

Jo-Ann's Homebirth Experience

This is about my second homebirth. My first one with my eldest son Felix, which wasn't planned but the homebirth midwives were amazing and got to us just in time to deliver him. They recommended that I consider a planned homebirth if I decided to have another child. When I next got pregnant we did go for the planned homebirth and it was such an amazing experience.

It was lovely to have our midwife come to our home and get to know her. We had a lovely lady, our son Felix enjoyed trying to rummage through her bag at each visit! We got given a home birthing kit to keep safe and all we needed to provide was towels and tarpaulin to protect our carpet!

Dylan decided that he was going to come quicker than Felix did and from my first contraction took only three hours to make an entrance.

It was however in the middle of the night. We let our midwife know as soon as contractions started and she phoned us to check how things were going. We phoned her back 10 minutes later asking her to come as I decided quite quickly that I needed gas and air! She got to us in time and called for the second midwife to come, another lovely lady. Dylan was shortly delivered in our living room, my husband was calm throughout and I felt relaxed and in control.

Just after 4am on Saturday 27 April I was sat in my lounge cuddling Dylan, eating toast and drinking a lovely cup of tea. It was so peaceful.

All the checks were done, I had a bit of stitching done, mess was cleared up and the living room was back to normal. Felix slept through it and woke up at about 6am. We were all soon snuggled on the sofa.

It was such a lovely experience and I do hope more people make use of this wonderful service provided.