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How did the way you use your home in 2020 change?

It changed massively – suddenly all five of us were properly living there, not coming and

going. We ate every meal together for months, we all worked online in different rooms – the young were doing virtual lessons and exams, and my husband and I were working.

What were the unexpected benefits of lockdown?

We played every game we could think of, and appreciated the quietness, the calm. Life slowed down and we all felt the benefits of that. I am not sure we had ever before really had time to appreciate the house, garden and the beautiful countryside.

We worried for our parents and for everyone in city centres with no outside space. We were so lucky to have what turned out to be a very special supportive time together.

Is there anything you feel has become more, or less, important to have at home?

I feel it's less important for everything, or anything to be perfect. I have had to be much more relaxed about the house being a mess.

Have you noticed any requests from clients emerging for 2021?

Yes, specifically new mattresses, home offices, patio heaters.

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