

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?

Here is another subject in this occasional series and we have asked Richard Bell (aged 31) to answer some questions. Richard is the Parish of Greenford Magna Webmaster.



1. Do you know how many pairs of shoes you have off the top of your head?

Yes, erm... Let me think...

2. Take a moment and think. Can you remember?

Two smart black pairs, two pairs of trainers, gardening shoes and a brown pair for every other occasion.

3. Do you have a best pair?

Yes, its amazing how quickly best pairs become gardening shoes.

4. Describe them.

A pair of very boring black shoes that wear for work on smart occasions and other smart occasions.

5. How much will you pay for shoes?

£50 for a good pair.

6. Have you a favourite pair?

At the moment my brown pair are my favourite (as shown in the photo below). They are not very practical but they are very comfortable.

7. Where do you buy?

That's a good question! I tend to have to shop around because most shops don't sell shoes in my size. I have size 12 but a very narrow foot, which tends to make them very expensive. I have paid £80 for some shoes. I have found ebay very good for trainers.

8. How do you decide what to wear?

Normally, comfort above anything else. I have to walk to and from the station to get to work so I need to have a good pair of shoes.



9. Are shoes important to you?

Yes. A bad pair of shoes can set the mood for your whole day. A good pair can make you feel set up for the day.

10. What criteria do you have when purchasing?

Number One is finding a size that fits properly and is comfortable, which is usually very difficult for me. Secondly, is price.