

Ready yourselves as **The Real Housewives of Cheshire** is returning to our screens with an exciting new face

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The Real Housewives of Cheshire are back and ready to bring even more raucous fun and socially distanced drama to the screen! Series 12 of the hit ITVBe show launches next month and will be followed by the highly anticipated Reunion show this winter.

Dawn Ward, Ester Dohnalová, Hanna Kinsella, Lauren Simon, Nicole Sealey, Rachel Lugo, Seema Malhotra & Tanya Bardsley will all return for the brand-new series. However, there is a surprise in store for the ladies when they are joined by a bombshell, new housewife, **Lystra Adams**.

Born in Guyana, South America, Lystra originally moved to the UK at the age of 20 to follow a holiday romance! The model, property investor, entrepreneur and mother to daughter Jasmine - also a model - has been a regular in the Cheshire social scene for years and is finally taking up residence in the Golden Triangle.

Lystra is already friends with a number of the Housewives and is a successful investor in the recently established 202 Kitchen, in Manchester.

Lystra Adams commented, "Joining *The Real Housewives of Cheshire* is a dream come true! Being able to join my friends on screen to share the laughter and witness the drama first hand has been eye opening but I'm not shy, I'm ready for anything!"

There is never a dull moment in Cheshire, and following Lystra's arrival, viewers can expect plenty of laughter, copious amounts of glamour and more gossip than you can handle!

The new series picks up straight after the UK lockdown was eased. Hanna's revelation that she is expecting her first child - a true lockdown baby - lifts the spirits of the housewives, as does Nicole's walk down the aisle as she renews her wedding vows. Rachel and Tanya explore new business ventures, whilst Seema also attempts to find the perfect partners for her two sons. However, the series also takes a turn as Lauren learns to cope with a devastating loss and Dawn reacts to the Ward family's brush with coronavirus.

Amanda Stavri, Commissioning Editor, Factual Entertainment, ITV added:

"After a difficult summer in which everyone's lives have been affected by COVID-19, we're excited to see The Real Housewives of Cheshire return to ITVBe whilst reflecting the unprecedented times that we are living in. Seeing the Housewives back on our screens is the escapism we all need right now and we can't wait to catch up on the latest gossip over the coming weeks."

Mike Swindells, Executive Producer, Monkey, explained:

"Getting back into production has been fantastic for everyone involved and, although we've faced new challenges, the Housewives have been as entertaining as ever whilst adapting to our new ways of working. We're also incredibly excited to welcome Lystra in to the fold and I can promise viewers that she was born to be a Housewife!"

The Real Housewives of Cheshire is made by BAFTA-winning producer Monkey, an NBCUniversal International Studios company, which is a division of Universal Studio Group. The series is executive produced by David Granger and Mike Swindells for Monkey. It has been recommissioned by ITV's Paul Mortimer, Head of Digital Channels and Acquisitions and Amanda Stavri, Commissioning Editor, Factual Entertainment, ITV.

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