



THE STORY OF A STUNTMAN

David Holmes' residence delivered the best unique experience using Crestron Home OS in last year's Crestron Europe Integration Awards' 'Best Crestron Home Project'

David Holmes, a British actor and stunt performer best known for his work in the Harry Potter franchise, suffered a severe spinal injury during a flight scene on set, leaving him permanently disabled. Despite this life-changing accident, David continues to spread awareness for others in similar situations by sharing his story through his book 'The Boy Who Lived' and the documentary 'David Holmes: The Boy Who Lived'. David also advocates for stunt performers on his podcast, 'Cunning Stunts,' highlighting the amazing work executed on movie sets.

NAME OF PROJECT:
David Holmes' Residence
REGION:
West Essex, UK
DEALER:
Custom Sight & Sound

"THIS HOUSE CHANGED MY LIFE. THE WHOLE HOUSE CAN BE CONTROLLED BY MY VOICE. AS I WAS LOSING A LIMB, I ACTUALLY GAINED ANOTHER WITH CRESTRON."

David Holmes
Homeowner



THE CHALLENGE

Crestron technology was first introduced into David's home in 2012 to help him manage his home with ease and to live independently with the help of technology to create a living space that suited his needs. To ensure his home could continue adapting to his evolving needs, a comprehensive update was completed to expand the system and enhance its functionality.

THE SOLUTION

Custom Sight & Sound (CSS) has been involved in David's home automation journey from the beginning and continued through the latest upgrade. CSS worked closely with David to ensure that every aspect of the integration process met his current needs and developed an extensive Crestron platform that enabled his home to evolve as his needs changed.

"TOGETHER, CSS AND CRESTRON HAVE TRANSFORMED MY LIFE, AND I WILL BE ETERNALLY GRATEFUL THAT I HAVE MY INDEPENDENCE REINSTALLED."

David Holmes
Homeowner

THE TECHNOLOGY

Reliability and ease of use made Crestron solutions the right choice for such a demanding and complex installation. The home was initially a custom-programmed system, but this latest upgrade introduced the Crestron Home® platform to work in tandem with the original system to provide the best experience possible. The design has been carefully tailored to David's current needs, but also provides new features or functionalities to be added as his day-to-day life evolves. David uses his voice or his ever-present iPad® tablet to control the Crestron automated lighting, shading, motorized doors and windows, as well as advanced audio-video capabilities. By upgrading these technologies, David gained the ability to manage his home effortlessly, ensuring both convenience and accessibility.

The simple smart controls of the Crestron Home platform empower David to control his environment.

Whether he is adjusting the colored lighting in the bar area, viewing security camera footage, or operating the dropdown screen in the well-loved cinema room, David can do everything from a tablet, wall-mounted Crestron touch screen, or voice control. While David originally had enjoyed touch-based controls through his tablet, today, he has grown to enjoy the voice control functionalities that make it even easier for him to manage his household for activities like opening doors and turning off lights.

All audio and video systems have been upgraded to Crestron DM NVX® AV-over-IP and DM NAX® Audio-over-IP technology, delivering high-resolution video and sound throughout the home. A home cinema was a natural addition to the home for the former stuntman who has participated in the film industry for years, and the Crestron DM NVX platform ensured impeccable sound and video. Third-party solutions are seamlessly integrated under the Crestron platform, creating a cohesive and intuitive user experience.



"THIS PROJECT IS NEAR AND DEAR TO OUR HEARTS. CRESTRON WAS SIMPLY THE ONLY OPTION. THEY WERE AND REMAIN THE ONLY MANUFACTURER WHO PROVIDED A SOLUTION FOR EACH OF DAVID'S SPECIFIC NEEDS. BEING ABLE TO UPGRADE TO CRESTRON HOME MADE A HUGE IMPACT ON DAVID'S DAILY TASKS AND ROUTINES."

Ian Bolt
*Chairman,
Custom Sight & Sound*



RESULTS

Before moving into his home, David faced limitations living on his own. The integration of smart home technology has drastically changed his lifestyle, bringing him independence and empowering him to manage his living space with ease. This high-tech home is a testament to innovation, adaptability, determination, and the power of collaboration. Through technology, Crestron was able to help provide David with a sense of independence.

"This home demonstrates the capabilities of Crestron technology, showcasing a uniquely complex yet highly functional system that continues to improve David's quality of life," says Ian Bolt, Chairman of Custom Sight & Sound.

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