



AMANDA'S QUARANTINE DIARY

AMANDA LOYDALL - SENIOR ASSOCIATE

Age - 50

Place of birth - Rugby

Worked in the team at Campbells - since 2009

Currently lives in - Bourton on Dunsmore



My role in the team specialising in the village property sales. As an associate I look after Weedon and the surrounding villages.



I pride myself on the level of customer service I provide and go above and beyond the role of a "normal" estate agent. I am passionate about what I do and still wake up (most) mornings excited about what the day holds.

How are you dealing with being confined to your home?

I live with my partner Monty, my son Thomas and Monty's daughter Coral. We have 3 dachshunds: Lexi, Tilly and Ralphie and a cat George. I am enjoying bonding as a family unit and I am immensely grateful the weather has been kind to us all during this period.

My frustrations were not being able to visit my family and go out for a meal, but as time has passed I have settled into a routine and don't really worry about it as much.

My main worry was family and friends becoming ill.

At first I was a little concerned about how we would all cope but I am very proud of how everyone has embraced the situation. It has made the bonding time quicker and 90% of the time I am enjoying it.

I was also worried about finances initially, but I think that was an initial reaction and once I have thought about things I have realised I am in an "ok" situation and grateful for what I do have.

Fortunately no one I know has been affected by COVID-19.





I've learnt that family is precious and we should be grateful for each day we wake up and we are alive.

The simple things in life can often be the best – going for a walk, cooking food from scratch. Playing a board game. **You don't need to spend money to have fun!**

My eating habits have changed, as when you have a busy life you forget to eat or eat convenience food.

All the meals are made from scratch and I am eating homemade food – we are using the preparation of food as a family activity. Tom is becoming a great little chef.

I am running, walking or doing a HIIT work out every day, don't tell anyone but I am quite often doing more than the 1 hour of daily exercise...



I've been appreciating the simple things in life. I've been appreciating being part of an amazing team. I am very appreciative of my little family.

I haven't yet had too many challenging moments, overall it's just adapting to a short term, different way of life. It is very frustrating when you see and hear people not adhering to restrictions and spoiling things for the majority.

I am using the time to study for the NAEA qualification and I am also trying to pick up French which I enjoyed at school.

I have appreciated the glorious weather we have been blessed with. I have been communicating with family members and carried out a few missionary drops of food parcels to those who have not been able to leave the house.





Tonight we are having a fancy dress Cluedo evening – we have a photo to follow...

I hope that after COVID-19 people will be kinder to each other and appreciate what they have as opposed to what they want to have.



I have spoken to as many of my clients as I can just to let them know that we are still here!

We will help them through this situation, as there definitely is light at the end of the tunnel.



What do you think you will be doing differently after lockdown?



I will appreciate the simple things in life - that we often take for granted.



I have learnt not to sweat the small stuff and if it doesn't kill you, you can solve it – whatever it is.

What am I looking forward to the most after lockdown?



Have a holiday!

How will you be helping your clients after we are released from the lockdown?

Reassuring them that as a team, we will do everything we can to help them.

More use of technology and different ways of viewing properties – Zoom, FaceTime...

To quote Richard Donnell - Director of research and insight at Zoopla, I think the short answer to what will happen to the property market is that it is too early to tell.

We have effectively gone into suspension and there is little new pricing information available.

History tells us that house prices tend to fall when the economy shrinks but my personal thoughts are that we won't necessarily see a drop in prices but we may see a short to medium drop in sales due to uncertainty, unemployment etc. Long term, I think we will have a boom once the confidence is back.

**My words of wisdom would be don't panic – we've got this!
Enjoy each day and be grateful for all you have .**