



A LETTER FROM LONGVIEW

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Hello dear friends,

Would you believe that in a few short weeks, we will have been here for a year and so much has changed since then. For those who are new friends, let me re-cap.....

We moved from rural Shropshire to Northern Ireland in May 2019 and bought this house – a cold and un-loved house with a great number of problems – showers and central heating didn't work; power points hanging off the wall, a hole in the wall above the living room fireplace where the previous owners had removed something from the wall (a picture or mirror or the like) and it brought a lot of plaster with it and that's how we found it.

In the bathrooms, when we turned on taps, they just spun around because they weren't attached to anything – and that was just the start !

We spent the next six months lifting all the flooring and stripping the house back down to the plaster and started over again, including new flooring, doors, architraves and skirting. We knocked down a couple of walls and had two more built.

Did we make mistakes? – Yes of course we did, but we learned from them and moved on. Most of the workmen we employed were hard working genuine guys who did a great job at a reasonable price.

As a result, we have now created what we believe to be a warm and welcoming “home” and have already welcomed guests from the United States, Tasmania, Australia, England, Italy and Ireland.

There is a lane from the road to our house. That lane is a third of a mile long and full of potholes. Chris has walked the lane every couple of weeks and spent time (a LOT of time) filling the potholes with stones only to find that after the next heavy rain the potholes would return. Water didn't seem to seep away into any of the drains around the property either and we later learned that although the drain holes were there, they didn't actually go anywhere!

It became obvious that, in time we were going to have to take a more 'permanent' action for both the drainage and the lane.

In next month's “Letter from Longview”

Work begins on the drains and the lane.....

Speak soon,

Krissi & Chris Rochelle



Rave Review (taken from our Testimonials) :

“The most fantastic hosts, great breakfast and I want to take THAT bed home with me. A wonderful stay, thank you.”

Mrs Andrea McGimpsey, Missouri, USA October 2019

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