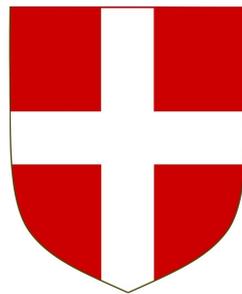




The House of Bayard

**Profile and Information
for Event Organisers**



Client Feedback

Thank you all for helping making Barnet Medieval Festival such a huge success. I am well aware of the time, effort and commitment which you gave to organise the Festival. Your enthusiasm and support really made all the difference and ensured that the public had a really fantastic time.

- Susan Skedd

Barnet Medieval Festival Director, Battle of Barnet Partnership.

Thank you for a fantastic “performance” over the weekend – the standard of what you guys did was so impressive and brought real life and colour to the event. I so appreciated your professionalism and can-do flexible attitude to everything over the weekend. Your friendly, welcoming attitude was much appreciated not just by visitors but us here at the Abbey too.

- Vikki Pearson

Delapre Abbey, Northampton

Thank you for coming to the Joust, your encampment looked fantastic, with a wide range of things for our visitors to see.

- Alysha Sargent

Leeds Castle, Kent

It was really lovely having you here at the weekend. The customer feedback was wonderful and you were all really brilliant.

- Kirsty Ballard

Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre, Leiestershire



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Who we are

The House of Bayard is a 15th Century re-enactment society based mainly in the South East of England and portray a group of French garrison soldiers, wearing the red and white livery of St Michael.

The 'Bayards' as we are known, are a friendly and family orientated household who are supporters of the Lancastrian cause during the period known as the 'Wars of the Roses'. On loan from the King of France, Louis XI, to his cousin Queen Margaret of Anjou, wife of King Henry VI and their staunch supporters. Our encampment is a military encampment with a 'chevalier' (Knight), soldiers, gunners, archers and camp followers.

Founded in the 1990s, we have over 20 years of experience in medieval re-enactment and how to engage the public at events.



What we can do

Handgonnes and Artillery



We can demonstrate our many different styles of handgonnes and artillery, give talks on the manufacture of gunpowder, demonstrate how musket and cannon balls were made by casting metal and carving stone shot.

All our gunners are fully certified.



Arming of a knight



Watch the knights get dressed into their armour and hear them talk about the purpose of each.

Tournament or Men at Arms Display

Our Men at arms can take up arms against each other in a fight to win points and honour or provide a demonstration of medieval weapons and their uses, such as swords, daggers and poleaxes.



Battle



With our friends in other groups, we can participate in large events and battles. We are the organising household for the new large scale national event 'Barnet Medieval Festival'.

We can provide archery displays and demonstrations, as well as organising archery blocks for battle.

Archery



Living History



The House of Bayard pride ourselves in our authenticity and public interaction. We have won many awards for our Living History. Winners at England's Medieval Festival 2016, 2017 and Runners up in 2019. Winners at Loxwood Joust Medieval Festival 2018.



We prepare and cook our own group lunches and meals, using food, recipes and techniques available in the medieval times.



Living History displays and demonstrations

Every year we continually expand our displays, talks and demonstrations on a range of medieval life. Individually tailored to your need we can include: archery, guns, armour, weaponry, chain mail, pewter casting, woodturning, candle making and much more.



Kiddie Battle



Always popular with the children and 'grown ups' alike is our kiddie battle where children take on our men at arms! Armed with 'soft' weapons, the young squires have great fun taking on our mighty knights and often win too!

Jane's Medieval Kitchen

New for 2019 was the introduction of our Jane's Medieval Kitchen. For a small additional fee we can provide a portable camp kitchen that demonstrates a range of medieval cooking techniques. The kitchen is made up of a full cooking range (fire box), clay oven (complete with cart), cooking pots and utensils. Displays of herbs and spices are always included. Our aim was to create opportunities for visitors to knead bread dough, use the butter churn and sample some of the day's menu, which may include, spit roasted meat, smoked meat, fish of the day, bread/pies from the oven and pottage for the household.



Hiring us

Public Relations

We will work with you to plan the event and can support you with some high quality photos that can aid in publicity to help make the event a success.

Insurance

We carry insurance to cover £10 million public Liability. This covers our own activities but not those of the event.

Health and Safety

The House of Bayard are committed to the safety of the public and ourselves. We have Risk Assessments to comply with all our activities, which are available upon request.

Training

All our members are trained in their chosen discipline in order for them to carry it out safely. All gunners hold the necessary up to date licences and certificates.

Our requirements

We will need full water and toilet facilities at the event site, which are available 24 hours a day, due to small children in the group. When camping, some members have plastic tents and they may need out of view space, however if this is not available then the option to pop up and take down, when the public are not on sight would be welcomed. We would also need access to the site to unload and reload our equipment at the event location and an area to park vehicles during the event.



Hiring us

Site Inspection

On consideration of an event or upon agreement, a site inspection will be conducted. This will enable us to see the event site and carry out a site risk assessment for our own records, which will include information about the local area and amenities on site for our members.

Letter of Engagement

Once a fee and all details have been agreed, the House of Bayard will send a letter of engagement, which is our committal to the event.

Fees

Please contact us to discuss fees as they are tailored to meet your requirements.

Contact Details

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