

Project: **'Memories of Seven Lochs' Communities: A people's history'.**

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Location of Interview: Glenboig





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Time (from: mins/secs)	Description	Transcribed Extract (from- to: mins/secs)
00.34	<i>Where were you born?</i>	
	Bellshill	00.35
00.38	<i>Where did your parents live at that time?</i>	
	Moodiesburn	00.43
00.45	<i>When did you move to Glenboig?</i>	
	I was three years of age.	00.47-00.48
00.54	<i>What are your first memories of Glenboig?</i>	
	When I was a child, I used to go down to my Great Gran's she just lived across from the Loch and I used to stay there every Friday. My Gran was a Cleaner, she used to go round and help out doing people's houses. My Grans were called Julia and Agnes.	00.57-01.42
01.47	<i>Do you remember going to school?</i>	
	When I started school the new school wasn't opened at that time and we had to travel to Muirhead to St Barbara's. There was an annex there and we used to have to travel down to the bottom of the road to get the bus every morning. We used to call into the wee sweet shop and get my sweets for going to school before I got on the bus. The bus took about ten minutes to Muirhead. It was a long annex building right old fashioned and then we moved over to Glenboig and it was the first Primary School and then I left the Primary School and started the High School in August 1980. I left school in 1984.	01.53-03.15
03.18	<i>Who were your friends at school?</i>	
	My best friend I met at the High School, her name was Yvonne and we've been friends ever since. She lives up in Airdrie.	03.22-03.36
03.47	<i>Can you describe the house you lived in, in Glenboig?</i>	

	The house that I lived in is the house that I live in now and I've been in the house 52 years. We were the first tenants and I've been in it ever since. The house had three bedrooms, a bathroom, a kitchen and a sitting room.	3.54-04.30
04.33	<i>What was the village like at that time?</i>	
	Everybody knew one another. I was lucky to live at that side of the scheme because the other side of the scheme was more rough. I lived at the quieter side.	04.39-04.57
04.58	<i>Were there many shops?</i>	
	At the bottom of the road there was a wee Grocery shop, that's where I used to go for my sweets going to school which in later years became my Aunt's Hairdressers. There was a Co-operative and there was like a Hardware store and like a small family business shop and then the big Grocers shop. It was knocked down and a new one put up.	05.07-05.51
06.00	<i>What was the community like?</i>	
	Everybody knew everybody. People kept their self to their self.	06.05-06.12
06.14	<i>Do you remember any Gala Days?</i>	
	I went to all the Gala Days from when I was young down in the park. They were fun. We all done the different races. The park was always busy, Mums and Dads, Grans and Grandads and all the kids were all there. A family day we all enjoyed. They had pony rides, fancy dress and there were pipers too.	06.17-07.16
07.24	<i>Who was your friend in Glenboig?</i>	
	I had a few friends but we all had friends at school and that. I didn't really have a particular friend and then as I said when I went to High School, I met my best friend and we've been friends ever since.	07.21-
07.54	<i>What kind of games did you play in Glenboig?</i>	
	We played beds and we used to go out with our skipping ropes. We used to have arts and crafts and scraps and different things. We played out in the car parks.	07.59-08.18
08.25	<i>Did you play around the lochs?</i>	
	Not really. My Gran had a younger sister and my Great Gran's house was just across from the loch and my Gran's sister was only a child and she was drowned in the loch, her name was Catherine. She was only about 9 I think. She had come out the house, she was cutting across to go to the old work to meet up with her Dad and her Gran had given her a coin and she accidentally fell in and the people who rescued her when she had drowned, they opened up her hand and the coin was clasped in her hand.	08.28-09.53
09.58	<i>What were your favourite toys when you were a child?</i>	
	I had a lot of dolls. I loved colouring in. I had my wee portable T.V. I watched all different programmes. I can remember on a Sunday afternoon I used to call over to my Aunt's and if the weather was bad we'd say we'll not go a walk today and we used to put our T.V. on and watch The Waltons and Little House on the Prairie. That was in the 1970s.	10.01-11.09
11.14	<i>What kind of music did you like back then?</i>	
	When I was younger I liked Abba. I didn't have a favourite song, they were just my favourite group.	11.17-11.30

12.04	<i>In Glenboig, what was your favourite place?</i>	
	<p>My home and school and childhood memories. I used to go down to my Great Gran's and stay on a Friday night.</p> <p>When I was a child, I was only four and a half, I was invited to a cousin's wedding and my Mum and my Aunt and myself went for that. Sometimes we went holidays. I can remember as a child going to Butlins in Ayr. It's funny how things stick in your memory and I've got a lot of photographs as well. I can remember we were in a chalet and my Mum and Dad and my Aunt and her friend, we used to down on to the beach. I liked playing about in the water,.</p>	12.13-14.24
14.33	<i>When you were a teenager, what did you do for fun?</i>	
	I really kept myself to myself and then I went to the High School and then I met my friend Yvonne and we've been friends ever since. I didn't really bother much, I was more a family person. I had good friends but I never really went anywhere much.	14.39-15.08
15.09	<i>Tell me about your parents?</i>	
	My Mum she was a Civil Servant and my Dad, he worked in the hospitals. I was lucky to have a good Mum and Dad. I lost my Mum 27 years ago, we'd just come back from Majorca on holiday. We came back on the Thursday and she passed away on the Sunday. I lost my Dad 4 years ago, he was perfectly fine, he thought he just had a virus and they discovered he had cancer. He was taken into hospital then he was transferred to St Andrew's Hospice and passed away. I didn't have any brothers or sisters.	15.12-16.23
16.17	<i>What did you do when you left school?</i>	
	I worked in a supermarket, Then I hadn't worked for a while and I was working in the kitchen for two years and they're really good to me in the centre.	16.36-17.00
17.02	<i>How did you hear about the centre?</i>	
	<p>I've lived in Glenboig all my life. They used to have a caravan and I found out about the caravan and we went and we had a lovely time, me and my Dad. After the caravan holiday we went back again and we discovered they had wee groups and things, so my Dad came round on a Wednesday and he joined the Wednesday Group and one of the girls said why not come on a Tuesday to the Mens Group and he joined the Mens Group. Then I joined groups and we used to go on wee holidays and trips and that's how we joined the Life Centre.</p> <p>I'm in the Art Class, in the Sewing Class and a group on a Wednesday.</p>	17.06-18.30
18.35	<i>What do you like most about the Centre?</i>	
	Everybody's so friendly and we are all a community and it is our Centre and we try to support it as best we can. If there's anything on I can contribute with raffles and things like that. I do give a lot to them and things like that.	18.42-19.22
19.30	<i>Do you attend the Christmas events?</i>	
	Yes. It's good fun, its really amazing. This Centre's the best thing that could ever happen in Glenboig. Theresa is fantastic, and all the girls and the men and the staff. We are so lucky and privileged to have a place like this because other places, other areas, haven't got anything like this. They look after the elderly and they make them their meals, you've always got the phone	19.31-20.40

	calls from the girls in the Centre every morning to check that you were alright. It makes you feel good, because you know somebody's thinking about you and checking in on you to make sure you're okay. They're very faithful, I can't say a bad word about them.	
20.55	<i>How did you get involved working in the kitchen in the Centre?</i>	
	I was on this course and at the end of it, there were some job places available and when I got home that day I phoned round but Theresa wasn't in the office and it was for a different vacancy and she told me to come round on the Tuesday morning, so I went on the Tuesday morning and the next minute she turned round and said the vacancy is yours if you want it and as I say I was in the kitchen but at that point the new café wasn't open so I was in the new kitchen on my own and all the people were down in the old kitchen and then they were all transferred up here and then we all just blended in together and that's the way it happened. Unfortunately they couldn't keep me on because of the contract and things, but they done me proud, they definitely did. I'd been away for my 50 th birthday, walked into the kitchen on the Tuesday morning and they had the kitchen all decorated with balloons and banners, gave me a lovely big birthday cake and a card with £100 in it and when I was leaving they gave me a card with £100 in it. So they were really good to me.	21.00-23.11
23.22	<i>What are your favourite memories of Glenboig?</i>	
	My family, my Mum and Dad, my Gran and and Granda, my Papa, my Granny, my Aunts and Uncles, all my friends, all my childhood, going to school, everything. It's a lovely village to be brought up in. As I say I've lived in it 52 years of my life. The people who lived in Glenboig years ago wouldn't recognise the place now with all the different changes, all the new houses and different things.	23.29-24.26
24.27	<i>Are these changes good or bad?</i>	
	I'd say good but a lot more shops in the area, there's a lack of shops. There's all these houses but no shops for people, they've got to go to Coatbridge.	24.31-24.56
24.57	<i>What's the transport system like?</i>	
	There's a bus comes into the village every half hour Monday to Saturday and then on a Sunday it's a Sunday service, one every hour, but the local bus it comes regular. It comes from Coatbridge and goes right round the scheme and back into Coatbridge.	24.58-25.36
25.38	<i>What changes would you like to see?</i>	
	We need a lot more shops. There's talk about shops being built across the road there in front of the Centre but we'll just need to wait and see what happens.	25.45-25.55
25.58	<i>That's all my questions, is there anything you'd like to say?</i>	
	It's been a privilege to do this	26.06
	Thank you very much, it's been a pleasure meeting you.	
   		
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