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Running an adventure holiday company form Powdermills.

Spirit of Adventure was formed in 1993 with John, my business partner, and myself and we set up Spirit of Adventure specifically to do adventure holidays for adults on Dartmoor. We first started off over the other side where we rented a cottage and a workshop and we had one desk and one computer, now we've developed that office into a bunkhouse, it's a 26 bed bunkhouse, we've moved across into this building which we're in at the moment, which is the old dairy for the farm which was connected with the Powdermills and we've got a warehouse where we keep all our stuff downstairs and up here we've got an office and we're running holidays not only in Dartmoor now but we run them all over the world.

With the old gunpowder mills here, is there a sense of being part of ...

A bit of history I suppose, yes there is because we operate over there, we actually do some searches and take the young folk over there to do some various exercises and about once every two or three years, if you go up the drive you'll see a 16 pound cannon and that is fired every couple of years, people with the black powder come down and fire cannon balls half way across the moor, they don't go half way across but you know, it's quite good fun that, and when they do fire that all the windows here shake, BOOM! And the whole building shakes when they fire the cannon balls, so yeah, history is going on.