

## Abbey Clancy: Celebrity Homes Press Pack

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### **Show Synopsis**

Model Abbey Clancy is heading behind the doors of some of the world's most stylish and exclusive homes, to meet the famous and successful celebrities who share her passion for interior design in Abbey Clancy's Celebrity Homes.

Nothing is off limits as Abbey gets an exclusive peek inside these incredible abodes as she delves into their home lives and the inspirations behind the designs. We will hear the personal stories behind their treasured possessions and gain a rare insight into their personal lives in this warm, fun and revealing series.

Episode 1 features fellow model Jodie Kidd and singer Heidi Range.

***Credit: New series Abbey Clancy: Celebrity Homes airs on ITVBe and ITVX on October 12th***

## **Abbey Clancy Press Pack Interview**

### **How does it feel to be back on screens and presenting your very own series?**

It's actually a little nerve-racking, I had three of my four children so close together and then we had the pandemic so being back on screen feels like a big deal for me so I've put a fair bit of pressure on myself as this show has my name attached to it so I really want to make sure I really deliver.

This show is my dream job, interior design is one of my greatest passions so I feel very lucky to be given the opportunity to have a nose around people's houses. For me, the best thing about this show is meeting new people and picking up design tips and techniques along the way.

### **Can you tell us how the opportunity to host this new series came about?**

When the opportunity arose, I jumped at the chance to do it. I think through some of the recent projects I've done my passion for interiors has become apparent so I'm really pleased to be presenting a show I feel so passionate about.

### **As well as your work as a model and broadcaster unbeknownst to many you have a real passion for interior design, can you tell us when this first started?**

I've always loved homes and interiors, ever since I was a little girl I'd make things or be moving the furniture around. Growing up my Mum was incredibly creative, when we were little she used to take us to this huge fabric warehouse called El Kilo in Liverpool and we would sift through big baskets of fabric and she would let us pick the material she would make into our bedding or curtains. I used to sing and dance when I was little and my Mum would also design and create my outfits so growing up around someone so creative later became a huge inspiration.

I love making a house a home, for over ten years I lived a very transient life with Peter where we were living up and down the country in rental properties so I could never really put my own stamp on things but wherever I went, I always made sure wherever we were felt like a home.

Going onto build our own house has taught me so much, you learn a lot along the way. I've always loved going to antique fairs and auctions. I love finding a bargain and I don't think you need to break the bank to make a beautiful home. Naturally I'm a maternal person and love nothing more than being a host so I always want to ensure people feel comfortable and welcome in my home.

### **What can viewers expect to see in this new series if you had to sum it up?**

With this show, there really is something for everyone, although some of the houses aren't my particular taste, it's eye opening seeing what makes people's houses a home. Through spending time with different people in their homes you get a rare and upclose insight into their personal stories and journeys which is so interesting. Through their interiors I've been able to get a deeper look into who these people really are as individuals which has been a real privilege.

Some of the houses I've been in have completely blown my mind. I went to one celebrity house which is honestly my dream house. There was a donkey in the dining room which was just incredible, the owner has got two donkeys which just roam in and out of the house.

There's something for everyone, whether you're a minimalist or a maximalist, there's everything from antiques to donkeys.

### **Although each of the houses were all incredibly different in their own right, which ones were you blown away by in particular?**

I've got two favourites and they're completely opposite ends of the spectrum. I loved Lorna Luxe's house because it really surprised me. I'm not one for modern architecture because I always felt they weren't homely and could be a little cold. Lorna's house really blew my mind, although it was big, bold and imposing it still felt warm at the same time. The way Lorna used the space, textures and materials to complement one another was just fab.

The other home I adored was Alice Temperley's. It's a beautiful period property, I love the flint, it's so unique, the shapes, the land it's set upon, the animals, everything about her home is so sincere. Everything about the house is so true to her, it's a real representation of her style which I find incredibly inspirational. It's a mixture of texture and glamour which exudes her own personal storytelling which I think is the very essence of good interior design.

### **Who and what are you most inspired by when it comes to your own home?**

Instagram is obviously a great source of inspiration but I love rooting through magazines too. Travel is another thing I'm hugely inspired by, different cultures and pieces that I can bring back and incorporate into my own home I find really special. I love antique fairs and finding something that someone might consider as a piece of junk and bringing it home and styling it alongside other pieces in my home. I like every piece to tell a story.

**You're firing on all cylinders as a mum, podcaster, model, author, TV presenter and designer, is there anything you haven't done that you'd like to have a go at?**

Life is all about adventure and trying new things, the older I get I'm more aware of what's out there and what you can achieve. Meeting the celebrities as part of this series has inspired me, Jodie Kidd for example has gone from iconic supermodel to race car driver to pilot to polo player.

I think if you have different passions you should try and explore as many as possible, I'm an advocate for reading as much as I can too. We should all put as much information as possible into our minds to ensure we know what's going on in the world. I'm always up for new things and an adventure.

**If you had to describe your own personal style when it comes to interior design how would you summarise it?**

Eclectic and classic.

**Fans of yours and Peter's podcast have loved getting an insight into family life, who calls the shots when it comes to designing and styling your home?**

The house is my domain, Pete gets involved if there is a fun element to it for example if its a bar, a playroom, a swimming pool or an outside kitchen but anything else is all down to me.

I play the game sometimes and let him think it's his idea but he doesn't get a say really.

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