

Why the Tiny house is perfect for now

On the 24th March, under glorious sunshine, the Thursday afternoon English conversation group had the opportunity to visit a Tiny House building firm called "Ty nid" based in Coueron.



The group was planning to study an article from the Guardian newspaper on this subject and the visit gave everybody the possibility to appreciate the advantages and disadvantages of these kinds of houses/lifestyle, and how they are built before the next lesson.

The welcome we received from the young "manager-builder-creator" and his team, was warm, passionate and enthusiastic. For the first time we discovered real, small, ecological, modern Tiny houses, tiny wooden homes !

The sizes of the Tiny houses ranged from 1-4 people with in addition possibilities for disabled people. The group was amazed by the cosy atmosphere, so comfy and snug !

After exchanges with a member of the team who owns and lives in a tiny house he built himself, we realised that there is a movement of the younger generations towards a life closer to nature. They are much more aware of the necessity to reduce conspicuous consumerism.



Now, let's speak about the advantages and disadvantages !

On one hand, the tiny house is less expensive than a traditional house and allows reduced energy consumption, freedom of movement and a way of life in harmony with the nature. Moreover it's maintenance is easier.

On the other hand, there is less living space, so less storage space and limited reception capacity. Moreover, it might be necessary to buy the land on which the tiny house is placed and it might also be difficult to obtain a building permit if needed.

Anyway, with the Covid crisis, we have noticed that some people, young (but not only), have decided to adopt another way of life and to live with less things. It could be called "minimalism" like Marie Kondo, expert of the art of storage (with great success) and her motto which is "less is more".

This movement is also a philosophy, a new way of thinking homes.

For example, Vincent Cocquebert, journalist, essayist and observer of young generations says : "to live in a small place, is the possibility to control such a big world. All is well organized, the real luxury is the "safe space", a secure space, a citadel" a nest (Ty-nid !)

Is it only a dream to flee from our consumer society or real awareness ?!