



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

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TRANSCRIPT SUMMARY

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INTERVIEW NO: H2H2016.24
 INTERVIEWEE NAME/S: Jim Unsworth
 YEAR OF BIRTH: 1953
 INTERVIEWER/S: John Metcalfe
 DATE OF INTERVIEW: 07/09/2016
 LOCATION: Morecambe
 SUMMARISER: Jan Bloomer

00.00-01.12	Name, D.O.B. description of self as a 'sand grown un'. Parents' origin and occupations.
00.13-01.55	Describes his fascination with boats, the bay and its fishermen.
01.56-02.40	Types of fish caught
02.41-03.25	Describes first trip out on fishing boat aged 13 with Robert Woodhouse.
03.26-04.05	Describes cooking shrimps in sea water while out at sea
04.06-05.40	Description of regular fishing trips with Robert Woodhouse. Different fishing methods and equipment e.g. riddles.
05.41-08.36	Seasonal nature of fishing and types of fish. Method of fishing for whitebait.
08.37-10.05	Introduction of European ruling in 1960s requiring preparation of whitebait before sale. Whitebait no longer a profitable catch as a result.
10.06-10.40	Morecambe Trawler men – the Baxter family.
10.41-10.54	Morecambe Bay shrimps only available in one shop in Poulton area of Morecambe.
10.55-11.40	Description of some old Morecambe fishermen and their nicknames.
11.41-12.20	Willacy's shop in Poulton selling picked shrimps. Mr Edmondson of Yorkshire Street selling mainly potted shrimps (more profitable)
12.21-13.20	Description of potting shrimps in butter and 'magic ingredient' - nutmeg
13.21-14.20	Decline in amount of shrimps available to catch
14.21-15.20	Shrimp picking machine introduced in 1970s but no longer used due to reduced quantities and size of shrimps.
15.21-16.04	Willacy family now hand pick shrimps for their shop
16.05-17.00	Decline in number of fishing boats
17.01-18.00	Boats going out in convoy in the 1970s. Assisting one another when in difficulty.
18.01-20.06	Names of different Morecambe Bay fishing grounds. 'Pickles'-name for Half Moon Bay fishing area where best shrimps were found.
20.07-21.14	Possible reasons for decline in shrimps.

21.15-22.30	Names of boats
22.31-24.00	Danger of deep channels in the bay
24.01-25.00	Types of fish caught up in the shrimp nets
25.01-25.35	Fishing as a dying industry locally. Only Edmondson and Willacy remaining
25.36-26.29	Jim's own boat and nets
26.30-29.20	Cross bay swims – Captain Frobisher
29.21-31.38	Fish caught by anglers in Morecambe and the effect of changing channels and tides
31.39-32.13	Jim's different boats over the years.
32.14-33.36	Jim's father and other local people who joined the navy.
33.37-35.05	Fishing as a hobby rather than an occupation for Jim.
35.06-36.55	Charlie Overett (well respected local fisherman) and fishing commercially further afield.
36.56-38.20	Role of fishermen's wives
38.21-38.54	Statue of fisherman representing the old Morecambe Trawler men co-operative.
38.54-40.19	Jim's occupations