

Where?

Old School Court, Brookfields Road, Ipstones. Just outside the Peak District National Park in Staffordshire Moorlands.



What?

An old Victorian primary school was converted to provide a two bedroomed flat and three one bedroomed flats for older people, available for affordable rents.

Why?

East Midlands Housing acted as development agents for the scheme which was developed in partnership with Staffordshire Moorlands District Council. Linda Maylon, a local councillor and school trustee, was one of the driving forces behind the scheme.

When?

The scheme completed in 2001.

Who?

A former pupil of the school, Margaret Hood, moved into one of the flats when the development opened.

“I have some great memories from school. There used to be a fireplace where my sitting room is now and when the children got wet their clothes were dried off there”, says Margaret who was born and bred in the village.

“People are very kind in the village. It is lovely here. I am so happy”,

Margaret moved away to Leek where she ran a fish and chip shop and a greengrocery. She retired to the village to be closer to her brother.