

Thorne and Hatfield Moors Oral History Project

Interview with: Mike Oliver (part 2)

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Summary

Mike Oliver worked for many years as a Mining Surveyor for the National Coal Board. He was made redundant at the collapse of the coal industry in 1991 aged 51. He went to work for Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council as a Minerals Planner and became case officer for Thorne & Hatfield Moors during the key years of the conservation debate, in which he was closely involved. He has retained a keen interest in the conservation of the Moors even after his retirement. He discovered the Neolithic wooden trackway whilst walking on Hatfield Moor in 2004.

His theory about prehistoric tracks and routeways across Hatfield Moor. The Lindholme Causeway of Abraham de la Pryme and its connection with the Neolithic trackway
His view of the Neolithic landscape and the human reaction to increased waterlogging