for everything from presentations and talks to breakout sessions.

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Take a walk on the wild side – make it the ultimate away day

If you are looking for something a little different to inspire your team during the day then the zoo is the perfect place to play, learn and enjoy.

Take a tour – our dedicated Zoo Rangers will be able to tailor a tour just for you, visiting our favourite animals, giving you the latest gossip from the zoo or enjoy and relaxing in our gardens – it’s up to you.

A zoo challenge – Use the zoo as a giant adventure game, quizzes, treasure hunts, team work – the possibilities are endless.

Sharing our conservation stories – Our team of Zoo Rangers have incredible knowledge of our animals and the conservation and science programmes that we deliver so if your team want to learn more about to save the world then we’ve got just the talk for you.
Company zoo days

Our clients tell us that they really struggle to find venues that can cater for large celebration events. How about having access to the zoo for a day?

We’re large enough to accommodate large numbers of people for celebration days or family fun days which can be a brilliant incentive to staff or conference delegates.

Whether it’s 100 or 600, company zoo days can be as wonderful and varied as the wildlife found here. Start the day with breakfast, enjoy a BBQ or buffet for lunch, take in some animal-based games and activities and spend time with our team of experts and make the most of their fascinating knowledge of the wildlife they work with.

We’ll provide all the essentials like PA systems for your speeches and presentations, and our chefs can prepare a bespoke menu to match your audience and the theme of your zoo day.

Your people will go wild for company zoo days!
Special events are even more special at the zoo

The Oakfield offers an relaxed but elegant backdrop to any evening event. It is also a perfect setting for wedding celebrations too.

Your guests will delight in the character of their surroundings. So whether you want private dining in the wood panelled Library or a champagne reception in the light filled Garden Room, you can be assured you will experience something truly special.

With our exclusive evening hire, The Oakfield also gives you the opportunity to celebrate in complete privacy, overlooked only by wildlife.

Come and talk to us about how Chester Zoo can make your special event, extra special.

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Facilities Include:

- 15" TV Screen
- WiFi
- projector
Feeding time and creature comforts

Feeding time is always a highlight at the zoo, and it’s no different for our human guests, with a feast of freshly prepared food and drinks to satisfy and delight you!

We believe that high quality cuisine is an important ingredient in the recipe for successful meetings and events. Freshly baked bread and locally sourced bacon for breakfasts, coffee, sensational sandwiches and snacks for break times and fabulous bespoke menus for lunches and dinners, banquets and buffets, BBQs and parties.

Come and enjoy a flavour of what we have to offer. Whatever your taste, you’re in for a treat at Chester Zoo.
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It’s not just about The Oakfield, we can offer a range of other incredible spaces for hire. Here are just a few ideas or things you could try:

- **Summer BBQs on The Oakfield Lawn**
- **Receptions on ‘Islands’ complete with a trip on the Lazy River Boat Trip and street food at Manado Street Kitchen for up to 1500 guests.**
- **Drinks receptions on the lawn by June’s Food Court and full access to the Wildlife Wood Play area.**
- **We can seat up to 160 people in our Lecture Theatre situated just outside the gates of Chester Zoo.**

Our events team will be delighted to hear about what kind of event you would like to plan and how we can help.

Want to know more?

Some of our breakout spaces are a bit on the wild side.
A world apart from conventional business meetings and events venues – yet close to Chester City Centre, and with fast and easy road connections to the motorway network, railway stations and two major airports. We have ample FREE parking available.

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