



**Russell:**

I first met him on the Stockport viaduct in the pouring rain. He'd just moved back to Manchester and was having a 'Welcome Back' party. So he invited me on Facebook clearly knowing that I couldn't come because I was miles away in Southampton.

So I messaged his housemate Craig and said 'I really want to come and surprise him' because until that moment we'd talked on the phone all day every day...and I just had to meet him. So I left early morning to get a train from Southampton, no sorry, a coach from Southampton to London then changeover and get another coach from London to Manchester and the traffic was horrendous so it took almost eleven hours. So after about five hours, Martyn had somehow found out and messaged me saying "I know you are coming – can't wait to see you!" and I thought 'Oh great, the surprise is ruined'.

So yeah – I arrived at Stockport coach station which is literally outside the Hat Museum and he was stood on the top of the bridge, it was pouring with rain and when I saw him in the distance I thought 'Oh my God, I've just come across the country on a bloody coach – what if I don't get on with him?' Then we met and he threw his arms around me and erm...I just...it sounds so cringe but I fell in love with him straight away.