

Episode 6

We are done! The village is complete and we are happy with the final results. All the little folk have accepted their roles and every man, woman, child and reindeer are pleased to be part of our 2022 Christmas village.



The last major challenge was the harbour area, which turned out just fine despite my initial concerns over a lower level.



One of our biggest discussion points relates to the bases on the various pieces and figures. Should they be disguised or just left as they are? This is where “villaging” collides with “modelling” in my eyes. We are not trying to create a true to life representation but an imaginary world of fantasy and magic. However our decision is to disguise the bases where possible but each to their own!



Our village is a real mish mash of old and new, Dickensian and modern and

all get along in harmony. One up to date character is the lady taking a photo on her mobile phone...



We wondered how the photo turned out and she was happy to share it with us!



As I've mentioned before I am always looking out for real life images that mirror village scenes. I couldn't resist posing with my cup of mulled wine on a recent visit to Cardiff Christmas market!



And the village version...



Now the village is complete we are able to welcome friends and family to visit and share our passion for villaging. The children are enthralled by the lights and moving pieces. The adults are amazed at the workmanship and effort that has gone into it. It does give us a warm feeling inside to have people so kind with their praise and affection.

I have made up a little quiz for the children to complete as they study the village, How many Santas? who sells Beads and Baubles? That kind of thing.



The visitors kindly leave a small donation and with the money raised we buy gifts to take to the local hospital to support their "Gifts for patients appeal" for those in hospital and unlikely to receive visitors at this special time.



To share our villages with a wider audience many villagers take to their mobile phones to record a video. These vary from a one swoop overview to Hollywood style extravaganza (yes, that's you Jim Peters!). I have only had time to record and edit a short video on i-movie. I hope to do another video if time permits, in the meantime I hope you enjoy this video as much as I have enjoyed sharing the story of our 2022 Christmas village!. Please click on the link below.

<https://youtu.be/nKp22c0IEFk>

Cheers!

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