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BRIDES and grooms-to-be are expected to flock to an extra special wedding event in Newtown this weekend on Saturday (April 14).

The event, which will feature displays from five local firms, will be held on Cambridge Road throughout the day.

There will be a wedding car provided by Century Limousines and displays from Elegance and Style florists and Electric Beach sun and beauty.

There will also be a wedding display in the accessories shop 'Wear', which caters for mothers of the bride and hats and outfits for any occasion.

Sheila Williams, owner of Wear, said: "After attending the Wedding Fayre in St Helens last year, I thought it would be a good idea to promote the businesses in this area by holding our own wedding event.

"There will be balloons and stalls in the street and free glasses of wine for our customers on the day."

If the event is a success, Sheila says she will consider organising another wedding day later this summer.

So, if you're tying the knot this summer, why not pay a visit to Cambridge Road this Saturday to see what the local businesses can offer?

And it's even more important to be thinking about the big day now it's that time of the year again, when wedding invites start flooding in.

While you may be excited about the forthcoming banquet and reuniting with long-lost friends and relatives, you may despair once you glance at your wardrobe, especially if you've been dragging out the same old wedding outfit for years.

But Amanda Slader, a top fashion adviser,

says there's no need to worry.

"Finding an outfit for a wedding can be tricky, but you can get away with almost anything these days," she says.

"People don't dress for weddings that often, so they tend to have a certain mindset as to what they can and can't wear. The increase of less formal weddings like civil ceremonies can make it hard for people who are used to following a certain wedding etiquette."

There are a few things you should bear in mind though when choosing an outfit - such as the weather, your age and appropriateness.

"You don't want to run around in a strappy dress when it's cold weather, nor do you want to wear a skimpy outfit at a formal ceremony," she adds.

TRADITIONAL WEDDING

Amanda advises thinking demurely when you're dressing for a traditional religious wedding.

"Gone are the days of shift dresses and boxy jackets. Today, people can wear anything from floaty dresses to trouser suits, but be aware of the ceremony you've

been invited to. If it's very formal or with mature guests, it may be inappropriate to wear anything too fashion-forward or too revealing."

REGISTER OFFICE

You don't have to dress too formally for a civil ceremony, Amanda says.

"You don't want to spend a lot on one outfit you won't feel comfortable wearing again, so try to invest in something you'll want to wear again," she explains.

This could be a delicate dress, a gorgeous skirt or even a trouser suit, depending on your personality.

DAY TO NIGHT

"The most important thing to consider is if you have far to travel.

This has a bearing on the fabric you choose - as you won't want an easily creased fabric like linen - and you'll want comfortable shoes that won't burn the balls of your feet or give you blisters," she says.

"Comfort is vital because weddings are normally a long day. Many people use

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a wedding as an excuse to get dressed up, and will wear a dress they'll never wear again with killer heels."

ACCESSORIES

Weddings are the perfect occasion to invest in a headpiece. "Fascinators and feathered headpieces

are a fun investment as they look good. If you're hat-shopping, pick one without a wide brim that obscures the face, so you can still see your face in photographs," says Amanda.

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