

IN THE WORKS

Thomas Allcock, 2025

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Installation dimensions approx. 3m x 4.5m x 1.2m

Sculpture dimensions 1m x 1.2m x 1m

Sculpture Price: £925

Concrete slabs can be remade on request (price available upon enquiry)

Work Description

'*In the Works*' is a sculptural installation grounded in the shifting material and social realities of post-industrial Britain. Drawing on Newcastle's industrial past, the piece invites viewers to walk over thin image transferred concrete slabs designed to crack underfoot toward a central welded steel sculpture. Surrounded by crushed remnants of previous works and enclosed by bright orange construction netting, the work references the cyclical nature of industry, memory, and erosion.

Meaning

The installation reflects on the instability of industrial legacies and the fragmentation of once utopian infrastructures. The concrete underfoot becomes both a relic and an obstacle, invoking vulnerability, labour, and transformation. Influenced by artists such as Cyprien Gaillard, Jane and Louise Wilson, and David Umemoto, the work positions the viewer inside a decaying industrial structure where memory is felt through movement, pressure, and physical trace.

Materials and Process

Mild steel structure (100cm x 120cm x 100cm), hand-cast concrete slabs with laser-printed transfers, crushed concrete fragments from previous works, steel fence poles, plastic safety netting, and residual site debris. All slabs were cast by hand and transferred with photographic imagery drawn from industrial sites. The sculpture is formed from interlocking steel sheets, welded to create a fragmented geometric structure that evokes the monumentality and fragility of post-industrial space. Rubble was repurposed from earlier installations to retain a sense of continuity and material history.



Thomas Allcock, In the Works, May 2025, Mild Steel Structure (100cm x 120cm x 100cm), Hand-cast Concrete Slabs with Laser-printed Transfers, Crushed Concrete Fragments from Previous Works, Steel Fence Poles, Plastic Safety Netting, Residual Site Debris. Installation Approx. 300cm x 450cm x 120cm.