

DIY SOS

After donating our services to help out at the local DIY SOS project in Rise, we received such a lovely letter to thank us, and everyone else that took part. It was great to see what a positive difference this project made to the family and it was brilliant to be a part of it.

Dear DIY SOS and all the Trades involved,

It has been some time now since you transformed our house. So much has happened since you did this very great act of kindness.

It took some getting used to in our new home. Poppy was unaware of anything going on however Lilly kept asking where our old house was. The girls without a doubt love the little houses and have found many things to store in them, on occasions they can even store themselves in it. Lilly appears to like her new bed possibly a little too much as it is hard to get out of it on a morning. Now summer has come the girls are making the most of the garden, Lilly has learnt to ride her bike around it and they especially love the sand pit, we quite often find large deposits of sand in the kitchen! The water fountain is also a key feature as both girls have a massive attraction to water, this is also the same for the automatic bathroom tap downstairs.

Certainly now the summer has arrived Liz is making very good use of the greenhouse and a vegetable plots, in fact if you can't find her she's usually in the garden with her hands dirty.

Liz hasn't quite got to grips with the bed and the electronic gadgetry in it or the toilet, enough said, however she's more than just a fan of the shower. We have both become very fond of all the pictures around the house which are a constant reminder of family. We have started to add to the pictures with a decorated plate of our hand prints and posters with our footprints on. The house it was fantastic for me when we first moved in but as my condition has deteriorated the house is becoming more and more beneficial to me as it is all on one level and there is no need for me to go upstairs. Now I have started using my electric wheelchair this again is a major advantage being able to move around the house and also into the garden where I spend a lot of time at the moment.

We have also created a making memories fund which we are using to make memories for the children and myself. Our main aim of the fund is to be able to get ourselves to Disney World Florida where I would like to take the girls make lots of memories while we still can.

We are organising a making memories ball at the Hull Kingston Rovers ground in Hull and we have various local boxing celebrities, football and rugby players attending along with the Red Rubies from Britain's Got Talent.

Liz recently completed the Yorkshire Dales 3 Peaks walk which is approximately 25 miles of a gruelling walk. She completed this with some 13 work colleagues and friends all in the aid of the making memories fund. There were plenty of blisters and Liz damaged her knee in the process but carried on regardless and finished in approximately 12 and a half hours. I supplied water and food at the two stops in between the mountains.

When DIY SOS was shown we were amazed at the production, it was a very moving program. We got hundreds of messages of support via social media and our making memories fund got a vast leap after the program to which thank you doesn't seem to even cover it.

As you are probably aware we even received a handwritten letter from Prince William which was a big surprise and amongst other words he has even offered his support if he possibly can.

We would all like to say an absolute massive thank you to both DIY SOS and all the local trades and trades that made our life so much better. We currently keep in touch with a lot of the trades that helped out on Facebook and Twitter but I can't stress enough if you're passing you our more than welcome to come round see how the house is again and have a cup of tea at the same time. Especially now the garden is in full bloom and looks absolutely amazing.

Once again thank you ever so much for all involved in the regeneration of our house.

*Thank you so much
Jason, Liz, Lilly and Poppy
Rise/ Hull Build*