

Project: **'Memories of Seven Lochs' Communities: A people's history'**.
 Respondent: Christine Duke
 Year of Birth: 1982
 Age: 40
 Connection to project: Grew up in and lives in Ruchazie
 Date of Interview: 21/03/23
 Interviewer: Tina Blakely
 Recording Agreement: Yes
 Information & Consent: Yes
 Photographic Images: No
 Length of Interview: 19.58
 Location of Interview: The Pantry Ruchazie
 Recording Equipment: Zoom H4n (internal mics)







Time (from: mins/secs)	Description	Transcribed Extract (from- to: mins/secs)
00.00 – 00.37	Interviewer introduces the interview and welcomes the respondent. She also confirms her details and that she was born in Ruchazie which is a Seven Lochs Area.	
00.37 – 01.54	Interviewer asks Respondent about her family. She tells us the background of where her family lived as her father was a Welder and worked around the world. She had a large family growing up. She talks about being Catholic and her best friend being Protestant, but this never effected their relationship as they both supported each other and respected each other's cultures.	
	"My gran and grandad stayed here for years, they had ten children, my mum and dad moved back here for South Africa after my dad worked over there and then had me. Then we moved to Millencroft Road round the corner from my gran and grandad, We had 26 cousins when I was growing up and my grans house was like where we all went and it was a great area to grow up. So my dad was a welder by trade so he always worked away, he worked all over the world, I had two older brothers."	00.39 – 01.09
	"I was Catholic, I went to St Phillips, it was fine, I had a best friend who was Protestant who went to Ruchazie Primary, and it was never an issue. There was never any bigotry or 'oh she's Catholic and she's Protestant', we all mixed all the time, there was no fighting. So my best friend Claire she would always come, she was at my Holy Communion, she was at my Confirmation. She was clueless, she didn't have a clue about any of it, she would laugh most of the time. When it came to everybody crossing themselves with the Holy Water, she actually washed her face with it, she didn't know what she was supposed to do, but yeah there was never an issue. We would always, and I would used to go to the Orange Walks with Claire, so it was always a shared thing between the two of us."	01.10 – 01.54
01.55 – 02.28	Respondent describes the houses in different areas within Ruchazie.	
	"So at first we stayed in Elliebank St, can always remember in the winter, the icicles on the windows, and my mum had like a wee heater or a fire in every room to try and keep it warm. Then we moved to Millencroft Rd which was a big massive step because it was like a big house with three	02.00 – 02.28

	flights of steps, three levels and it was great. We had our own bedroom and front, back door, and aye, it was brilliant, brilliant neighbours.”	
02.35 – 03.07	Respondent describes her community growing up. She tells us how there wasn’t much to do but they had great imagination and always found something to amuse themselves.	
	“It was brilliant growing up, I don’t think I can think of anything bad, what is was like growing up, we had great friends, there was always somebody to play about with or go to the park. There was always something, we found things to do ourselves, there wasn’t much for us to actually do physically but we would use our imagination and do stuff, and we had like the playschemes and there was always clubs to go to. It was great, it was brilliant, there was always something happening in the community, cause there was always parents doing something for the kids.”	02.37 – 03.07
03.09 – 03.53	Interviewer asks Respondent about the Gala Days, she reminisces about how she is still the Gala Queen from 1991 as there hasn’t been one since. She tells us about what sort of activities you would find at this event and how it was a fond memory for all the people of Ruchazie.	
	“Well I’m still the Gala Queen of Ruchazie and I still tell my Grandwee’uns about that! So I was crowned Gala Queen in 1991 and there’s never been a Gala Queen since, and the Gala days were amazing. The Gala days were brilliant, if you ask anybody from Ruchazie about the Gala days back in the day, they’ll have a good memory about it because it was brilliant.”	03.11 – 03.31
	“There was just always like Bouncy Castles, and stalls and food and music and balloons and just things that kids wanted, and it was always just full of parents aswell, there was just loads of families there.”	03.39 - 03.53
03.55 – 04.33	Interviewer asks the Respondent about any local issues growing up. She talks about being lucky growing up as her father worked so they didn’t struggle a lot for money. She talks about her memories of her friends struggling. She tells us that her family struggled at a point due to her parents becoming alcoholics. But thankfully in her community there was no judgement.	
	“We weren’t rich but I knew we had money, but see the boy that stayed next door, his shoes were falling off his feet, but there was never any ‘aw look at the state of you’, we all kinda all came together, I just remember people struggling. I do remember, and I remember that with a lot of my friends, and there was a point where we did struggle cause my mum and dad became very bad alcoholics so then we became that aswell, we were poor, but it was fine, there was no judgement about it.”	04.04 – 04.33
04.34 – 04.52	Interviewee talks about the gang fighting at the time, she tells us how they just chased each other and that the gangs came from the low end of Ruchazie.	
	“And then obviously you get your gang fighting, but it was kinda, I’ll chase you and you chase me back. It was Ruchazie low end and Cranhill, I know that in the High End, I think they might have fought with Craigend, I think or the Cobbie. I don’t know what they done, but with the low end it was Cranhill, but that’s what it seemed like, they were just kinda chasing each other.”	04.32 – 04.52
5.00 – 06.28	Respondent tells us about her early years in Nursery, she went to Elmcroft Nursery which is still there now. She tells us that her daughter went there and the same teachers were still there, her granddaughter also went. She tells us that she went to a local school St. Phillips and that she still has friends from school. Her best subject was always Art. She tells us that she wasn’t the best attendee at school due to home issues. She talks about her favourite teacher who was strict but caring.	

06.33 – 07.01	Respondent tells us about her favourite meals from when she was younger as her mother cooked them all from scratch. She tells memories of her friends not wanting to come round at dinner time because her mother always made too much food for them.	
	“As a child I loved all the old style school, like dinners, I loved your mince and tatties, my ma’s soup, my grannies soup, roast dinners, I loved all home cooking meals, cause that’s the way my mum cooked, she cooked everything from scratch. I always remember she used to over feed us, and my mates like Claire and my mates like from school, hated being in my house when it was dinnertime because my ma would offer them a plate and they could never finish it, so they used to try and avoid coming to my house at that time.”	06.34 – 07.01
07.02 – 07.25	Respondent tells us how she didn’t play with many toys as she enjoyed drawing more and liked to draw on the street with chalk to play hopscotch.	
	“I can just always remember drawing, always drew on something, but I think that kinda went through all of us, like aunts and uncles, my grannys table mats behind them all they were all doodled on, the phone was even doodled on, we were all kinda doodlers, ‘Did you chalk on the streets?’, Aye, aye hopscotch.”	07.06 – 07.25
07.29 – 08.19	Respondent reminisces about holidays she had when she was younger. Her uncle used to take her on caravans holidays to Arbroath. He took them driving to lots of different destinations such as Aberdeen, St Andrews and Dundee to see something different. She tells us that she remembers her childhood with mixed feelings due to home issues.	
08.24 – 09.14	Respondent talks about her teenage years, she tells us that her house was the party house. Her parents were alcoholics and she took advantage of this. She talks about when they were teenagers they would go into the town or go to the pictures, but their best times were just hanging round with each other in Ruchazie.	
09.24 – 09.53	Respondent tells us that she went to two of the secondary schools in the area. She went to St. Andrews and then Smiffycroft as she had bad attendance.	
10.08 – 10.56	Respondent tells us about her first job after leaving school in a clothes factory. She lists the other jobs that she had after that before becoming a mother.	
	“Leaving school, my first job was in a, was in a factory that we used to get clothes delivered to, and we would sort them out. Charity shops clothes and the other clothes were getting cut up for rag, which we were working for pennies, cause we were there from like half 7 in the morning to like half 5 and we would get £78 at the end of the week. We would get a choice of maybe one or two of the clothes.”	10.08 – 10.32
11.03 – 11.40	Respondant tells us that she lives in Ruchazie after moving away previously for 8 years. She describes the house and street that she currently lives in.	
	“I live in a front and back door, up and down stairs, I do live in a great street, like everybody is so nice. Especially I had Cody, Cody is my youngest child and everybody on my street and everywhere else all know who Cody is, so there’s always been someone who looked out for Cody because he was good at running away when he was a wee’un.”	11.18 – 11.40
12.03 – 12.39	Respondent tells her views on issues on the area such as there not being anything for the teenage kids in the area. She feels they need more support and a place for them to feel comfortable to talk. She tells us that there used to be youth groups for teenagers and younger kids but not anymore.	

12.49 – 13.09	Respondent tells us about how her social life has now changed from what it used to be. She is now back at college and focused on learning now that her children are older.	
13.20 – 13.44	Respondant tells us about the different facilities in the area and how it is all local people who work in them.	
	“We’ve got the care home, we’ve got a sports facility, we’ve got a wee local shop, we’ve got the nursery. Like there is local people that do work in them, so it’s not as if they’ve employed people who don’t in the local community. So that’s good that they’re actually looking for local people and then obviously the pantry is growing which is going to be more opportunity for local people.”	13.27 – 13.44
13.45 – 14.39	Respondant talks about how the seven lochs area has changed. She chats about the changes at Hogganfield Loch from when she was a child. She tells us that she feels the Loch has went downhill and she feels it needs to look more inviting.	
	“As I was a child, the Hoggie was completely different. Hogganfield Loch was an amazing place to go as a child. We used to go up there from first thing in the morning and not be home until it was starting to get dark with a blanket and a wee tiny picnic, and we had our boats and we had the ice cream van, and the restaurant. I slightly remember the restaurant from when I was a wee lassie. “	14.00 – 14.20
14.45 – 16.22	Respondent shares her views on issues which affect the local community now-a-days. She chats about the local housing issue, how there isn’t a lot of entertainment facilities, the state of the local roads, the lack of local transport. She also tells us that apart from the local shop ‘The Pantry’, there isn’t a lot of other shops, the ones that are there are too expensive for this climate. She says that she doesn’t hear about a lot of crime in the present day compared to the gang activity before.	
	“Obviously people who have moved into the houses, they’ve started having families, their families are growing and there’s just not enough housing for them, to move into bigger houses, like the turnover isn’t, it just isn’t good but because of that they’ve not built any new more houses, we need more houses in the community. To keep them in the community because more people are moving away. Whereas years ago, people who stayed in the community, stayed in the community, they didn’t move away. We all knew each other, we all knew who stayed round the corner or up the road or... that’s a big issue.”	14.48 – 15.20
16.30 – 16.56	Respondent tells us about a local campaign that she remembers to get one of the bus lines reinstated to take the locals to nearby shopping centres. Unfortunately it did not have much impact and did not work.	
	“We did have two buses at one point, we had the 38 and then we had the 32, which was great for the older of us, to get up and down to The Forge, to Parkhead. It used to like go through quite a lot of wee routes so the old of us could get where they wanted to go. For whatever reason they stopped it, there was a campaign to get it back, it didn’t make much of an impact cause we just got told no, which is ridiculous.”	16.32 – 16.56
17.04 – 17.40	Respondent talks about the stereotype of her area, she tells us about taxi drivers referring to the area as ‘Crazy Ruchazie’. She tells about an unnamed incident which happened in her area which makes people think that Ruchazie is full of gangs and drugs but she tells us it is not.	
	“There was an incident that happened, it was actually the year I was born, I can always remember it getting spoke about when I was growing up. But, it’s again, whenever you speak about Ruchazie, that’s the first thing people think about which then they just automatically think ‘aw gangs and drugs..’ but it’s not like that at all.”	17.22 – 17.40

17.40 – 18.53	Respondent describes her nationality as Scottish and says she calls Glasgow her home. She feels like she is part of Ruchazie. The interviewer asks how she feels about changes and she expresses her opinion that changes are welcome as long as they benefit the people in the community. She chats about the recent change in the area which has been The Pantry. She shares her view on what the new changes will be for the community.	
	"So the recent change I would say is The Pantry, The Pantry has done amazing for the community, and then we are going to have our wee café. So the wee café and then The Bistro at night and then obviously we are going to have the allotments as well, which is, I'm very excited about personally, cause I feel that it's just going to be a gathering place for the community. And it's going to bring the low-end and the high-end together, because for many years it's always been the high-end and the low-end. We've never actually been as one. Whereas hopefully now with these changes coming we are going to be the one big Ruchazie and we are going to get rid of the high-end and the low-end.	18.15 – 18.53
19.09 – 19.28	Respondent talks about her excitement for the future changes to come into effect and her thoughts on the impact the changes will make to the community.	
	"It's not just going to be the allotments, we're going to have like sports places, playspaces, just spaces for everything and anything that everybody wants to do. There's always going to be something there for who-ever is there, it's going to be great, it's going to be brilliant to see and witness."	19.12 – 19.28
19.30 – 19.58	Respondent sums up her interview by telling us she thinks the most important thing about the area is the community and making sure that everybody is heard. Interviewer thanks the respondent for sharing her memories with her.	
   		
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