The Third Day

Design Process

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Statement

On first reading 'The Third Day' I was instantly enchanted. From a design perspective, the script provided an opportunity for exciting and original research leading to building a world on screen. The more curious one was, the richer the world we would create.

A major brief for the series was for 'normality', without revealing the plot on Sam's first entry to Osea. This was a story about a man's grief; a father who had tragically lost his son and is processing his guilt. Grief was an important driver and I considered its effect on the psyche, causing delusions and confusion. The theme of grief had to continue throughout to the tragic revelation in Episode 6 of who Nathan is.

The Osea we meet is awaiting a festival, open for the first time to the public, in order to raise funds. The fishing industry has dried up and the landscape needed to reflect this: fish drying racks, defunct oyster beds; imposing silhouettes of the bitchumen- stained 'net huts' with the tangled mess of discarded nets and lobster pots, all created to depict what was, although tired, still a community.

When we came to the festival rehearsal in Episode 2, I designed the elements such as Giant Puppets, Salt Effergies and Masks based on research which then Were used by Punchdrunk. In what would eventually become the Live Event.

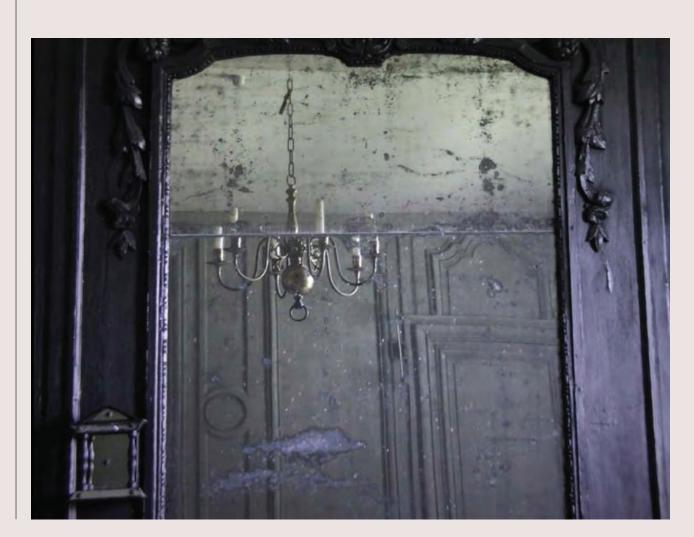
'The Procession' was born from ancient community traditions — in pagan England it was sacrosanct toperform certain traditions in order to channel a way of life — in modern day interpretations. Remembering this, looking at both tradition and justification for its conception, we put things on screen to create depth rather than for the sake of shock. The challenges presented were mostly about how to merge Osea and the on screen 'Osea'. Osea does not exist as a habited island, therefore, in order to create a village, work was required. This included covering up 'newbuild' properties which had been built next to what would become our Exterior Oyster Bar location. (The interior was an elaborate build in 3 Mills studio). We unearthed old images of Osea Village: it felt right to be sympathetic to the original island.

Building and dressing the island was a challenge for the team due to the causeway being tidal and open only twice a day. Marc and I wanted to draw on the multiple layers of Osea's history, so included the relics of the military base during both World Wars.

Sets such as 'Mimir's', 'The Pillbox', 'The Slurry pit' were bomb testing buildings discovered at Tilbury Docks. For Mimir's, shown first in Ep.2, I wanted to adapt these as the texture of the building melted into the Mimir's character and to suggest that the building had once been three dwellings, described in the script as "Three overgrown houses".

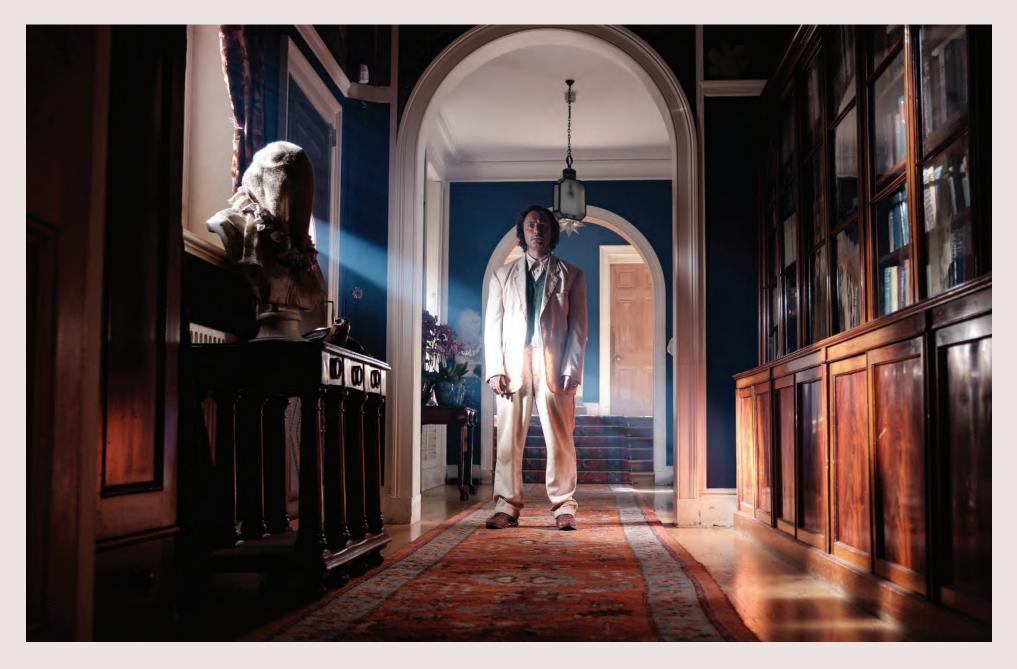
Building The Oyster interior was a challenge as it had to match the length and shape of the existing facia on Osea but the footprint was too small. My aim was to illude to the space being three buildings: a barn and farm combined; designed like a Tardis inspiration was drawn from village pubs which are community space.

'The Third Day': it was a special project, filling our minds for a year and indeed continues to do so.



The Big House / Episode 6



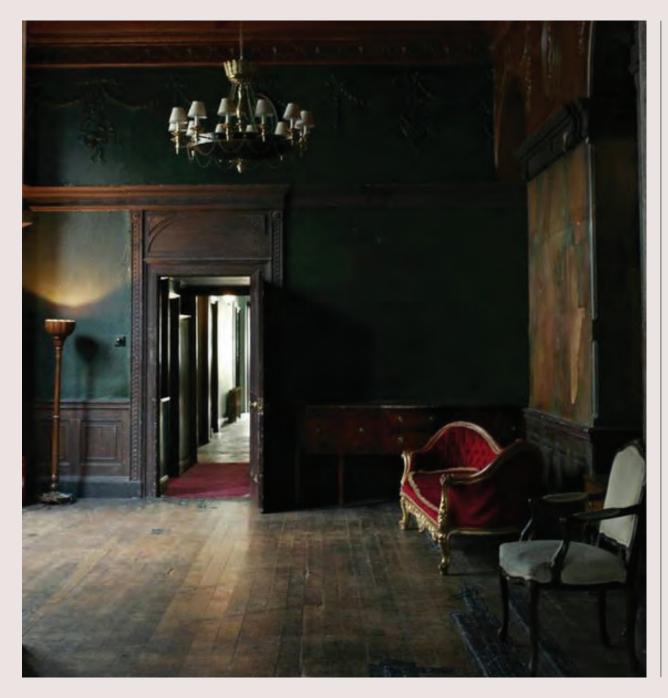


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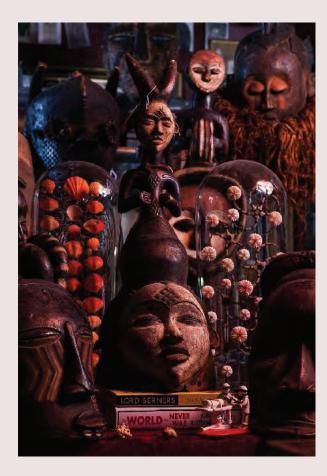


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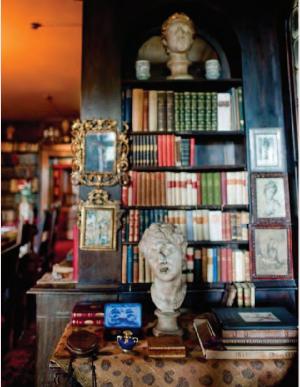


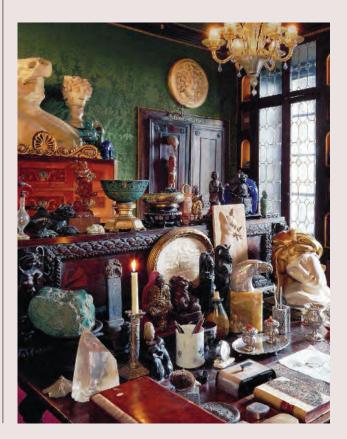












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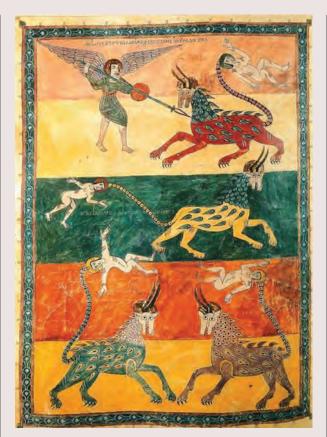






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Sam's Bedsit / Reference













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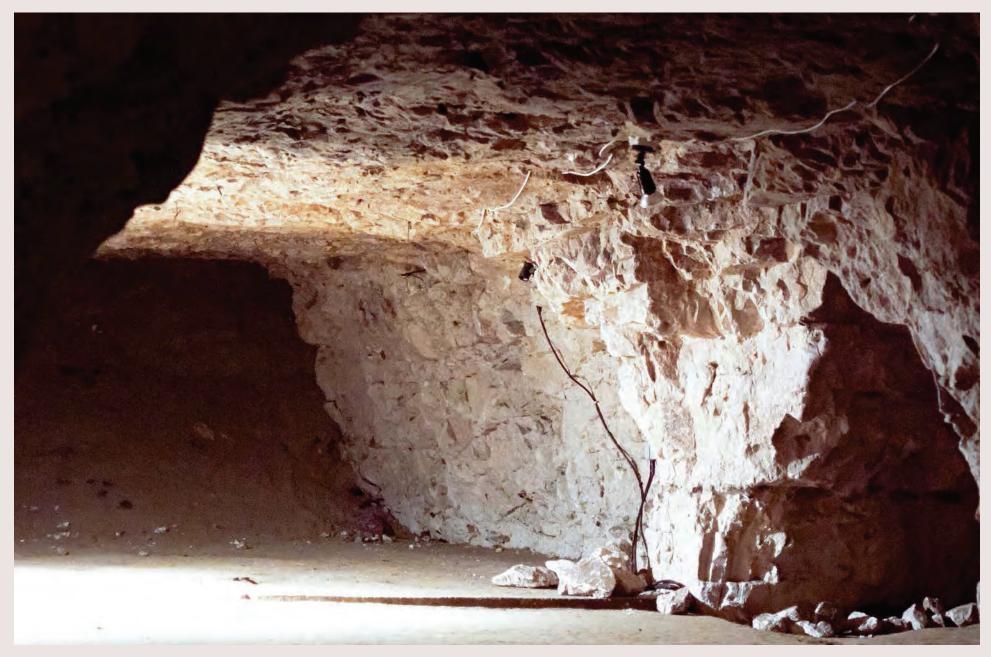


Nathan's Room / Reference





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Cave Chapel / Episode 5



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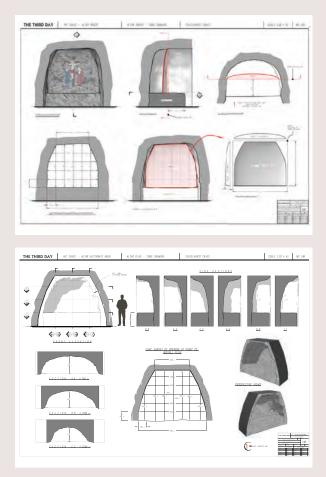
Reference / Carvings







Initial drawings for Cave Chapel / Episode 5











Previs for Cave Chapel





Paintings / Reference



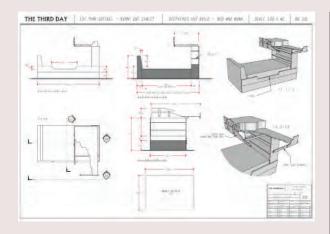


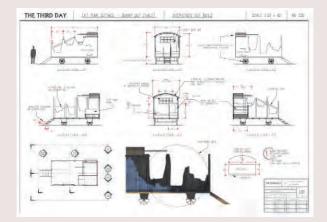
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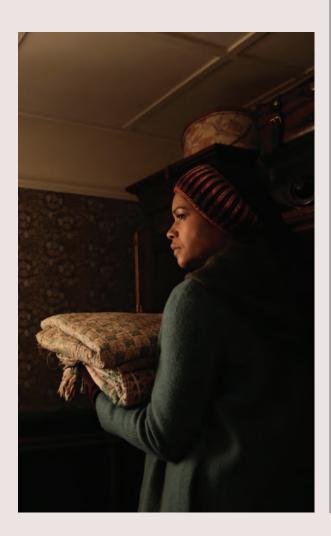














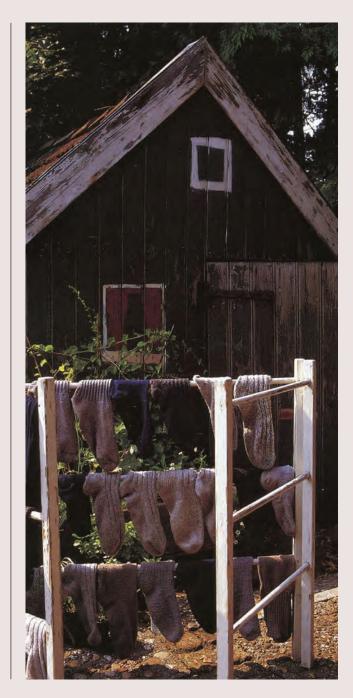
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Fishing Hut / Birth Scene / Episode 5













The Oyster Bar













Oyster Bar / Build





Oyster Bar / Dressing and Ground Plans





Oyster Bar / Reference



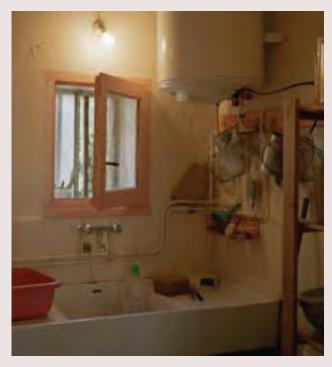


Kitchen / Reference

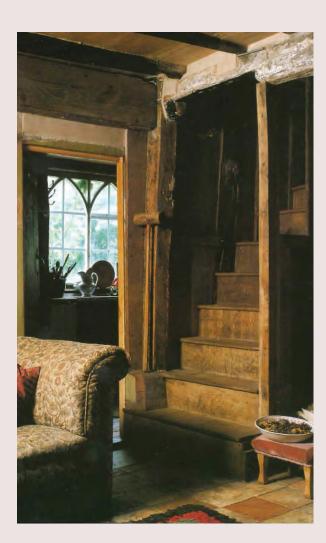








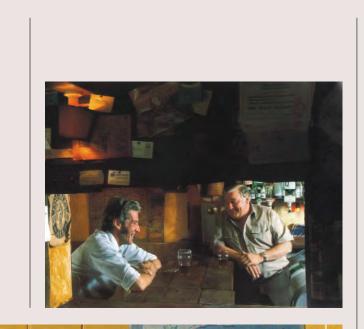


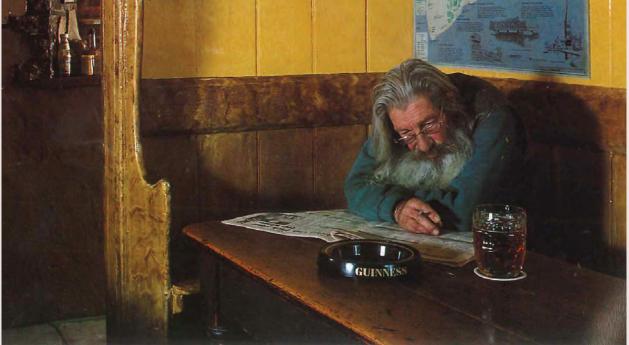




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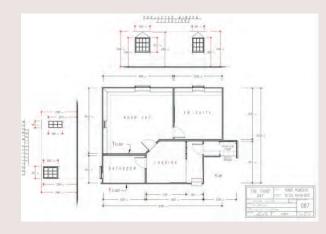








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Oyster Bar / Upstairs / Build









Mimir / Episode 2



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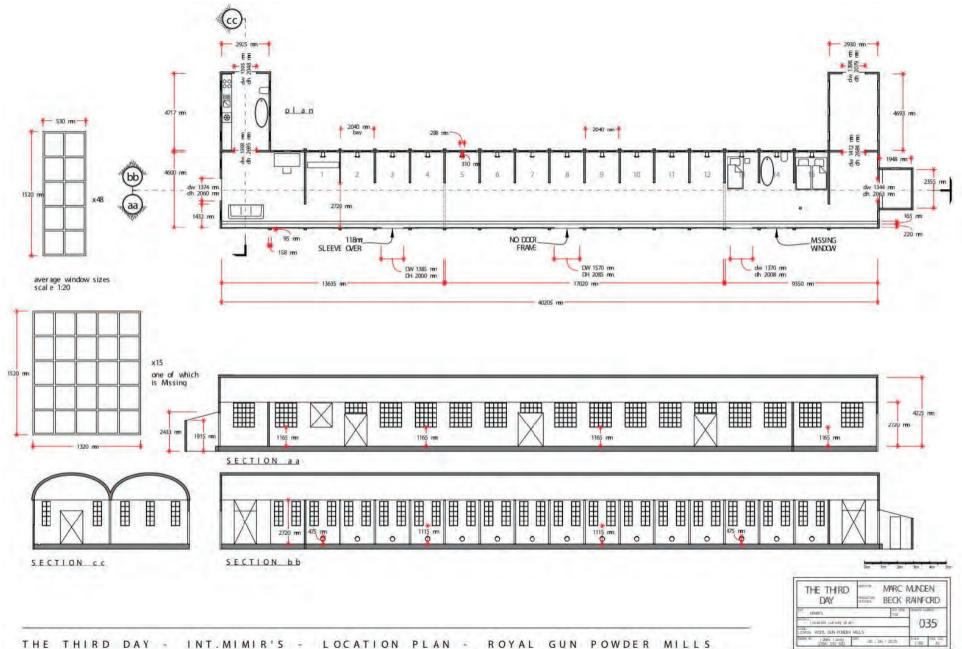


Pre vis interior / Mimir

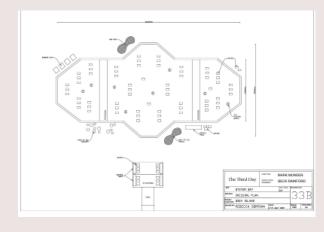






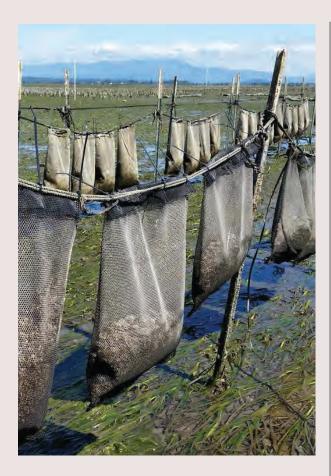


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Abandoned Oyster Pond





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Salt Field / Reference



Salt Field / Episode 1



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Pre Vis.







The Revivalist Tent





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Chapel





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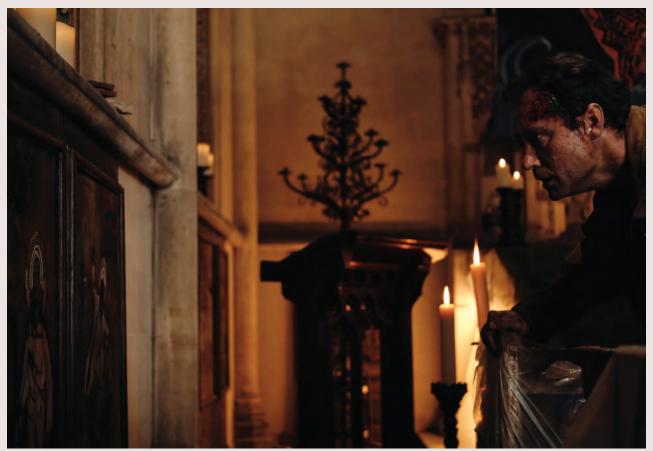


Initial graphic for mural



Designs for Stations of the Cross









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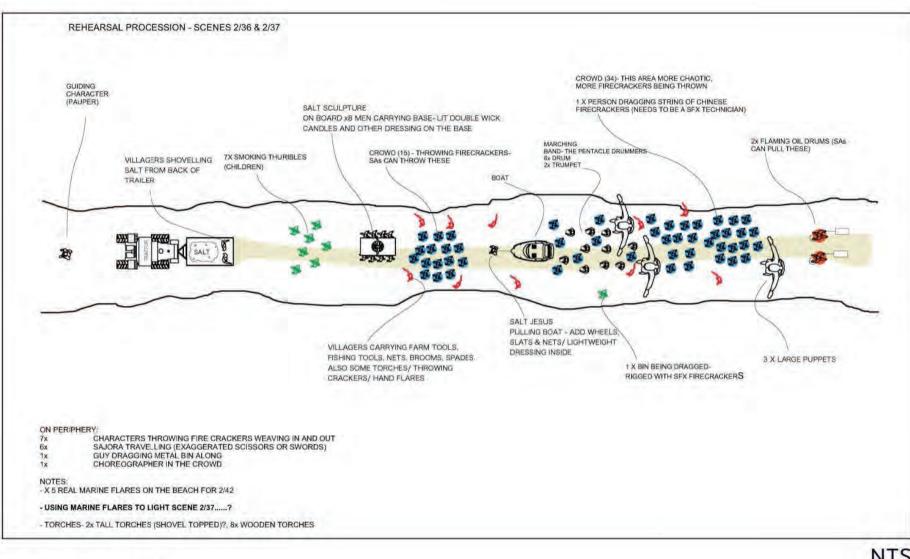
Pre Vis for Osea Village





Festival Procession / Episode 2





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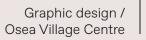
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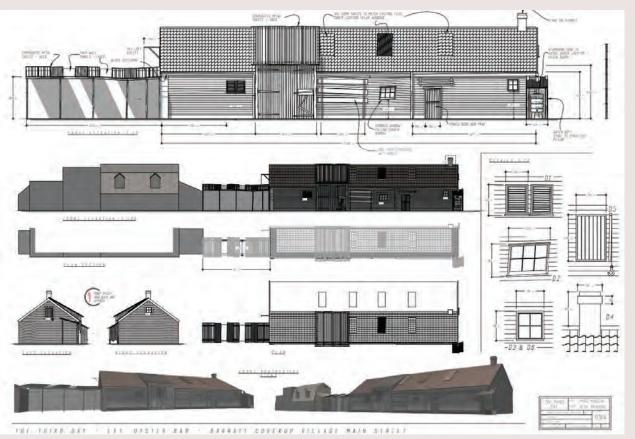
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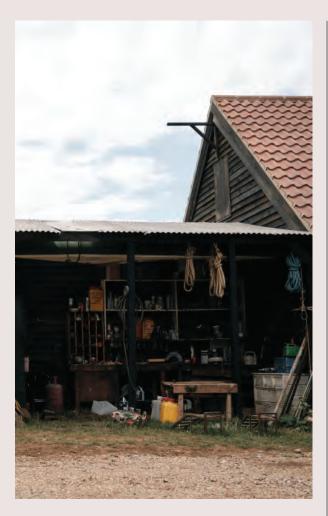






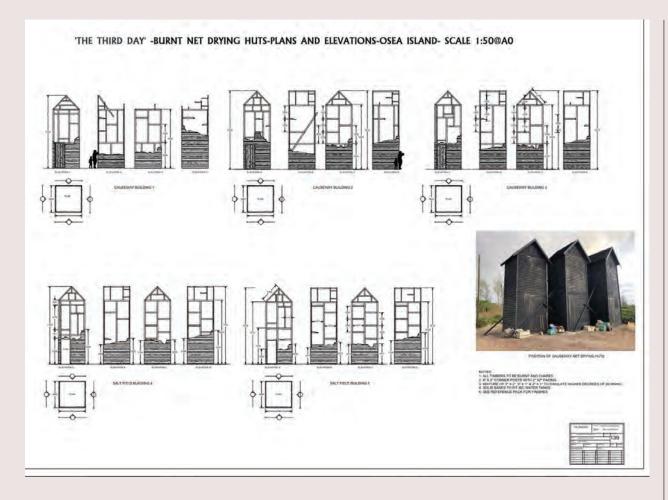
Pre Vis. / Build cover up

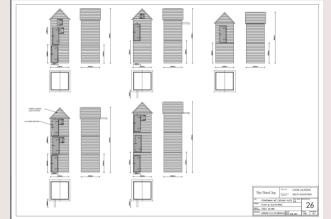














Net Huts



Visual for Block 2







Stills / Burnt out caravan



Thank you.