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AMcK Up round here, up round this part of the country, we'd have had a wee bonfire.

KPC Aye.

AMcK And then maybe my ma would have made, maybe a wheen of apple tarts and a wheen of other women eh with weans would have made apple tarts, or rhubarb tarts, or buns, or brought wee gifts, and we'd have had a wee kind of a do...

KPC Aye.

AMcK ... at Halloween.

KPC Uh-huh.

AMcK And, eh, everybody got something, and we always had good fun round here at Halloween – always. And that's, even yet, eh, our wee community group runs a... actually, two of us run it, because we find it, it's powerful that you can, that just out of that, eh, bit of fun we had, we're still getting fun.

KPC Yeah, yeah.

AMcK You know, 25, 30, maybe 30 years later...

KPC Uh-huh.

AMcK ... and the two of us because we have a Halloween walk.

KPC Oh, do you? What's, what happens on that?

AMcK Em, we, we set off here, eh, at Halloween time, and we go up round this haunted area of Ballymarley, and go right round the, the square, as we call it.

KPC Uh-huh.

AMcK And at the white gate, it's supposed to be haunted, and up at the church here...

KPC Yeah.

AMcK ... was where he was buried...

KPC Oh, right.

AMcK ... the man.

KPC Yeah.

AMcK This man called Squire O'Hagan. And, eh...

KPC Anything to Mrs O'Hagan...

AMcK Eh...

KPC ... who used to teach your man?

AMcK No, no, no, no, no.

KPC *[laughs]*

AMcK Well, maybe some friend I don't know but. This body apparently was bad to his wife and all the rest of it, and, eh, he died. Eh, he was out, eh and he used to ride this big horse apparently, and jump these white gates, and all this stuff, but it's a lot of old naff. Even the TV cameras were down, up our road for one, ach, away. I think it was

the, the 70's about this boy, Squire O'Hagan. It was a load of old codswallop, you know, but, eh, we, we still run this wee walk, and then we come back in here to the hall, and we have apple tart, and tea or coffee or orange juice, and the weans get stuff...

KPC Something.

AMcK ... something...

KPC Mm.

AMcK ... a wee b... whether it's a wee, eh, Halloween pack with sweeties...

KPC Mm.

AMcK ... or something like that there. We, we always done that. We've done that this last two years and every year it seems to get bigger. The first year we done it, there was 16, and last year we done it there was 23.

KPC Wow.

AMcK So, eh, 23 folk from this area is not bad. So we're, we're hoping this year, we're still going to run it from the hall again, so the hall will be kind of better than it is.

KPC Well it'll be opening the 6th of December!

AMcK Yes, so, w...

KPC So it should be pretty good by Halloween, yeah.

AMcK ... it will be. It, it... Halloween, definitely. Well, we, it'll all be ready for Halloween, that's a ...

KPC Yeah.

AMcK ... that's a definite, fingers crossed.

KPC *[laughs]*