



### **Robin Pedron and his Tiny House.**

Elaine: So Robin, can we start off by asking how did you come to be living in a Tiny House in Ty Village?

Robin: I was looking for a place to live in Saint-Brieuc. I have found this place. My first purpose was to find just a flat but I have met the Ty Village and for me it was like a dream to, to live in a Tiny House and like a big dream to live in a village of Tiny Houses it was incredible so I said to, to the, the, the person in charge of Ty Village ....

Elaine: Aurelie?

Robin: It was not Aurelie,

Elaine: Oh, not Aurelie

Robin: Michel.

Elaine: Michel, right.

Robin: And I said to him, Oh, OK I want to go, I want to pay a rent to to live in Ty Village so now I'm here I have quit my job but I want to, to stay here and to find a professional way in Saint-Brieuc to, to stay here because I think it's for me it's like a dream and it's a good way to live.

Elaine: Very good, excellent, because I gather you were a student studying business management and ecology was it?

Robin: Yeah ...

Elaine: Environmental.

Robin: Yeah environmental studies.

Elaine: Environmental studies. So you're obviously because of the ecology idea, behind, the ecological idea behind the Tiny House scheme you're in the right place. So if you could describe, paint the picture of what it's like inside your Tiny House?

Robin: Yeah. The style of the Tiny House is a boat. It's like a boat but it's a, it's a house. There is no water but it's like there is water. The sea is not far from here but you, you can see the colours, there is blue, white and brown and there are stairs on the right side of the, of the sofa and there, there are some storage in the stairs so it's very clever. It's very, the all the space is managed to accommodate(?) the space because we don't have too much space so we have to think about every place in the tiny and it's very important to ti, to ti.....

Elaine: The stairs which have that storage, they lead up to a mezzanine which is your bedroom?

Robin: Yeah it's my bedroom. There are, it's a lovely bedroom, so the roof is amazing. I like it and there are windows on both sides so on the left side of my bed and on the right side of my bed. It's just amazing.

Elaine: What utilities do you have here?

Robin: Umm, It's like normal, normal, normal stuff so there is the water and there is electricity and there is a fridge also. For now it's normal but maybe after I will my fridge and try to live without a fridge. But the only thing different is that there is no water toilet, toilet of water, not flushing toilet. So it's a composting toilet.

Elaine: With cooking, is that gas or electric?

Robin: It's, Everything is electric.

Elaine: Everything is electric, right.

Robin: It's tiny yes.

Elaine: So what do you particularly like let's say about living in such a small place? What are the advantages?

Robin: I like this place because I can go outside very quickly. It's not like in a flat. In a flat you have to take the stairs and after you can go outside. Here it's like a house, you go outside very quickly this is also a house but you know what I mean?

Elaine: I know, I know.

Robin: It's like the size of a, of a flat but it's a house.

Elaine: It's independent.

Robin: It's independent.

Elaine: Yes.

Robin: And there are windows on every wall I very like it, it's very there are a lot of light inside and the roof is very high so you can feel the certain space there are space. But it's not like a space on the floor it's also a space of....

Elaine: ... of height.

Robin: ... of height.

Elaine: So why do you think this idea of Tiny Houses is becoming so



popular now?

Robin: Because it's I think it's not, it's not so big we, we do a big house actually and it's I think that people wants to, to live in house smaller than now to, to live more simply.

Elaine: Anything that you would change if you were in on the design process at the when they were beginning. Is there anything you would change?

Robin: Oh, yes, a lot of things I want to change because in a Tiny House there is not a lot of space and each square metre is very important so all the, all the disadvantage, all the things that I don't like become bigger and bigger because I live in it and so you know what I mean? So it not like a big house so when there is just one mistake you come you don't see it all the time but in a Tiny House when there is a mistake you see it every time.

Elaine: Every day.

Robin: Every day.

Elaine: It builds up, think ohh I must change that.

Robin: So, so, yeah, a lot of things I want to change so I think it's the joke of the Tiny House. So you build a Tiny House then you want a new one.

Elaine: ... you want to build, then you need to build it bigger maybe.

Robin: Yeah ... It can become crazy but I really like this one, but I want to change to because I want to try a new one and to try a different a way to live in another Tiny House and then after I hope build my own Tiny House.

Elaine: ...build your own? build your own? Well, I've noticed since I was here last there's three or four more have arrived, and they are each one again is different, slightly different.

Robin: Umm, yeah the purpose is not to have only one typ, type of Tiny House, we want different Tiny House, it's more rich. Yeah, that's it...

Elaine: Well, thank you very much, Robin.