

Interview with Robert (Woodlawns Centre) by Dunraven students

A = student

R = Robert

A: Um were there like any types of slang that you would use as a student do you think or was it Standard English mostly?

R: Well that's interesting subject because er again in those days it was a er cos they had so many dialects erm and they erm each area had its own way of speaking er and er I would say dos't tha want to know

A: (laughs) Wh-what would that mean?

R: Do you want to know that? So erm at the grammar school of course you refrained from using Lancashire dialect but the dialect was right across the county and you could in fact tell people by the way they sometimes pronounced the word erm you could tell someone even by the town they were from

A: Yeah (.) like was it that region like was it really like even each town so much

R: You had to listen very carefully if you wanted to pick up a particular town er

A: Did people not like getting confused with other towns?

R: Not really no no they were er just took it as part of their life

A: Erm what about in school did you have any like say greetings for your friends like in your friend group did you have any sort of phrases that you would say that maybe people won't say now

R: At do awreet? (2) How are you? Are you alright (laughs)

A. It was quite different then

R: Yes but as I say at the grammar school you er had to be careful er you were heard by a prefect or a master using er using broad Lancashire you were in trouble

A: (Laughs) What sort of trouble would you get into erm

R; Well the usual form was having extra lines (.) and the other thing was detention er that was a shocker

