**The Simple Civil Partnership Ceremony**

Good Morning/Afternoon ladies and gentlemen and welcome to \_\_\_\_.

My name is\_\_\_\_ and I am the Deputy Superintendent Registrar, I will be guiding you through this civil partnership. It is a simple ceremony that requires the signing of a declaration before two witnesses.

Before we start may I ask you both to confirm your full names.

Ladies and Gentlemen, the place in which we are now met has been duly sanctioned according to the law for the registration of civil partnerships. You are here to witness the formation of a Civil Partnership by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and if any person knows of any lawful impediment to this civil partnership they should declare it now.

 \_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_ you have chosen to pledge yourselves to each other by committing to a legally binding contract and from the moment that you both sign the Partnership Schedule you will become a legal union of two people. This pledge represents a promise of your life-long commitment to each other, in the presence of your family and friends / witnesses.

May I ask you both to read the Partnership Schedule before signing, along with your witnesses.

*Signing by the couple and their witnesses.*

Optional: We now come to the giving of rings. The giving of a band signifies the sealing of the contract you have made, and is an outward sign of the lifelong promises you have made to one another.

Would you both please stand.

*Please take the ring and place it on the third finger of her/his hand, and repeat after me:*

**I give you this ring as a token of our love, and as a symbol of the commitment we have made today.**

\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_ you have both signed the declarations required by law to formalise the precious promises you have made to one another. It therefore gives me great pleasure to announce that you are now Civil Partners together.

*You may now share a kiss*

Ladies and Gentlemen that concludes our ceremony, so on behalf of us all here today may I wish \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_ a very long and happy partnership and many congratulations.