



ABOVE: On the couple's outside decking area there's a special African-influenced outbuilding dubbed 'The Jungle'

her normal daily working hours. Nine o'clock (the time she finished) became wine o'clock (very rewarding)!

Andy had long worked continental shift patterns meaning he would work mornings, afternoons or 12-hour night shifts with just one weekend off a month.

One may cope with this better in younger years but it takes its toll eventually. Wanting more quality time, Andy started to research options for when he was in a position to retire. They wanted to downsize, release equity, add to the pension fund and be mortgage-free.

CHANGE FOR BETTER

It was when Andy plugged the words 'retirement home' into Google that park homes suddenly sprung to his attention. The more Andy and Wendy looked at different park sites – even as far as Cumbria – the more interested they became. Even more exciting, they realised that they could downsize prior to retirement. The park home they eventually purchased on Cheveley Park was easily accessible to both Andy's and Wendy's workplace.

They calculated the budget they were prepared to spend on their park home – they saw bigger and more expensive but were thrilled with the home they decided on. It had been sited on the park for one year but was brand new.

With deep rooted DIY genes, it's no surprise that Andy and Wendy have made changes to their park home! Andy revamped the walk-in wardrobe to an office and fitted new wardrobes in the bedroom.

They've changed the kitchen, put patio doors in the dining room and have constructed a special outbuilding named 'The Jungle' on the outside decking. This is Wendy's seating creation with an African influence.

In addition, they have built a bar outside, which is named 'Moo Inn'! It's a favourite of the neighbours!

Since the first moment of falling in love with their park home they still remain blissfully happy.

Although not keen gardeners they have a wonderful large plot with much given over to decking, slabs, pots and grass at the front. The views to the front enjoy the magical hills of the valley.

There is a warming sense of community spirit on the site. The neighbours are friendly and caring. It can take three hours to mow the front lawn as everyone enjoys a chat as they pass by! The residents are not in each other's pockets, but watch out for each other which is comforting. As Wendy is relatively young on the site she often offers to get shopping for others if needed. Sadly, she is currently nursing a

fractured foot and in cast – with good intentions she was taking some bread and milk to a neighbour in the dark and fell – in true form she remains bright and animated.

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When they first moved to Cheveley Park, Andy would happily go under their park home but these days he is less keen and wants to avoid the risk of getting stuck underneath! A big concern of Andy and Wendy was the cold floors they were experiencing, particularly in colder weather and the chilly floor tiles in the kitchen. Andy researched various solutions and, time and again, he came across positive feedback on Park Home Chassis Services and its PHCS SnuggerFLOOR underfloor insulation.

He compared their system with others, really liked what he saw and felt PHCS beat everything else hands down.

Andy explained: 'The surveyor, Michael, was brilliant. He turned up on time and explained everything thoroughly to us.'

'When the PHCS team carried out the installation of SnuggerFLOOR underfloor insulation, they explained everything to us, worked solidly, we couldn't fault them!'

He added: 'The PHCS team is totally professional in their appearance, conduct and knowledge.'