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Emma's Tiny ECO Home UK

Emma caught tiny house fever after viewing all the videos of them on YouTube. The idea appealed to her on several different levels. As a trained chef, her work schedule was frequently long and grueling! If she could reduce her monthly bills, she could achieve a healthier work/life balance and have more time for the things she enjoys. She felt that tiny house living might hold the key to a better life.

Unfortunately, many of the videos Emma watched on YouTube, were about people from the US and Australia, and much of the information didn't translate to the UK. So, she began researching tiny house builders in the UK. - A lot of research! Even though tiny houses were much less expensive than a conventional home, it was still a big investment, and it was important to find a builder she could trust.

"I looked at a lot of different homes, but I didn't really like the look of many of the houses I saw online. The ones at Tiny ECO Homes UK looked more like a small house...a little cottage", explains Emma. So, her next step was to visit their gallery of homes. "It really helped to be able to actually walk through one". Despite her online research, she had never been inside a tiny house! "It really helped me to decide on the size I wanted to actually see the space".

It also gave her lots of design ideas! Emma opted for storage in the steps of the staircase and also saved

space by opting for a sliding door to the bathroom, instead of one that opens into the room. She also decided to go fully off-grid, with five solar panels for electricity, a propane hob and a wood burning stove. She ultimately chose Chris of Tiny ECO Homes UK to build her home because of his experience, and her preference for his designs. "I really loved his houses and I knew it would be done to a very high standard. Chris doesn't go for price first. He's concerned about the quality first".

Emma's learned so much in her journey, and now wants to help others realise their dream. One of the biggest challenges can be finding a place to pitch your tiny house. She's working exclusively with Tiny ECO Homes UK to find suitable pitches for individuals wanting to live in their tiny house. She finds at least two pitches, since the laws currently prohibit living in the home year-round at one location. The fee for her services will be included in the price of the home when purchased from Tiny ECO Homes UK.

Emma's tiny house experience has been life changing. She's been able to reduce her work schedule to 30 hours per week, and now has time to pursue her love of riding horses. She's also decided to get a dog to share her cosy tiny home.

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