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I go abroad and left them to do what they would like, and results are much better than expected. | | | | | *Host Name:*Snjezana and Nenad | *Host Listing:*[click here](https://www.helpx.net/host.asp?hostID=37449) | |  | | *Network:*Europe | *Date:*July 21, 2017 | |  | | If we'd like to describe the best helpers Karen and John would be a true image of that. For them there are no difficult tasks, and They don't spend any time idling. we couldn't ask for better helpers. It is really hard to describe our content with them, All that I'd say, seems like understatement. Karen and John we wish you all the best in life and hope to see you again. Snjezana and Nenad | | | | | *Host Name:*Phil Riley | *Host Listing:*[click here](https://www.helpx.net/host.asp?hostID=10962) | |  | | *Network:*Europe | *Date:*July 7, 2017 | |  | | Karen & John worked hard and got a lot done in the relatively short time they were here. As more mature volunteers they have plenty of skills and can turn their hands to most jobs. They took a real interest in my little corner of Croatia and spent their free time exploring or talking to the locals, with regular trips to the river to cool off in the hot weather. | | | | | *Host Name:*Tracy Egeberg | *Host Listing:*[click here](https://www.helpx.net/host.asp?hostID=32311) | |  | | *Network:*Europe | *Date:*May 21, 2017 | |  | | If Helpexing was an Olympic sport Karen and John would win Gold every day ...!!!!... They both have fantastic energy and enthusiasm to do an amazing job. They worked as hard as if our house was their own and had great idea's ....John built a pergola with flower boxes to divide the terrace ....he also made some beautiful stone steps and landscaped the whole area in a day !!..plus much more. Karen totally transformed the front of the house and has incredible attention to detail she taught me the art of stone placement !! ( It makes a difference ) and uprooted the very last weed and bramble.  They were also lovely people to spend time with, we really appreciate all of their help and hope to catch up again in the future | | | | | *Host Name:*Hanan | *Host Listing:*[click here](https://www.helpx.net/host.asp?hostID=50327) | |  | | *Network:*Europe | *Date:*April 19, 2017 | |  | | We enjoyed having Karen & John staying with us.  They stayed with us for 9 days and we wish it had been longer.  They were motivated and very proficient workers and good company as well!! They were able to solve some issues we had In the bathrooms and complete a few other projects. We would welcome them back at any time. | | | | | *Host Name:*Sarah Lawson | *Host Listing:*[click here](https://www.helpx.net/host.asp?hostID=3296) | |  | | *Network:*Europe | *Date:*April 6, 2017 | |  | | If Karen and John offer to help you would be VERY foolish not to accept. They are the best helpers we have ever had (except my husband and I married him to keep him helping!) we have accepted helpers for 10 years so have had lots but Karen and John truly are as good as their references state, for us John completely rebuilt the chicken enclosure all alone and Karen weeded the patio area one handed as she has broken her wrist, I can't imagine how amazing she must be when Karen has both hands at her disposal! Good luck on your adventures and we hope to keep in contact with you both | | | | | *Host Name:*Simo & Karim | *Host Listing:*[click here](https://www.helpx.net/host.asp?hostID=45090) | |  | | *Network:*International | *Date:*March 2, 2017 | |  | | Karen and John were simply the best Helpx experience we had actually :),as much as we liked their beautiful team spirit as their company’s were great workers ,parents, interesting warm company... John helped us a lot with fixing anything broken in the house, electricity, carpentering, gardening, washing dishes, cleaning apartments...etc.. Karen was a really caring person :),she helped, cared about us and the house :).Karen was efficient at her work, very organised person, she took care a lot, kitchen all the time clean, stairs ,baths, apartments, the terrace always shining...etc. and the best part is that she/they left beautiful mark indeed for us, planting seeds, nutriture ones :) we are looking forward to see them and taste Karen and John's veg :). Thank you, thank you and thank you very very much dear friends and family :),you left a great impression and made difference :). Wish you best of luck on your interesting & fabulous travel. Our House will be always opened for you at anytime. Simo & Karim ;). | | | | | *Host Name:*Susan Twining | *Host Listing:*[click here](https://www.helpx.net/host.asp?hostID=8236) | |  | | *Network:*Europe | *Date:*February 7, 2017 | |  | | John was here for 5 weeks while Karen was visiting family. He was fantastic and we are very grateful for his work and looking after the property while we were away. I returned to an immaculate house, property, tool shed and completed job list. The greatest recommendation I can give is that of my neighbour Mario who was overseeing work on restoring and maintaining the stone walls. This was a physically demanding job that took the best part of three weeks. Mario, a hard taskmaster, was most impressed!   John is a highly skilled (mechanical, plumbing, carpentry) and quick worker able to turn his hand to a whole range of tasks. Thank you for all your efforts, John, and I am glad you were able to enjoy your time here, my only regret is not having had more time with you and not meeting Karen also. | | | | | *Host Name:*Max | *Host Listing:*[click here](https://www.helpx.net/host.asp?hostID=15794) | |  | | *Network:*Europe | *Date:*November 29, 2016 | |  | | Karen and John are superb helpers. All the references about them have no exaggeration, it's all truth! They are extremely hardworking people with much of experience in building and gardening. For 2 weeks they helped us with numerous of tasks which required a lot of professional-level skills (drywall arch ceiling, brickwork, repairing asphalt, etc.) Thank you for your positive energy! | | | | | *Host Name:*Ian Wright & Kate Ludolf | *Host Listing:*[click here](https://www.helpx.net/host.asp?hostID=9586) | |  | | *Network:*Europe | *Date:*November 11, 2016 | |  | | John and Karen were excellent! They were with us just over 2 weeks and in that time they built a 12 metre long stone wall (a long outstanding task), cut down a huge tree (more than 40 ft [13 metres]), dug out about 30 metres of path and put down hardcore (prior to concreting next year), as well as helping around the house at mealtimes, cooking, gardening and generally tidying up. It was pretty impressive in about 2 weeks. If they come your way ... grab them! | | | | | *Host Name:*Nan and Jens Sigsgaard | *Host Listing:*[click here](https://www.helpx.net/host.asp?hostID=42131) | |  | | *Network:*Europe | *Date:*September 26, 2016 | |  | | John and Karen stayed with us for 3 fabulous weeks. They transformed our farm. They are incredibly hard working, great to talk to and work with and have a HUGE range of skills between them.(Jobs covered with us ranged from: fixing machinery, lots of fencing, wood cutting, glazing, strimming, landscaping, gardening, jamming, cooking, baking, child care, sewing, B&B work, painting and much much more!). They are SUPER initiative takers, getting on with jobs that we hadn't even thought of; but always "checking-in" with us first with anything that they were a little unsure of. If you get the opportunity to host these two wonderful people.... TAKE IT (And start writing your job wish list now!!) Enjoy!  Thanks, so much for everything John and Karen. You are welcome back any time... we look forward to keeping in touch and hearing more of your adventures.  Best wishes, Nan and Jens | | | | | *Host Name:*elke drewanz | *Host Listing:*[click here](https://www.helpx.net/host.asp?hostID=15072) | |  | | *Network:*Europe | *Date:*September 25, 2016  *Edited:*September 25, 2016 | |  | | Karen and John were 2 weeks in our family and in this time our plot/terrain was free from weed, tidy up around, repaired the tractor..... They worked so fast and efficient. I never had so busy helpers!!!! And also we spent time together: in the evenings by fire, with interesting talks, with friends and family. It was a very nice time with you. Be welcome every time! Good luck for your travel! Elke and Rudi | | | | | *Host Name:*Fleur | *Host Listing:*[click here](https://www.helpx.net/host.asp?hostID=27755) | |  | | *Network:*Europe | *Date:*August 13, 2016 | |  | | Karen 7 john came in with a lot of good energy. No job seemed to big for them. No day long enough. I would have liked them to stay for the whole year! Karen did and found all kinds of smaller and bigger jobs from DIY to gardening. John was the master of the rebuild of a shed in my garden. Learning other helpers how to build and setting down a good work atmosphere. So thank you so very much for staying and helping out! And do come back when you are in the area!  Safe and good travels! | | | | | *Host Name:*Christine Doonan | *Host Listing:*[click here](https://www.helpx.net/host.asp?hostID=19988) | |  | | *Network:*Europe | *Date:*July 22, 2016 | |  | | John and Karen are a wholesome dedicated team who worked strenuously for me and I cannot sing their praises highly enough. Both John and Karen are energetic end enthusiastic about any job and if I don't lay out jobs they can use their own initiative to carry on. They have more energy than teenagers. I am indebted to them for their help and very great foul for the foundations they put in for further progress. Much appreciated. | | | | | *Host Name:*Lynne | *Host Listing:*[click here](https://www.helpx.net/host.asp?hostID=46535) | |  | | *Network:*Europe | *Date:*July 20, 2016 | |  | | Karen and John are simply fantastic! They are the nicest couple to have around and they are such hard workers it's hard to believe they are volunteers. They have transformed many areas of our property and we all can't thank them enough for their extremely hard work and cheerful, never complaining attitudes. They work very well as a team or on their own and can turn their hand to anything. If you have the pleasure to have Karen and John come to stay with you then you will be hosting some of the best helpers you can hope to get. We miss them already and wish them all the best with their onward travels. | | | | | *Host Name:*Fritz & Josie | *Host Listing:*[click here](https://www.helpx.net/host.asp?hostID=30579) | |  | | *Network:*Europe | *Date:*June 27, 2016 | |  | | Karen & John, became in short time members of the family, do I need to tell you more about them? Great help everywhere - Garden, house, meadows, laneway, tractor and equipment - expert - name it. They left with everything around the house in pristine shape. We are very happy that we had them for a while with us. Thank you for the time with us and hopefully we see us soon again. Fritz & Josie | | | | | *Host Name:*Siobhan | *Host Listing:*[click here](https://www.helpx.net/host.asp?hostID=29877) | |  | | *Network:*Europe | *Date:*May 26, 2016  *Edited:*May 28, 2016 | |  | | Karen and John are the ideal helpers. They were so easy to have around the house and share the space. They are such a dynamic team : )) and work together so well. I particularly appreciated their motivation to just anticipate the extra details that needed to be done and put the finishing touches to every job they did as if it was their own place. John rehung my gate and post which came down (made one gate into two, handy carpentry skills) and then treated it afterward too. Karen was great with making the garden look like new and repainting. Caolan now has a tree house which he is in this moment. They transformed my space which was very thirsty for a bit of TLC. I'm back on top now.. very much appreciated. Great company too... really interested and interesting: )) and a pleasure to hang out with walking and what not. I agree with Mark and Bee anyone who has Karen and John as helpers will be very lucky. Enjoy the rest of your Journey John and Karen. | | | | | *Host Name:*Bee & Mark | *Host Listing:*[click here](https://www.helpx.net/host.asp?hostID=15602) | |  | | *Network:*Europe | *Date:*May 5, 2016  *Edited:*May 5, 2016 | |  | | Where do I start, Karen & John arrived to us just over two weeks ago and to say they took on our wish list of projects is an understatement. They have accomplished so much for us in such a short time. I would head to work and on my return I was always astounded by what had been done, John even fixed the digger for Mark which was a huge asset. No task was too much for this dynamic couple from tackling weeding, strimming the spring growth, to planting out vegetables and flowers from the polytunnel, hacking out gorse, to tidying all the debris around the property. They even accomplished a task I thought could never be done which was to tidy out the shed. It's amazing I can walk right through without breaking my neck and actually find things. Mark has been warned if he messes it up he's in big trouble. I even took photos to know if he moves things again, lol.  On more than one occasion I told them I wanted to kidnap them, as it was great to see the place finally take shape.  Who ever has the pleasure of having Karen & John come to assist them, are will be the lucky ones and you won't be disappointed?  It was a total pleasure having them stay and our door is always open to them. We wish them only the very best and hope this adventure is great for them. It a very sad goodbye to this couple. Bee & Mark | | | | | Copyright © 2001 - 2019, HelpX, All Rights Reserved | | | [contact](https://www.helpx.net/contact-us.asp) :: [disclaimer](https://www.helpx.net/disclaimer.asp) :: [terms of use](https://www.helpx.net/terms_of_use.asp) :: [visas](https://www.helpx.net/workingholidayvisas.asp) | | |