

## Wedding carriages

### MechGem Luxury Wedding Cars

Problems finding his own wedding car led Lee Carey to found MechGem with his father-in-law in 2001. The Bromley-based company has 14 chauffeurs and offers a car-hire service nationwide. **MOST POPULAR CAR** 'The Rolls-Royce Silver Cloud II, which used to belong to the British Museum in Hong Kong.' **SUCCESS SECRETS** 'Our service and the fabulous quality of the cars.' **ADVICE FOR BRIDES** 'Be clear on budget and needs when you talk to companies.' **CONTACT DETAILS** 01689 896088; mechgem.co.uk.



## Bridal dress retailer

### Maria Modes Bridalwear

Mary Gregory opened her first bridal boutique in the town of Buxton, Derbyshire and launched a second two years ago in Leek, Staffordshire. The boutiques offer dresses by leading designers such as Maggie Sottero, Manuel Moto, Romantica, Pronovias and Alfred Angelo. **SUCCESS SECRETS** 'It's about making your clients feel good, rather than intimidated. I love the sense of achievement in helping a bride find her perfect gown.' **ADVICE FOR BRIDES** 'Keep an open mind, try on three or four styles before deciding and think about your theme – the dress needs to fit in.'

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## Make-up artist

### Sarah Brock for Daniel Sandler

A freelance make-up artist for six years, Sarah started working for Daniel Sandler 18 months ago and is now the artistic director. **FAVOURITE PRODUCT** 'Daniel Sandler Mineral Sheer Tint (£21, beautique.com) gives brides a dewy complexion.' **SUCCESS SECRETS** 'I love making someone look beautiful for their big day.' **ADVICE FOR BRIDES** 'Don't go for a look too different from yourself for your wedding – you want the groom to recognise you.' **CONTACT DETAILS** 07976 064143; sarahbmakeup.co.uk.