



www.beckerphotography.co.uk

### Why is wedding photography so expensive? Should I just get a family friend to do it?

"Think very carefully about this as you should treasure your wedding photographs for a lifetime. Friends and family should be enjoying your wedding and not working. A casual photographer may miss parts of your day as they're not experienced in this field. You wouldn't get an untrained friend to cut your hair or give you a filling so why trust them with something as important as your wedding photographs?"

"It's expensive as you're paying for a week's worth of work, not just a day. There are many parts of the service that are done behind the scenes, both before and after the event," Becky Kerr



www.esmerobinson.com

### Can a photographer make me look good in all of my photos?

"A great photographer can see the beauty and the 'best sides' in every subject. However, looking good in each and every photo cannot be a task handled by the photographer alone. You can help them out by using a good hair and make-up artist and having a well-fitting dress that suits your body shape. It's also worth doing a practice session with your photographer. Go for a pre-wedding boudoir or make-over shoot. It gives them a chance to learn your best angles and helps you to feel relaxed and comfortable. You'll even pick up a few posing tips along the way,"

Esme Robinson



### Which photos are the must-haves?

"There are so many! The most important are the beautiful shots of the two of you; it's important to take a tiny bit of time out to capture you as new husband and wife together. I suggest keeping formal groups to six or less, so you don't spend all of your reception doing a line up. After that it's all those special moments, from the kiss after your vows to exchanging rings, and time with your parents or the girls and boys you entrusted to look after you. You wouldn't want to be without the images that capture the laughter and tears of joy," Julia West



www.paulphillipsphotography.net

### Do I need a second photographer?

"Not unless you have such a huge wedding that you feel it's necessary. Most photographers do offer this service but I tend to cover weddings on my own and successfully deliver time after time. I usually take between 250 and 400 images on a full wedding day. Any more is quantity over quality in my book," Paul Phillips