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The Newlife 37 arrives on site



Relaxing in the great outdoors

In our own attempt to get back to nature we sent our intrepid explorer and long-suffering reporter, Rebecca, to road-test a motorhome. Here's what happened.....

## Hitting the road

by Rebecca Good

**When I was asked if I would like to borrow a motorhome for the weekend I was a tad sceptical having not been initiated into the motorhome world. I took my husband and 21 month old daughter along to give it a 'real' testing.**

After the initial induction on how to use the motorhome from emptying the chemical toilet (my husband's job) to how to use the oven (my job) we set off on the road to Windermere. The journey took us a little longer than it would in a car and we were not about to set any land speed records!

Our home for the weekend was a SEA Newlife 37 which had only done 800 miles so the pressure was on! Marquis had kindly provided us with everything that we might need to kit out the small but perfectly usable kitchen. The interior was bright and modern, something



A slow walk with Grace

I wasn't expecting, sleeping up to 6 people, so we found that there was plenty of room for just the 3 of us, mind you we did pack virtually everything except the kitchen sink! The beds were comfy and the bathroom was surprisingly functional, with a shower, loo and sink.

We stayed at Park Cliffe at Windermere, Cumbria, the site was lovely, welcoming caravans/motorhomes and tents. The pitches were reasonably priced especially if you compare it to the price of staying at a B & B or hotel.

Surprisingly easy to drive the only issue we found with the motorhome was that we should have taken bikes. Use of a bike would have given us more freedom as the site we stayed on was a short drive away from shops and the lake. We took a trip out, deciding that we could 'batten down the hatches' and set off to Bowness. Other road users tend to dread being behind a motorhome, especially on the narrow, winding roads in the Lake District, although we found everyone very patient.

Staying in the UK and not being able to rely on the weather does mean that you need to plan your days, especially if you have young children that are quickly fed up. Saying this though we found no shortage of things to do and could easily have stayed entertained for longer than a weekend.

The highlight of my husband's weekend was hiring a little motor boat on Windermere, I think this was our daughter's low point as it meant being restrained for an hour, occasionally being soaked by waves created by other boats.

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