Margaret Latimer

Member of REAP. 3 year gardening project. Has about 12 volunteers. Third Saturday of every month is a Farmers' Market. Very popular. Hub of Oakwood. Garden visible from the bus. Aim is to show how easy it is to get a variety of crops in a small place. When it is all landscaped REAP will stay – have worked hard on soil – all composted!

Mr and Mrs Smith. Mrs Smith called Doreen.

Used to catch tram to Roundhay Park. Was a Blackburn Aircraft factory where Tesco is. Now Oakwood is very busy. Flower beds weren't as big as they are now. Have kept shop facades which is wonderful. Lived in Beckett Street as children. Played hopscotch, marbles, kick out ball, whip and top. Ran around in Park. Used to watch sledging on Hill 60.

Came to Soldiers' Field to play rugby. Children's Day – did exercises at Park. Crowds of children in arena. Was aged 10 or 11 then. Chose Queen on Children's Day. All schools took part. Parade and floats. Dresses made from Schofields.

Jeanette Munton

Lived here 20 years. Lots of community events. Oakwood more vibrant, livelier. REAP is a driving force. Roundhay Live. OTRA. Churches are working together. REAP is Roundhay Environmental Action Project – concerned about the environment. Energy efficiency. Reduction of food miles. Garden group. Farmers' Market – thriving. REAP is the umbrella organisation. Meet friends at the market, held once a month. Clock is a landmark, will be nicer when done.

People are scattered and they want a sense of community. People also concerned about climate change. When clock is restored it will be a more attractive site – more sustainable communities.

REAP is growing all the time. Social events now.

Enyd and Stuart

Oakwood and Roundhay area nice. Impressed by Farmers' Market. Retains sense of community. Not too far from the city. Came to Leeds for work a year ago. Very positive move.

Members of local church and photographic society. WRVS at St James' Hospital. Friends of Roundhay Park. Tried to join a lot of things. St George's Crypt shop. Trying to feel part of the community.

Clock is a great landmark. They contributed to the restoration fund. A little area that is quite precious. Want to keep it preserved but also used.

Some of activities could be better supported. Nice to sing carols. Would like to see more available for the youth. Market should feel like it's for everyone.

Ken and Sandra

Edmonds Farm Bakery at the Farmers' Market is what they go for. Walks around Roundhay Park as part of the Walk for Health group. Remembers trams. Used to come up to Park on it. Played football. Was in Children's Day. Did athletics, in parade. Went to Osmondthorpe Secondary Modern School. Hard work because had to rehearse for displays. Deadliest rivals were Coalcoates School. Everyone from Leeds took part in it. Had 2 in one

year because Princess Elizabeth came in 1948. Stood to attention in PE kit. Horseshoe Lane – first electric trams turned round there.

Fergus and his mum Antonia

Likes the Farmers' Market. Likes things you can get at market. Bought some sausage rolls, cheese, and some broken biscuits.

Can buy things from deli in market. Lives in Oakwood. Fergus is in Year 7 at Roundhay School. Usually see someone you know at market. Went to Adel Primary School. Teachers at Roundhay quite good. Had never sat under clock before.

Linda

First papergirl they'd had at the Post Office. Was all boys up till that time. Born in Scarborough. Father was a chef at Queens Hotel. Came to Leeds as a toddler. Went to Coalcoates School. Used to be a picture house down Roundhay Road, went every Saturday, then down to town to the Union Baths. Played out in street, skipping, hopscotch. Lived in a semi up Oakwood Lane. Hollin Hills. Auntie and Uncle lived there too. Went to Children's Day – was in the audience, it was packed.

Shops – nearly all changed. At Post Office got paid ten shillings a week as a papergirl. Worked 6 days. Walked from school. Then did mornings as well. Went before school. It was about 50 years ago. The Boss was a bit strict. He was a bit dubious about employing a girl but after Linda started he employed more girls. It was safe then. Walked it all. Did all Oakwood Lane and the streets off it.

School holidays – went to Scarborough. Had an older brother. As teenagers – went to shops in town, sports mad, swimming.

Used to sit under the clock. Would walk to Roundhay Park – had cafe in there. Remembers trams vaguely. Worked in Leeds as a junior clerk.

Comes to market every time – really friendly and nice. Often bump into old schoolfriends.

John

Lived here for 13 years. Loves it. Everything's in walking or cycling distance. People see the clock as a landmark, it's part of the community. Member of REAP, cycling for the kids. Kids are at Gledhow School and Roundhay School. Go playing football on the field. Lot more local independent shops now. New veg shop. It's developing. He wants to stay local. Wants to make sure these things continue. More people to be joining in. Sustainability rather than expansion.

Peter and Audrey

Used to catch no 3 tram to Roundhay – went to tennis courts. Used ground as a play area. Went to arena for Tattoos. Children's Day was fabulous.

Peter was second to the long jump champion. Went to Harehills School. It was about all the schools. Hill 60 was covered with people.

Cricket – Jack Appleyard's 11. Team came from all over Yorkshire. Sailing boats on Park lake. Not much changed in Oakwood – more houses and flats. Park hasn't changed much. Shops – got supermarkets. Jones the electrical shop. Come to market about every 3 months. Renovation of clock very important. Will help the community. Sat underneath it when raining or when courting. One or two more restaurants.

Alan, Marianne, Maggie and Martin

2 chemists, butchers etc before, but supermarkets meant they went. Now Building Societies and Estate Agents. More vibrant now. Since fundraising for the clock there is a better vibe. We never felt a sense of community before, but it's coming.

Helped out with Cubs.

Clock is a nice focal point. Gateway to the Park. Needs to look good.

Should be collecting more litter in lower half of Oakwood. Come to market for breakfast.

Also to socialise. Meet people you know.

Hilary

Lived in area 40 years. Lived in Chapel Allerton before. Oakwood hasn't changed except supermarkets. More traffic, especially Street Lane. Lives off Street Lane. Member of Roundhay WI. Get together every month for meeting but also have other get togethers — discussion group, knitting group, tea and chat group, walking group meets in Roundhay Park and then have a cuppa. Roundhay Park has changed a lot. It offers more now, a great attraction. Get to know people, very friendly. Likes the clock. A focal point. Glad it's being done. Would like them to do something about traffic. Likes living there, 'everything I want is here'.

Arthur

Hopes the clock stays. Supporter of Friends of Roundhay Park. Been here 10 years. Loves Park, shops, restaurants, bars and people. Wants to see toilets turned into something decent.