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]