

What is it with Men and their Shoes?

Everyone knows about Imelda Marcos and her passion for footwear, and we suspect that deep down, most women are budding Imeldas. But what about men? Are they careless about what they put on their feet or do they have deep feelings about their pedestrian appurtenances?

We asked Joe Elgie, the 36 year old boyfriend of Neil's daughter, Hannah, to answer some pertinent questions.



1. Do you know how many pairs of shoes you have off the top of your head? *No.*

2. Take a moment and think. Can you remember?
About 12 pairs, I think.

3. Do you have a best pair? *Yes*

4. Describe them.

Basically just trainers. 70% of my shoes are trainers, but this pair is made of recycled materials which is why I bought them.

5. How much will you pay for shoes?

This pair cost about £60, and most of them are in the same price region.

6. Have you a favourite pair?

Yes, the latest pair is always the favourite. I tend to wear them until they fall apart but I hate chucking old pairs out. I get attached to them. There is a life-cycle. Best shoes get worn and become mediocre, then get relegated to working shoes.

7. Where do you buy?

This latest pair I bought on the internet, but I buy at regular shoe shops and markets, if they catch my eye. It is often down to my mood phases.

8. How do you decide what to wear?

They form groups. Smart casual for pubs or clubs; smart for interviews, weddings, etc., work shoes and boots, and I have slippers for indoors.



9. Are shoes important to you?

Yes, but they don't rule my life.

10. What criteria do you have when purchasing?

They have to look equally good from the top and from the side, but mostly the top as I am the one who looks down at them most. They have to express my personality and my individuality.

Joe's trainers made of recycled materials