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The special atmosphere in the shippon.

So now we're entering the shippon, it's like a barn in effect, and it's very much as it was in its original state, I mean apart from my tools and bits and pieces and clutter, as some would say, up at the top end - and I don't know about you but it still sends a prickle down my spine coming in here, it's just a fantastic feel and I've been privileged to actually live here and be able to come out here and mess around in my workshop and do bits and pieces in here. It's like sometimes when you go into a small country church on your own, and you just walk in out of the heat of the day or something and it's just that cool silence - someone described this as like walking into a cathedral once, and it's no where near as grandiose as that, it hasn't got that sort of grand presence but it has got a huge presence and it's a bit like a country chapel in the middle of nowhere.