

<b>Interviewee(s): Ronnie Golightly (RG)</b>	<b>Interviewer(s): Pencaitland Primary School Pupil: Aaron</b>
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Aaron: My name is Aaron Joyce and it is... the 9<sup>th</sup> of March 2020 and we are in Pencaitland Primary School. Please introduce yourself.

RG: Ma name's Ronnie Golightly, Ah'm the stand-in janitor for Pencaitland Primary School. Is that all right?

Aaron: Yeh. Can you tell us about – a bit about your life when you were a child, at school an... when you were at school?

RG: Ah went to the Knox Academy in Haddington. Ah started there when – Ah don't know what age Ah would've been. Through the school Ah learnt all various different things, Ah played football fer the school, Ah played rugby fer the school... Ah didnae really like school. [Aaron chuckles] But we've all got to learn, so Ah had to stick in at school. Do ye want me to tell ye further than that?

Aaron: Yeah! You can say as much as you want.

RG: Right. After Ah left school... Ah got a job as an agricultural engineer, like sorting tractors and all the various farm implements... Ah done five years there, an then Ah got another job back in Haddington, which was a lot easier because Ah wasn't have to travel intae Edinburgh every day.

Aaron: Yeah.

RG: ...So Ah done that, then after a wee while, Ah decided Ah needed somethin else. ...An that's when Ah left that, and Ah joined the fire brigade.

Aaron: Wow.

RG: Then Ah was a fireman. Sort o before that, before Ah went tae become a full-time fireman, Ah was a part-time fireman in Haddington. Noo a part-time fireman is, you've got a wee pager, something about that size, and

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it goes off, it bleeps if there's a fire somewhere. So everybody goes to the fire station and then you go to fire. ...Then Ah joined full time. So Ah was a fireman fer thirty...three years. Y'know? Thoroughly enjoyed it. An then it came tae the bit where Ah had to retire from the fire brigade. Then East Lothian Council were advetisin, looking for janitors, so Ah applied for the job, Ah got the job but Ah started off at Salt – East Salton. And then, Ah came down here, and then Ah've been here ever since until Ah retired last year. And that's been me.

Aaron: Woah! How do you think children's lives are different now? Are they better or worse and d'you... think that?

RG: Going to just ask that again?

Aaron: How do you think children's lives are different now? Are they better or worse – or worse – and why do you think that?

RG: Ah think it's better for kids now. There's a lot more opportunities now... Your schoolin is far, far better than what I had, when Ah was at school – but that, that doesny mean to say that Ah had a bad education, just that education has got better all the way through now. So it was – Ah would say it was far better now.

Aaron: Yeah. Why did you choose to leave- live in East... Lothian? Did you ever, like, live anywhere else?

RG: No. Ah was born in Haddington.

Aaron: Were you?

RG: Yeh. An Ah love stayin in Haddington, Ah love stayin in East Lothian. East Lothian, there's a lot

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o great – well, Ah've got ma dogs, so there's loads o places where Ah can take ma dogs, Ah mean there was them... Ah like ma fishin, Ah go up the hill do ma fishin – there are a lot o great things round about East Lothian.

Aaron: What is your job – [amused] oh, well, we already know that! But do you have anything else to say, like about your life?

RG: Eh, let's see... Well, what Ah wull say is Ah've thoroughly enjoyed ma life, Ah've had a lot of various jobs and Ah've thoroughly enjoyed every job Ah've hud. Now, when Ah say enjoyed, it's what you put into the job, you've got tae like what you're doin, an then that way you start enjoyin what you're doin. So that's, that's why Ah, Ah've hud a great life, Ah've thoroughly enjoyed ma life.

Aaron: Thanks very much. That is the end of this really.