

Castle Markets Project - Oral History

Interview Transcription

Interviewee Details

Name: Anonymous (by request)

ID Number: CM_061_Anonymous

Place of Birth: Anston

Year / Date of Birth: 05/09/38

Interview Details

Interviewer: John Buston

Date / Time:

Place: Castle Market

Transcription

Time		
	John	My names's John Buston. I'm doing a Trading History's Interview. May I have your name please.
	Anonymous	Mr REDACTED
	John	May I have your date of birth and where are you from.
	Anonymous	5.9.38 and I'm from Anston, other side of [?????]
00:24	John	Just have some brief questions to determine your feelings about this market. Could you let me know what your oldest memories are of the market from when you first started using the market and then we'll try and determine what changes you've noticed throughout the years.
	Anonymous	When I first came here it was quite obvious I came with my parents, you know when I was a child and they brought us in here and you could buy a real good bargain with your fruit and everything. They enjoyed, did Christmas shopping in here, everything you wanted for Christmas, always would come down to this market and on Fridays the prices would drop. Where now if you're carrying anything now, going up there to the top of town whether in a public [?????] or catch two buses to get back, you know what I mean, when I'm going home. Where here you did all your shopping here, picked it up here and walked to the bus station where now you end up catching another bus

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		to get into town. That's what I don't like about it.
01:21	John	Is that what you're afraid today, are you afraid of the market being moved to the Moor, you're saying it won't be so accessible.
	Anonymous	Yes, it'll not be the same. There's so much history here.
	John	So much history in terms of the market, yeh.
	Anonymous	My mother came here, my grandma came here, you know what I mean.
	John	There's lots of history amongst the stallholders as well and the customers, yeh. So there's some sentimental value for you
	Anonymous	Yes definitely, I can remember when I were a kid and my mother coming, you got like twelve oranges for a shilling and all that lot.
01:52	John	Yes its going back to the days.
	Anonymous	And they're taking all that away aren't they, all the great history of it.
	John	It may be difficult to adapt, yes, especially for those who've got some experience of the older market, yeh. Perhaps younger people will adapt to the newer market as well.
	Anonymous	Well the whole point is I can't understand why, cos this is Sheffield, Wheatsheaf is Sheffield allus has been hasn't it. So why are they doing this I do not know, you know, why they want to move this and take all the history from Sheffield away.
02:30	John	You feel they'll be denying this area a historical symbol. Well this is going to be recorded, this is why we are involved in the project to record the history of this. And the new market is meant to adapt to various customers across the social spectrum I believe. Just have to see how it works out.
	Anonymous	Well I can't see you getting that many [????] like you've got in here I mean the main bus station's here coming in all directions from everywhere, north of England, comes here. People love to come here, come in and look in the market, the first thing they head for is the market but they'll not be doing it that often when they have to go to the other end of town.
03:22	John	Alright, that's an interesting comment. When you're here what's it like to buy when you're in the market as a customer what is it you prefer to buy?

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	Anonymous	Well you can come and buy your fruit which I do, meat, fish anything like that you know its always the same.
03:36	John	Fresh produce at a reasonable price.
	Anonymous	Yes there's a lot of things I collect [?for work?] sometimes you know, electric kettles, all different things you know.
	John	Yes electric kettles.
	Anonymous	And you've not far to go because everything's in here, you walk downstairs, put it in your bag, then go to the bus station when you're going home
03:58	John	So its more convenient in that sense.
	Anonymous	It is convenient.
	John	And the products aren't expensive. So you have fond memories of the market during Christmastime and its got sentimental value for you.
	Anonymous	Oh smashing, I used to love it at Christmas. I used to come in here you know before I did anything, go and get a bacon sandwich or some'at, you know what I mean or something like that, started off my day that and everything, they played Carols you know you got all Christmassy, brilliant, I used to love it
04:28	John	A good atmosphere. That's an aspect to old markets to have a good atmosphere don't they. It'll be interesting to see what the atmosphere of the new market is. Well, we'll conclude it at that. Thank you for your assistance.
	Anonymous	It's alright.