Interview with: Shirley Squires (part 1)

Date: 1 December 2006

Interviewer: Lynne Fox

Summary

Shirley Squires was the manager of all the gangs of contract casual labour used by Fisons on Thorne & Hatfield Moors

Demonstration of cutting machinery attended by Lord Netherthorpe, Chairman of Fisons
Details of walling machine-cut peat.
How process worked from cutting, walling to loading & transporting to factory
Details of how contract casual labour gangs worked & her role
Where labour came from, transporting to moors, organisation, payment, jobs undertaken
Boom loading gang managed by her husband
Organisation of amount produced
Digging up bog body – WW2 airman. Medium told them who he was.
Ghosts
Working year – only had holiday at Christmas
Striking miners came to work for her during the strike – said work on moors was much harder!