MORE CONNECTED BUT LIVING ALONE?

How we live, where we spend our time with friends and family has undoutobly changed. In part this is to do with the shift in how we 'connected' we have become as a society.

In a society that is more connected than previous generations could ever have conceived homes in Britain are getting smaller, the way we live and the 'quality' of our homes is being impacted. With average house prices increasing, people having smaller families and more single working professionals perhaps chosing not to have families its no great surprise that the average house size in Britain is a mere 76m2, tiny compared to the average Canadian home, 181m2. The combined knock on effect of smaller houses and a more connected society means we rarely entertain friends and family in our homes. Because we are all connected via social media and our smart phones we don't just pop round to eachothers houses to hang out and catch up.

Insetead we simply, usually last minute, drop a text or message organising to meet somewhere miutual, a coffee shop or bar. It becomes a catch twenty-two situation where we don't have guests round to our houses because they arent 'appropriate' for entertaining. But then why would thye need to be when we live in such a connected society? Why have homes suitable for inviting groups of friends around when we can simply organise to meet somewhere mutual - especially when small homes are so expensive in big cities let alone large welcoming homes.

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