



Bad Move Returns To ITV This Autumn

ITV comedy **'Bad Move'** returns to the channel for a second series this autumn with six brand new episodes and an additional Christmas special to air over the festive period.

An Open Mike Production written by Jack Dee and Pete Sinclair, **'Bad Move'** stars *Jack Dee* as Steve and *Kerry Godliman* as his wife Nicky who play a couple both on their second marriages, who have decided that moving to the Yorkshire countryside from the city is the answer to all their dreams.

Joining Jack and Kerry and returning for series two will be neighbours Matt (*Miles Jupp*) and Meena (*Manjinder Virk*), local rock star Grizzo (*Seann Walsh*), father in-law Ken (*Philip Jackson*), the local shopkeeper Shannon (*Sue Vincent*), Bronson (*George Somner*) and Alice (*Thelma Ruby*).

In this second series, the rose-tinted fantasy of an idyllic country lifestyle proves to be further away than ever from Nicky and Steve. Their crumbling wreck of a house continues to throw problems at them - they have to deal with everything from an infestation of moths to a septic tank that's 'backing up' as Ken charmingly puts it.

Nicky and Steve's efforts to get on with the villagers fare no better. A charity dine-off with Matt and Meena ends in disaster, and when Ken is made President of the Garthdale Bowls Club, Steve's attempts to ingratiate himself backfire spectacularly. Even when they find themselves on the same side as the rest of the village for an anti-fracking campaign, an unexpected development presents Nicky and Steve with a major dilemma. And Steve is further put to the test when he is chosen to play a key role in The Lantern Man Festival – an annual village tradition, the sinister origins of which are lost in the mists of time.

The first series proved to be a ratings success for the channel with an impressive 4.9m* tuning in for episode one. This made it the highest rated comedy on television that week, the series averaged over 4 million viewers.

Bad Move series 2 is an Open Mike Production commissioned by ITV comedy controller Saskia Schuster. Written by Jack Dee and Pete Sinclair, series 2 is directed by Adam Miller, produced by Debs Pisani and executive produced by Andrew Beint.

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