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Some Of The Best Things That Happened In 2018



You know when you hit a certain point in your mid-late twenties when life suddenly feels like everything is just falling into place? For me 2018 was that year and I definitely think it's been my best yet.

Like any other year there have been a few lows but thankfully my year was mainly full of highs so I wanted to do a quick run through of some of the best things that happened to me in 2018. 2019 sure has a lot to live up to.

Luke officially moved in with me

Although Luke had been half living with me through some of 2017, March 2018 saw him move in officially along with all his stuff. I'm so happy with where we are as a couple and I'm also so happy at how well we seem to live together. We've had a few little disagreements but no arguments (although I'm sure that's still to come) and we work well as a unit.

On 9th November it was mine and Luke's 2nd year anniversary and we celebrated with a really nice meal at Miller and Carter steakhouse and then a couples massage which seems to be an annual tradition for us now.



I sold my flat and have started preparations for moving

Me and Luke made some good choices towards our future and our future home during 2018. It started with a trip to the Grand Designs Live show in May where we got so much home inspiration and started detailing some ideas we had.

The real savings started in October when I sold my old car, I say old it was only 18 month's old but I started driving Luke's Mercedes and we just didn't need two cars and a van, but the great thing is my dad bought it off me so it's staying in the family.

At the start of November I made the first steps in selling my flat which is both incredibly exciting but also pretty scary as I'd been there 7 years in October and it's a whole chapter of my life about to close. This started with a valuation which you can read more about [here](#). Once it was valued the flat was all sorted and up on the market and it sold within less than 4 days which is absolutely crazy. I'm going to be doing a post very soon about the process of selling my flat.



I got a new job which I love

One of the biggest things I wanted to achieve in 2018 was to get a new job as I wasn't 100% happy where I had been and I felt it was time to move on. I put a lot of effort into revamping my CV and it paid off as at the end of March I started my brand new job at ASOS and I absolutely love it there. It's incredible to work for a company who truly care and I work with such an amazing group of people.

I had previously been writing for a lot of online publications but just after Download Festival, I stepped down from my position editing Mosh/ Hit The Floor as I was starting to feel like I was losing creativity there and that's no fun.

I got three new tattoos

I didn't have any major tattoo plans for 2018 but I ended up getting three new ones. At the end of March I got a small tattoo which I'd been meaning to get for a while which is inspired by Tim Burton. While in Edinburgh I got another tattoo done by an artist in the city and I am in love with it, even my mum's said it's the prettiest one I have.

Then I got my latest tattoo which is a beautiful Mandala design from Aaron Anthony who works at The Circle in London. I am so happy with how it came out as it's something I'd wanted for a while.



I got out of the UK three times

Just before Valentine's Day me and Luke had a quick weekend trip to Luxembourg where we saw the city, had a massage and just relaxed in the city. [Read more about my trip here.](#)

For our main trip of the year I took Luke to New York for his first trip to the States and we had a fantastic four days exploring the city and eating loads of food. Check out my ultimate itinerary post [here](#). I absolutely love New York and it's always a pleasure to head back to the city.

Then at the very beginning of August me and my best friend went to Romania on a Dracula tour which was incredible and we managed to see so much more than if we'd done the trip on our own. [Read more about my trip to Romania here.](#)



I did some travelling in the UK

I've said for quite a few years that I wanted to explore the UK a bit more and I managed a few weekends away in the UK which was really nice. At the end of April me and Luke headed to the Isle of Wight for a relaxing weekend away. [Take a read about our weekend away here.](#)

Over the early May Day Bank Holiday I took Luke to Edinburgh for the first time and we had a great three days seeing the city and I got to do some things I'd never done before. You can read more about my trip [here](#). I was lucky enough to work with quite a few brands during my trip which was an absolute pleasure.

I headed to Aberystwyth with Luke and his parents to see his sister before she finished her masters and it was such a warm sunny weekend. Me and Luke headed on a relaxing weekend glamping to Cuckoo Down Farm at the beginning of July and it was nice to just relax and get away. [Take a read about the glamping here.](#)

In Mid August me and Luke went to York for his first trip and we had such a good weekend exploring the city and I got to do some things I'd never done before. You can read more about my trip [here](#). Then me and Luke went to Winchester on a festive day trip out and it made me feel so festive after going around the markets and heading back to the Panto. [Check out my festive day trip post here.](#)



I was a tourist in London a lot more

I always have London bucketlists on the go as I want to explore my own city a lot more and I got to tick off a bunch of cool things this year including Chin Chin Labs, the Crème Egg Café, a tour of the Royal Albert Hall which was so interesting, The Cauldron where we did magic in order to create some Harry Potter themed cocktails and dinner at Hawksmoor.

Heathers also came to London and I managed to nab tickets to see it in September, I didn't even care that I was on my own.

I finally managed to tick climbing the O2 off my bucket list, all thanks to Love London Pop Up's who organised it. [Take a read of my post here.](#) I proved I can bake as near the end of June I took part in The Big London Bake where my collaborated tart came second place and I was very happy with that score. [Check out my creation here.](#)



I went to some great festivals and gigs

Over the late May Bank Holiday I went to both Leeds and London's Slam Dunk Festivals and it was such a great festival with Hatfield moving locations and it had way more of a festival vibe. I headed back to Camden Rocks festival after a few year's away and it was great to see Mallory Knox again and I got to see The Faim who are fast becoming one of my favourite bands. At the beginning of June I headed to Download festival with one of my friends for yet another hot and sunny Download. Check out why I loved Download [here](#). On 1st July me and Luke headed to Community Festival and experienced what must have been the hottest festival all year.

We headed to 2000 trees for the very first time and although it was only a day it was so much fun that we've already bought our 2019 tickets. In Mid August me and Luke went to [Rize Festival](#) which was used to be V Festival for a day where we managed to see so many great acts including Bastille, Sean Paul and Rag'n'Bone Man. At the end of August me and Luke went to Victorious Festival in Portsmouth which I'd been meaning to go to for ages. It did rain a lot but the day as a whole was so much fun.

At the end of June I finally got to see Taylor Swift and her show at Wembley Stadium was incredible. I got to see [Bibby Clyro](#) play an acoustic set at the Royal Albert Hall and it was an incredible show. At the end of November I saw Bring Me The Horizon three times on their latest tour and it was so good. I absolutely love the band and they're such a big part of my life.



I pushed forward more with my blog

I bought a new layout for my blog in January and had a bit of an overhaul and I am so happy with how it looks now, although I'm always looking for things to tweak and change. I bet in the next few month's I'll be overhauling it again.

I started an advanced journalism course in July and it's nice that I'm continuing to learn things and develop my skills as a writer.

I managed to do eight Christmas gift guides this Christmas and I was a lot more prepared with them than I had been previous years. I bought a pair of soft box lights as my next aim is to master and improve my photography so I'm going to be playing around with these a lot.

Blogging Collabs

I was lucky enough to work with a lot of amazing brands in 2018 and here are just some of them:

Original Smokehouse ([post here](#)), Axe Throwing/ Formula 1 simulation Driving ([post here](#)), Leesa Mattress ([post here](#)), The Great Northern Pub ([post here](#)), Megabus ([post here](#)), Leighton's ([post here](#)), Piano Works ([post here](#)), Holiday Extras ([post here](#)), New York City Pass ([post here](#)), Big Bus Tours ([post here](#)), Lock'D Escape Rooms ([post here](#)), The Gate Restaurant ([post here](#)), The Galvin at the Athenaeum ([post here](#)), Haymarket Hub Hotel ([post here](#)), Stockbridge Restaurant ([post here](#)), Mercat Tours ([post here](#)), Trip Advisor ([post here](#)), Debenhams ([post here](#)), Visit York ([posts here](#)) Hotels.com ([post here](#)), Track Days ([post here](#)), Purezza ([post here](#)), Visit Winchester ([post here](#)), MOD Pizza ([post here](#)), Ma Petite Jamaica ([post here](#)) and Cineworld Watford.

I got my first Instagram only sponsored campaign in early October and it makes me happy that although I don't do much on the platform someone likes my thread enough to want to run campaigns on there.

How was your 2018?

ALL ABOUT ME



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