

Thorne and Hatfield Moors Oral History Project

Interview with: Kevin Bull (part 1)

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Summary

Kevin Bull is the Site Manager for Thorne & Hatfield Moors. He is employed by Natural England. He was interviewed as English Nature became part of the new organisation 'Natural England'.

Description of role viz. Thorne & Hatfield Moors. And within the new organisation.

Description of the 2 sites including size

His early background. Born in Thorne. Attended Thorne Grammar School.

Early work history. Initially worked at Hatfield Colliery as an electrician, then commercial manager outside mining industry through to complete career change in mid 1990s. Return to education to gain qualifications to begin current career.

Early connection with Moors – shooting with father, bird watching, bird-nesting. Boyhood memories of Moors.

Description of the Moors pre-milling.

Working with walling gangs in summer holidays. Working arrangements, conditions etc.

Discovery of crashed wartime plane

Working on the Moors at night – ghostly monk on Hatfield Moor. Guided walks. Midges