

## NESPS transcript: Newcastle older speakers 1

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**Participant 1: L**

**Participant 2: G**

L: See I had a different childhood to you remember I lived in the city didn't I

G: [Aye well you I'm-I'm really  
this is I'm a country sort of kid

L: I lived in the (indistinct) no I didn't I lived (-) right

G: [Country bumpkin (-) "ooo arr"

L: Well I lived in the right the centre of Newcastle right in to next to St James' football ground

G: Mm-mm

L: And I went to school at St Andrew's which was the local primary school which was (.) attached  
to the-the church in Newgate street (.) That's been pulled down

G: Aye

L: And then in sixty five the moved everybody out of the city cos the wanted to rebuild it (-) Worst  
thing the ever did (-) The used to have a community within a community there (- -) (indistinct) great

G: I mean when you think just out the back where the park was there was no houses behind the  
park (-) That was ye

L: [That's a new estate yeah

G: Well that's al-that was all open fields all the way down to Denton

L: What did ye call it snadger's what was it (-) clarty lonnen

G: No clarty lonnen's was down hairy dean man

L: Was it (.) oh

G: Wey aye (-) This I mean ye just think Westerhope was the end of-eh of c-civilisation (.) Chapel  
Park wasn't there, Chapel House wasn't there (-) aal that was just fields

L: It's changed now though hasn't it

G: Pwoar (-) It's just spread and spread and spr-

L: [People aren't (.) people aren't as friendly as the used to be

G: [Well the houses go all the way to  
Walbottle now don't the

L: People aren't as friendly as the used to be

G: We used to walk to Walbottle to school (-) Christ (- -) long walk

L: Do ye not think people's attitudes have changed (.) when ye think of the big estates like Chapel  
House and Chapel Park (.) people have y-y-what ye used to have this was a working class area

G: Aye everybody

L: [It's not any more

G: [You mean (.) nah what

L: [It's not any more cos people have forgot where the've come from  
basically

G:[Nah what ye forget to think about is everybody was the same the didn't have nowt

L: Yeah

G: Now people have got something the shut the doors and hide away from people (.) that's the  
difference

L: Yeah (-) The call Chapel Ha-Park hungry hill don't the (-) Nobody had any money used to go to  
the pub at ten past ten cos nobody could afford to have a drink before that (-) People have lost their  
community (.) the-the've lost their community round here

G: [Ye right

L: [because the've lost people aren't as  
friendly as the used to be

G:

[No because (-) It's not (.) I've just explained what that's about (.) It's about

L: [money

G: What ye've got

L: Mm-mm

G: Ye don't want to tell people what ye've got (.) instead-instead of being where you had nowt (-) I remember gannin to school in short pants once (.) I was laughed oot the school (.) cos I'd ripped me trouser had no decent pants (-) Was the laughing stock of me class (- -) I've never ever told ye that have I

L: No but d'ye not think- but d'ye not think because of (-) (indistinct)

G: [It's all money

L: It's all money. It's all cos of the Tory government basically bringing @ (indistinct)@

G: [Nah

L: It is the- everything that Maggie Thatcher wanted everybody to have something and greed came into being (-) It's all down to greed

G: Ye probably (indistinct) It's all down to

L: Yeah the

G: [Be better-It'd be better if everybody had nothing, everybody had the same

L: Mm-mm

G: Course people laugh at that and the say its Communism isn't it

L: "We want to give you a- you can buy your house, we can give- you can get on the next rung of the ladder, ye buy ye council house ye sell that and ye g-get a bigger house and then ye get a bigger house"

G: What

L: [But the people who get the bigger houses can't afford them anyway

G: What do the call it it's called (-) oneupmanship

L: Yes

G: Being better than ye neighbour. I'm better than you

L: I don't care what anybody's got (-) But people have lost their sense of community (-) The helping of people (.) where's if ye neighbour was ill (.) ye'd go and

G: That's right

L: [Check on them (-) The don't do that any more

G: Well years and years and years ago y-ye family all lived in the same hoose didn't the

L: Yep or the same street

G: Now the just farm ye-farm the mothers off to (- -) what d'ye call 'em homes

L: Rest homes.

G: Rest homes now

L: People's expectations of what their lives should be are so much (-) more (.) that ye should have this and ye should have this, ye can do this, ye can do anything you wanna do. Yes ye can do anything ye wanna do (.) but at what cost. Cost of the persons who ye-ye family, cost to you yeself (- -) Think some people have got

G: Well everybody's ri-

L: [The've forgotten where the've come from

G: Everybody moans the've got nowt but the a hell of a lot richer than when we were kids

L: I'd rather have nothing

G: Kids now- kids leave school now the buying blinking motor cars and stuff like that man (.) Ye couldn't do- ye were lucky to have a bicycle when I left school.

L: [Yeah but who's fault is that

G: The ki-kids of today have got much more what ye call (.) disposable income

L: Yeah but who's fault is that (-) It's the parents

G: And the dunno how to handle money

L: But it's not just that (.) the p- (.) kids have got no respect for anything (.) but you've actually got

to show them respect (-) but the biggest problem here is that the parents (-) don't have the same (- -) relationship with their kids as they did twenty five years ago

G: Ye probably right (.) It's all about time isn't it

L: Mm-mm

G: It's pressure t-it's a pressure to (.) have more money

L: Mm-mm

G: Working (.) Ki-women having kids and gannin straight back to work