

Paul and Margaret Green	Interviewer Patricia Ryan -Wed 29 th October 2014
<p>2.00</p> <p>2.45</p> <p>3.30</p> <p>4.00</p> <p>5.45</p> <p>6.45</p> <p>9.20</p> <p>11.20</p>	<p>Margaret Green was born in Derby and in 1965 came to Leeds to go to university. In 1980 she moved to Oakwood. At University she studied biology and genetics.</p> <p>Margaret met her husband at university and they married in 1972. They lived in the Amberton area and had their first child Naomi. In 1980 they moved to Montague Crescent and their second child Simeon was born there. She enjoys living there. Both children went to school locally. Been there more than thirty years.</p> <p>Husband worked at Uni. Oakwood a convenient place to Leeds.</p> <p>Have enjoyed how close it is to Roundhay Park, how easy it is to get out into the countryside, and into Leeds by car and public transport. They are not quite as mobile now as they were so good they can still walk locally.</p> <p>Children enjoyed having friendships here. Montague Crescent good location, safe for children. Big open space with well established trees which children called ‘the jungle’.</p> <p>Gordon and Sheila Kirk lived in number 17 and the neighbour at number 11 had all been in houses since they were new. Several other families have moved in and been friendly. It’s welcoming. People stay for a number of years.</p> <p>What they like about Oakwood – at the beginning there was a greengrocers and butchers which they could easily use. A lot of shops have changed hands over the years. It is becoming a thriving neighbourhood again with community spirit. They go to church in Harehills Lane Baptist Church. Had swimming lessons in Fearnville.</p> <p>Paul Green – married to Margaret for 42 years. Most of houses in Crescent were built in pre-war years. Both houses were built by a local builder to a very high standard. Cost £1100 each in 1936.</p> <p>Change in style down the Crescent. Started again with building in late 1950s. Now a good mix of people in the Crescent and they get on with most people pretty well.</p> <p>In the centre of the Crescent the land is owned by the Montague Trust. It is impossible to be developed but it can be opened up for growing.</p> <p>Margaret spoke to a Leeds councillor and he talked about forming a Crescent community group to make it tidier and a wildlife area. During war it was cultivated. Also it was mown for cricket matches.</p> <p>Paul – memories of Roundhay Park – the lido, freezing cold, trams, happy days. Walking on the wall outside Canal Gardens, doing the same with the children.</p> <p>Oakwood shops now flourishing – had been worried Tescos would kill off the area. It’s doing better. Farmers’ market.</p>