

# **Phil & Sue's 2022 Christmas Village**

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Summer is over and we look towards Autumn and Winter, darker and colder outside so it must be time to brighten things up a bit !

We have been displaying our little light up houses in our home for many years, solely for our own enjoyment. Over time, with new additions each year, more and more space was needed to display the collection. What started as a few houses on a shelf has grown to a full scale village with many different aspects. We derive great pleasure in putting together our village and are happy to share with you the story of its construction. This is not an instructional column, we don't have those skills! We are just normal everyday people with a passion for the magic of Christmas, and the joy it can bring when shared.

We have limited options for the placement of our village, we live in a standard English semi-detached house, not a mansion!

After two years of the village in the main living/dining room we are returning to the conservatory.



This gives a reasonable space to work with and unlike the last two years it will not use the dining table. We discuss between us how we are to do things, it must be so much easier for those who do it on their own! Anyhow a joint decision is arrived at and we progress.

Agreement has been made that we don't need to spend out much more on buildings etc. as we couldn't

fit everything in last year. Well, that was the decision... more on that later!

Once the conservatory furniture was moved out we decided on the shape. Previously it was U-shaped, so it's going to be a bit different this time. A new piece of board was purchased from the local DIY store, this measured approximately 4ft x 8ft and cost £29 ( at current exchange rate about 32 US dollars) Eventually this will be painted and drilled full of holes. Existing board from last year will be cut to fit the new plan.







Green trays " borrowed " from the supermarket form the pillars to support the boards. That's about as far as we got in our first session. Rome wasn't built in a day they say, and neither is our Christmas village!

Cheers for now....

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