

Lincolnshire Renewal of Vows Ceremony

Sample Script

BEFORE THE CEREMONY

- *Any notices about photographs, confetti, social media etc. will be read before the entry of the bride/groom/couple.*
- *Guests asked to stand for entry of couple.*

START OF THE CEREMONY

Good morning/afternoon. My name is <Registrar> and it will be my privilege and pleasure to conduct the ceremony here today at _____

On behalf of _____ and _____, I would like to welcome you here to share their special day with them as they celebrate their vow renewal.

_____ and _____ have chosen to renew their vows and commitment to each other in the presence of you, their friends and family.

< We will insert any personal information or history here >

(For example, you may be celebrating a special anniversary or wish to reaffirm your commitment to one another in the presence of guests who weren't able to be present at your wedding.)

A marriage/civil partnership between two people begins with love, and a commitment to each other for life. To flourish together, and realise the rewards, joys, and achievements of their union, a strong partnership must be created to value the good times and overcome life's challenges.

Strong marriages/partnerships are built on many foundations - respect, friendship, empathy, compromise; but at its core marriage/a partnership requires trust, to know in your hearts that you truly want the best for each other.

As a marriage/partnership strengthens with patience, trust and understanding it enriches the bond of love that was affirmed on your wedding day.

< First Reading (Optional) >

Today is a day when we mark the strength of _____ and _____'s relationship, and the depth of their love for one another. Their life together has brought them happiness and fulfilment, and they now wish to reaffirm their lifelong commitment to one another.

RENEWAL DECLARATION

_____ and _____ will now pledge their love and continued commitment to each other.

Witnesses will be invited to stand either side of the couple.

The image of two hands entwined symbolises deep love between two people. I ask you now to turn to one another and join hands in recognition of this.

Please answer 'I do' to the following declaration of commitment and love .

_____, on this day do you willingly recommit your love to _____; and do you promise to trust in that love throughout the uncertainties of life, now and always?

Answer: I do

Repeat for both parties

Witnesses can now be seated.

PERSONAL VOWS (OPTIONAL)

Option to include personal vows (suggested length 3 minutes or less for each of you for each of you). These can be romantic and earnest or humorous but heartfelt.

Please either:

- *Have these written on a piece of card for you to read from if you would like to surprise one another on the day.*
- *Email them separately to the register office if you would like to surprise each other by writing one another's vows.*
- *You can include a copy as part of completing your ceremony plan.*

< Second Reading (Optional) >

REDEDICATION OF RINGS (OPTIONAL)

_____ and _____ we have now come to the moment where you will give/rededicate rings to each other. These rings represent the promises you have exchanged. They reflect the commitment those words inspire and all your hopes and dreams for the future. As a circle they represent your unending love and continual journey together.

Please repeat after me:

_____, I give you this ring/I rededicate this ring to you – as a sign of our love and marriage – and as a symbol of all that we share. I promise to cherish you - and remain true to you – for the rest of our lives.

Repeat for both parties.

SIGNING OF CERTIFICATE AND PHOTOGRAPHS

_____ and _____ I will now ask you to join me in signing the renewal certificate which marks the fresh commitment you have made to each other today. This is a very special moment and provides a lasting memory of this occasion.

Signing to take place

Music may be played during the signing

When we cherish something, we hold it close to our hearts, and we value it above all else. _____ and _____ you have previously promised to love and support each other through good times and bad. The fact that you are here today is a testament to the strength of your love for one another. Our wish for you is that your love continues to grow and strengthen, and that today's ceremony and celebrations mark the next chapter of your lives, giving you many more happy and precious memories together.

ENDING OF THE CEREMONY AND CONGRATULATIONS

_____ and _____ today's ceremony has reaffirmed the deep trust, respect, understanding and friendship that binds you together. May the love and commitment you have for one another grow ever stronger throughout the years to come.

Please may I ask you all to stand and congratulate _____ and _____

(We will announce you out using whichever words you would like to use, this can be Mr & Mrs, Mr & Mr, Mrs & Mrs, etc, or just your first names, the choice is yours.)