

## Amanda's encounter with Lesley-Anne

### The day I met Lesley-Anne Down

On 27th August 2011, as part of the B&B fan event in LA, I finally got the opportunity to meet a lady I have admired since I was 12 years old when I first saw her in North & South, my fave actress, Lesley-Anne Down!

After more years than I'm gonna admit to, lol, something I never thought would happen was about to. I'm from the UK, so yes you can say it is a long way to go to meet your fave lol, but hey was a one and only opportunity, so did it, paid for the B&B event, enjoyed the no A/C room, stale cookies & pretzels and not forgetting my can of soda from the drink token you get ;) and got in line to meet Lesley-Anne. That's when things started to look up!

The event was an autograph session, a chance to meet and take a pic with the actors from The Bold and the Beautiful. Lesley-Anne's line was long and busy all day, but she took the time to meet, sign photos and have her picture taken with every fan, right to the end, being lovely with all. She was also very funny throughout the day with her antics!

When my time came I was nervous because it's someone I've admired for years, but Lesley-Anne was very kind and gracious, well she was after she got through telling me off for the gift I'd brought her on behalf of TeamLAD! As you can see from the pic, I took one for the team haha lol. Then it was time for pics. Lesley-Anne was fab, she put me at ease and even signed some photos for friends who are fans and couldn't attend.

You are conscious of how many fans are waiting in line at these events, so you try and be as speedy as possible, so everyone has a turn. So I managed to do all this in 5 minutes. Which made you appreciate Lesley-Anne's patience and the time she gave during what must have been a long and exhausting day for her. It was worth the trip and I am really happy could get pics and autographs for others and share with them so they too could experience a little of the day. My only regret is that more of TeamLAD couldn't be there in person and meet the lady herself and see how beautiful, funny and nice she is.

Best of all about this day is I got to attend it with a very good friend I made as a result of being a fan of Lesley-Anne, Jules. It made the experience even more special.

So thank you Lesley-Anne for your time and above all else for the friendships I have made through being a fan of yours. These are priceless.

Sorry I can't be more enlightening as to the meeting as it was really all a blur lol. I do remember Lesley-Anne pinching our friend Anne's chips at the end of the event though, seems Lesley-Anne too found the stale pretzels on offer less than appetising!

If there is another event from The Bold and the Beautiful I would recommend to other fans paying the money to attend and to meet Lesley-Anne as part of this, 5 minutes of your life you will never remember in my case, but forget in most others lol.