# Couple discovers hidden trapdoor on Escape To The Country as Suffolk buyer seeks perfect upstairs space



In a recent episode of the popular BBC show "Escape To The Country," viewers witnessed a surprising moment when Clare and Crispin, a couple from South London, discovered a trapdoor in the middle of a living room. The episode, which aired on a Sunday, featured presenter Steve Brown assisting the couple in their search for their dream home in the picturesque region of Cumbria.

With a budget of £800,000, Clare and Crispin were seeking a property that would ideally include a minimum of three bedrooms, ample land for their goats and dogs, and proximity to local cafes or pubs. During a property tour, Brown introduced the couple to a modern barn conversion priced at £495,000. As they entered the reception room, he pointed out an unusual feature: a trapdoor in the floor. Clare light-heartedly queried, "Depends what's down there," prompting a playful response from Steve, who cautioned, "Don't go into the trap door!" He then revealed that the door led to a cellar, inviting Crispin to explore while Clare waited in the reception room.

At the end of the episode, the couple expressed satisfaction, stating that "most of the houses" they viewed aligned closely with their requirements. They opted for a second viewing of one property and proceeded to put in an offer, which was accepted.

In another segment of the show, Lizzie, a marketing manager, sought assistance from host Alistair Appleton in relocating from London to Suffolk. After living in London for 20 years, Lizzie wished to move closer to family following the passing of her father 18 months prior. Accompanied by her mother, Sue, who already resided in Suffolk, Lizzie had a budget of £500,000 and was looking for a two-bedroom home.

As Alistair presented four potential properties, Lizzie did not find any that met her expectations. While captivated by the character of the last property, she voiced concerns about its lighting when Alistair prodded for any red flags. In a moment of candour, she replied, "I don't think you've quite hit the nail on the head," after he asked if any of the properties suited her needs.

Discussing the show’s properties further, Lizzie remarked on the challenge of finding a suitable upstairs space and indicated her desire to explore small market towns or larger villages moving forward. Her mother echoed her sentiments, indicating that the ground floor layouts of the presented properties felt more favourable.

"Escape To The Country" continues to attract viewers with its entertaining yet informative approach to real estate, offering a glimpse into the challenges and surprises faced by home buyers in the UK. The show is broadcast on BBC One and is also available for streaming on iPlayer.

Source: [Noah Wire Services](https://www.noahwire.com)

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