

Thorne and Hatfield Moors Oral History Project

Interview with: John Hitchcock (part 2)

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Summary

John Hitchcock has had a relationship with the Moors all his life. As a child he collected food from the moor, as a young adult he sometimes shot game there and eventually he became a gamekeeper. He now works as a volunteer for Natural England.

Description of walling & re-walling peat. Heavy work & hot.

Working gangs

Relationship with William Bunting & his son

Bunting as local 'people's solicitor'

Registering footpaths & rights of way

What William Bunting was like

Local attitude to Bunting

Details of how Bunting's Beavers blocked drains