



PRIDE IN YOUR HOME

PROPERTY GURU AND CITY DWELLER MAGAZINE COLUMNIST CHRISTINE YORATH TALKS ABOUT HAVING PRIDE IN YOUR HOME

Do you buy fresh flowers at least once a week? Do you use fragrance candles, especially if guests are arriving? Do you plump the sofa cushions before you go to bed? Do you use brass cleaner on a brass door knocker? Do you fully iron all your bedding...and do you wash your wheelie bin?? If you answer yes to most of these Congratulations! you are one of the majority of British people who are house proud.

In the month where pride is at the forefront it seems appropriate to talk about pride in your home.

If you think about it, it's very easy to sense when you walk into the home of somebody who feels pride in their surroundings.

The interesting observation is that it doesn't matter whether it's a small rented dwelling or a huge family mansion.

I have always felt that if you love your home it will love you back.

Without wanting to sound too philosophical and as I have got older, I have been more

conscious that the things we have are granted to us as custodians.

Feeling pride in one's home can be shown in various ways but mainly I believe it's about care and maintenance and presentation.

I can't imagine doing an arrangement of fresh flowers had a lovely vase and putting it on a dirty window sill that hasn't been washed or dead flies removed for some time just as I can't imagine arranging glamorous cushions on a bed where the sheets haven't been changed for two weeks.

Pride in one's home is obvious from the garden gate or the apartment door and right through the property.

When I owned Flats in Leeds lettings company I could never understand why somebody would leave an apartment they had rented for two years and paid £2000 a month in rent and left skirting boards with a thick layer of dust that looked as if it had been there through the whole tenancy! The same

tenants would be the ones who also left evidence with receipts and carrier bags from thousands of pounds worth of designer clothes purchases.

If you can afford expensive designer clothing which you obviously enjoy and can afford the rent on an expensive apartment where is your sense of pride that lets you live in a filthy home? What kind of message are you sending to yourself and your friends?

You can drive down the street of modest houses and it is easy to pick out the ones where people take a pride in their home.

It won't have a broken gate or a door that is a few years past needing painting it will have clean windows with fresh window dressings and maybe some flower tubs or hanging baskets outside.

Have you recognised yourself?

*Till Next Time,
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