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Interviewee Details

Name: Linda Cardwell

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Interview Details

Interviewer: Hannah Baxter

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Summary

Time	Description
0:34	Being looked after by a trader friend whilst her mum shopped
1:04	From a Caribbean family, mum bought lots of different food
02:30	Still shops in market today
03:11	Favourite traders
03:58	Favourite memory – colouring in as a toddler at stall and the umbrella market

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Hannah: Right, so first of all could you state what your name is, where you were born and then cheekily when you were born?

Linda: Okay, my name is Linda, do you want my surname?

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Hannah: Yeah

Linda: Linda Cardwell, I was born in Sheffield on Granville Road, actually born at home on Granville Road and I've lived here most of my life.

Hannah: And what year were you born in?

Linda: 1964

Hannah: Right. So please could you tell me your earliest memories of visiting the market?

Linda: When I was a toddler, basically. Like I said, my Mum used to leave me with one of the stallholders that she knew and he used to sit me on a little stool behind out the way and I'd have a little book and just sit and crayon until she did all her shopping and then came back and collected me [laughs] and then, yeah, we just always came down on a Saturday and it was lovely.

Hannah: Do you remember what your mother bought?

Linda: Well I'm Carribean descent so it was all sorts of things but mainly meat and veg and fish, so all that stuff. And of course we did a lot of like, there wasn't as many dress shops as there are now and there certainly wasn't as many cafes as there is now, it just used to be an odd few and most of it was stalls of meat, fish, you know, poultry but we used to even get, I remember my Mum saying 'you can get anything in the market', they used to sell horse meat in those days, they used to sell rabbit in those days and hare, all sorts you could get in the market, they don't really sell a lot of that now. It's just the friendly atmosphere.

Hannah: Yeah, I've not seen any horsemeat.

Linda: No, cos it's banned now.

Hannah: I saw a lot of signs saying we don't have any horsemeat when the scandal was happening.

Linda: Yeah.

Hannah: So did you ever come as a teenager?

Linda: Yeah, yeah, I came throughout my life. I only really had a small gap when I went to live abroad for a little while and came back but Sheffield's my home.

Hannah: Did you come with your friends? Or was that still with your Mum?

Linda: No, I mainly came with my Mum.

Hannah: How often do you come to the market now and what sort of thing do you buy?

Linda: Cos like most people now, the majority of people I think, go to the supermarkets and don't come as much but I still come because the meat market is very good and fresh fish and yeah, I still come on average about once a week and sometimes I stop on my way over from

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work in the week, you know, after work. But it's just a nice family atmosphere, really nice, which I really think they're going to lose when they move cos it will be just all modern shops, it's still very old fashioned in here.

Hannah: So do you think you'll still go to the new market?

Linda: I will cos I'll have too! I know some of the stalls that I go here, cos you tend to have your own old favourites that you've always gone to, especially like if my Mum went to them so I continued to go to them so I've known them for a long time some of them. I've talked to few of them and some of them are moving so I shall still go if they'll be in the new market.

Hannah: So are the stalls the same as when you were little and are the traders the same people as well?

Linda: Quite a few of them are cos they pass from father to son or daughter and they've just gone down the generations so yeah they've been around for quite a long time.

Hannah: Do you have a favourite memory of the market?

Linda: Yeah, my favourite is sitting when I was little, sitting and drawing round there, yeah. And I used to like the other market cos there used to be another market called the umbrella market and the Rag and Tag market on the other side and I used to love going in there as well and I really miss that, it's been gone ages now. It was a shame when that one went. We sort of thought we were holding on to this one!

Hannah: Is the umbrella market the same as the Rag and Tag market?

Linda: No there was the Rag and Tag first and then they changed it to the Sheaf market which was like this under a building and then they had a little umbrella market outside which was just like little square umbrellas with umbrellas a bit like what's out here now but there's only a few but there used to be all of where the car park was, all of that used to be the umbrella market.

Hannah: I've not heard anyone use that term yet.

Linda: Oh right. Yeah, yeah. And then I used to go to the Sheaf market then over to [unclear]

Hannah: Yeah. Thank you very much!

Linda: You're welcome!

Hannah: Thank you!

Linda: It was really nice!