

## MORECAMBE BAY PARTNERSHIP HEADLANDS TO HEADSPACE ORAL HISTORY PROJECT 2015-2018

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## **TRANSCRIPT SUMMARY**

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INTERVIEW NO: H2H2016.13 INTERVIEWEE NAME/S: Ted Hartley

YEAR OF BIRTH: 1934

INTERVIEWER/S: Jenn Mattinson

DATE OF INTERVIEW: 3/02/16

LOCATION: Morecambe SUMMARISER: Jan Bloomer

Track 1	
00.00-01.10	Date and place of birth of interviewee. Childhood home and school.
01.11-01.58	Brief employment history.
01.59-02.45	Purchase of a horse and cart for fishing. Selling his catch from a van.
02.46-05.38	Details of parents, grandparents and other relatives.
05.39-06.42	'Hawking'. Selling fish door to door. Fishing from Bolton-Le-Sands.
06.43-07.22	Selling cockles from a 'bogey' as a child.
07.23-08.00	Selling shrimps from a basket door to door around Lancaster.
08.01-11.08	Details of Ted's mother and her early life in Sawrey and Windermere.
11.09-12.25	'Getting a feel for the sea' after a visit to Fleetwood.
12.26-13.55	Childhood in Bolton-Le-Sands. Going to The Roxy cinema in Carnforth.
13.56-15.10	Picking shrimps after school. Description of different picking techniques.
15.11-15.40	Picking shrimps by candlelight.
15.41-16.20	Wood-fired boiler outside for cooking shrimps.
16.21-16.47	Contrast between boiling shrimps at home in fresh water in Bolton-Le-sands, and
	Morecambe shrimps cooked at sea in sea water.
16.48-19.00	Fishing techniques: shrimping with horse, cart and bogey; Cockling with a jumbo and
	rake.
19.01-22.50	More detailed descriptions of shrimping and cockling. Description of nets. Preferred
	tidal conditions.
22.51-24.00	Sorting out the catch before processing at home.
24.01-25.04	Process of boiling the shrimps and cooling on sacks before picking.
25.05-26.45	Washing and bagging the cockles to send by train to Bradford market.
26.46-28.55	Shrimps potted in Poulton, Morecambe and sent to London by train.
28.56-32.10	More details about purchase and maintenance of nets.
32.11-34.15	Fluorescence in sea water-'foxfire'. Depth of water preferred by shrimps.

04.40.00.40	Fishing alabing hought from Managaraha Tanalan
34.16-36.16	Fishing clothing bought from Morecambe Trawlers.
36.17-37.20	Importance of speed of processing shrimps. Salting leftover shrimps to preserve.
37.21-38.24	Shrimps caught, cooked, picked, potted and sent to London within the day!
38.25-39.50	Jim Morley in Poulton- potted shrimps by appointment to the Queen!
39.51-41.00	Cockles caught cleaned and sent to Bradford market within a few hours.
41.01-42.20	Process of cockling with a jumbo and rake. Washed and sewn into hessian sacks.
42.21-43.40	'Periwinkle Island' and 'Jumbo Rock' in Bolton-Le-Sands.
43.41-44.20	Areas used for fishing.
44.21-47.01	How could you tell where the cockles and fish were?
47.02-48.40	Supplementary work out of season: Hay timing, small holdings.
48.41-50.55	Making ends meet in hard times.
Track 2	
00.00-01.03	Shrimps, cockles and flukes.
01.04-03.57	Stories of local fishermen.
03.58-05.10	Nicknames of local fishermen.
05.11-06.48	The role of women in fishing.
06.49-09.00	Rivalry with Flookburgh fishermen.
09.01-11.00	'The man from the Fishery Board', checking the catch, watching with binoculars.
11.01-11.45	Hiding illegally caught salmon in your waders!
11.46-13.00	No boats used in Bolton-Le-Sands, 'in-shore fishermen'.
13.01-13.55	Boats used in Morecambe, 'Trawler fishermen'.
13.56-14.50	Use of tractors from the 1950s
14.51-19.10	Dick Burrows and his 'amphibious vehicles'.
19.11-19.50	Relatives in Silverdale.
19.51-21.00	Social activities.
21.01-21.52	Morecambe Sea Cadets.
21.53-23.09	Funerals in Bolton-Le-Sands. Hand carts used by poor people.
23.10-23.45	Failed attempt to resume fishing activities after the war.
23.46-27.00	Trying other ways to earn a living.
27.01-28.57	More about the struggles to make a living from fishing after the war.
28.58-30.44	The stresses of running a business and caring for a young family.
30.45-32.25	Fishing skills and knowledge handed down through families.
32.26-33.22	Health issues associated with fishing.
33.23-34.33	Story of Grandfather being taken fishing as a baby.
34.34-35.45	Many fishermen not being able to swim!
35.46-36.29	Superstitions and hauntings!
36.30-37.28	Ted's wife Gloria seeing ghosts!
37.29-38.59	Finding your way in the fog. 'Brobbing'-using sticks in the sand to mark the way.
39.00-39.55	Difference between types of quicksand.
39.56-41.36	The cockling tragedy.
41.37-42.58	Other incidents on the sands
42.59-44.09	The two Bill Hartley's of Silverdale.
44.10-46.25	Catching sea birds in 'Haaf nets'.
46.26-47.20	Collecting samphire to pickle
47.21-48.15	Different local accents.
48.16-50.54	Working at Heysham power station in the 1970s.
50.55-55.30	Effect of the power station on the bay?
55.31-57.08	Ted's philosophy on life. His wife's illness and his own recent diagnosis.
57.09-59.34	Ted's pride in his past and his family.
59.35-59.53	Ted's love of the sunsets of Morecambe Bay.
22.22 22.00	