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*What is the future for Princetown as you see it from this point of view?*

Well the residencies that we'd hoped perhaps would have been built some ten years ago are now coming to fruition, so the housing side is taking shape, and when I came up here three years ago it was actually the brainchild of a local resident Audrey Vigney who had run the Moorland Craft Exhibition for a number of years out of Princetown Primary School which, although only for a week, was very successful. And her idea was to take some of the derelict premises in the centre of the village and use those as a permanent craft and art exhibition, and I suppose it's taken three years to grow that seed of an idea into something that is just on the cusp of being a deliverable reality. And what it will be is a significant building in its own right, so it should be, to a degree, magnetic in its attractiveness to local and regional visitors, and it will house seventeen small workshops for artisan and crafts people who are really starting off, they might be working out of their back room or the garage at the moment and this will be their first business premises; two teaching studios and a gallery and exhibition space.