

Feeling homesick? Then call in the dowzers

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Spring cleaning time is just around the corner and, despite the hard work in store, having a good old clearout can be deeply therapeutic. But if your house is making you ill, then maybe it needs more than just a facelift - it could be time to call in the dowzers.



It's odd. When Clive Silk leaves his fabulous 20-room beamed farmhouse and stays elsewhere for any length of time, he feels fine and full of vigour. But at home, despite the wonderful surroundings, he suffers disturbed sleep and an overwhelming tiredness.

It's even odder to invite two people into your home who eerily come up with an explanation, and a potential solution, for Clive's long-term problem. And it also takes a giant leap of faith.

Richard West is a professional dowser. And if you think dowzers simply perform their ancient art to find water, think again. They also claim to find what's known as geopathic stress lines - which, they explain, are 'faults in the earth's energy field caused by excavations or through natural forces such as underground flowing water'.

According to the UK-based dowzers, the earth's 'energy field', which is partly geomagnetic in composition, radiates from the earth in a series of grid lines relating to the magnetic north and south poles. They apparently run skywards - yet cannot be seen or physically felt by most of us - although their impact can be reflected in poor health. But with the right equipment - a pair of dowsing rods - they are apparently detectable.

Woe betide if you fall in the path of a damaged line. According to the dowzers a bad energy line can suppress the immune system. And a susceptibility to ME, cancer, epilepsy, MS, insomnia and exhaustion or even constant migraines, may all be worsened by these geopathic stress lines, say Ms Brown and Mr West, whose quiet assurance as they go about their business, dressed top to toe in matching black, is impressive.

