

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

### **Interview with: Shirley Squires (part 2)**

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### **Summary**

**Shirley Squires was the manager of all the gangs of contract casual labour used by Fisons on Thorne & Hatfield Moors**

Working with Fisons

Details of cutting machinery – ruttling machine

Introduction of surface milling – no more casual labour needed. She took job in the offices, husband worked as mechanic.

Her son worked on moors in his dad's filling gang

Shirley originally worked in gangs of casual agricultural labourers. Fisons needed similar system when machine cutting introduced. She was asked to act as manager

How she organised & chose her gang leaders

Her work prior to gang working

Her opinion about cessation of peat working & conservation of the moors

Action against B&Q in Doncaster

The meeting at Thorne Grammar School in 1997 – opposing conservationists

Bunting's family working on moors

Dangers of the moors – machine sinking into peat