

## **Thorne and Hatfield Moors Oral History Project**

### **Interview with: Colin Howes (part 1)**

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**Interviewer: Lynne Fox**

### **Summary**

**Colin Howes is the Museum Officer (Environmental Records), at Doncaster Museum. He has had a long and close association with the study and recording of the flora and fauna of Thorne and Hatfield Moors and has been present and involved with many of the important key events and activities leading to the establishment of the ecological importance of the two moors. He has been closely associated with some of the key people involved in the study and defence of the Moors including Peter Skidmore and William Bunting and has, himself, published papers on his own work in the area.**

His interest in the natural world was sparked by his childhood involvement with Scarborough Museum.

His professional life and how he came to be in his current post.

History of Doncaster Museum including personnel

Doncaster Zoo

His own role at the museum

His involvement with (principally) Thorne Moors

William Bunting and the importance of his work

Description of Thorne Moors prior to surface milling

Description of visits to Thorne Moors

Important studies on Thorne Moors

Paul Buckland et al discovery of prehistoric trackway

End of part one