

Home again, and thankful!

Thank you, Victoria @DollyScoobs, and @c22cuk , and everyone who supported me through this storm. I am safely home now, and deeply, quietly happy.

What an experience it has been. I must say, there is nothing wrong with prisons themselves. I was in Grade A at Bronzefield, and to my surprise, it was almost peaceful and well-organised. Not without occasional noise, of course, but not at all like the dark, violent images we see on television.

I met many interesting, genuine, and generous women, some serving serious sentences, yet still full of compassion. Many have been failed not by the prison, but by the system that left them behind long before: homelessness, trauma, poverty, loneliness.

When I was discharged, my bank cards had been lost, but found later. As I waited, one of the girls took money out of her bag and offered it to me! She had almost nothing herself, yet still wanted to help. ❤️ That moment of kindness, in such a place, says everything about the human spirit.

I spent my time in the “*Jailbirds*” Craft Department. The hat I’m wearing now was made by Kath, who sold it to me for £10 (which goes to the prison). I made some things too. The creativity in that small room, the laughter, the skill, gave me strength.

The facilities surprised me: a clean cell, an Educational Department, Library, fruit and salad every day. The food wasn’t to my taste, but it was humane, and that matters.

A huge thank you to Katie, @SpotlightJustiz, who met me at the gates and drove me all the way back to the North East. We talked the whole journey about life, loss, and purpose. She is an extraordinary woman, shaped by her own tragedy, and all her life living with courage of helping others.

My gratitude also to my husband, my dear friend Sheila, to the team at @OpenLawProject, and everyone who stood beside me. These are the *real heroes* of our time, not celebrities, but people of integrity and conscience.

Thank you to Nataly Anderson and Yasmin (whose account was sadly suspended) for visiting me, and to Victoria @DollyScoobs for the joyful messages and “Bite into Happiness” biscuits. I’ll share them with Ella. ❤️

To Sheila @sheilaoliver16 again, for your card and the book *The Tao of Pooh and Piglet* touched my heart. You inspire me with your honesty and your fight for change.

To Nina for her courageous card and a book by Ryan Holiday “Courage is calling” with a lot of references to historical events.

Thank you to Jonathan for such a meaningful card and the efforts of writing in Russian language, and thank you for Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn’s book. Books like that make our history.

I was also moved to receive a letter from Russian poet Svetlana Lavrenteva. I'll translate it soon. Her words are full of courage and soul. Poets like her are revolutionary spirits.

Now I am preparing for another hearing on 14 November. It is "public," yet I am still under restrictive Orders. I cannot name myself or my daughter (Ella is not her real name), but I will keep writing, and I will keep shining light on truth.

This system is a shambles, but I am not defeated. I will continue to prepare my statements carefully and to document every step. The truth matters, and it will endure.

Thank you all for your letters, messages, cards, and unshakable kindness. You gave me courage in the darkest days. Together, we are on a mission not of anger, but of transformation to make this broken system answer to justice, and to humanity itself.

With love,

Luba 🌿

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