**Readme File**

These data files are related to oral history interviews carried out by Hannah Connelly (née Baxter) for her PhD ‘Ground-Breaking: Community Heritage on Glasgow’s Allotments’. The files require a PDF reader and photograph viewer to open them.

The files consist of the following:

* 25 transcripts of oral history interviews
* 25 photographs of associated consent forms
* A copy of the information sheet given to participants
* A copy of the consent form

The interviews are related to allotment sites in Glasgow with the exception of three interviews about the Scottish Allotments and Gardens Society (with Fiona Sutherland, Alison Swanson and Judy Wilkinson). The participants were selected to cover a range of plotholders; men and women of different ages and nationalities who had been gardening for varying lengths of time. The participants were contacted through the Glasgow Allotments Forum or through site secretaries.

The interviews were semi-structured, usually covering the following themes:

* Why chose to have an allotment
* Why chose this site, experience of this site and previous experience on other sites
* Family histories of allotments
* Experience of being on a waiting list
* What was it like to arrive and settle in to site
* Demographics of sites
* What plants/crops are grown and why
* What gardening practices are used, for example, rotation, organic or non-organic, pest control
* How were practices learnt and were these influenced by other plotholders
* How does climate of Glasgow, geology and topography of site affect gardening
* How was site designed or laid out and how has this affected plotholders
* Do plotholders design/plan individual plots – crops, ornamental plants, ponds, sheds, boundaries, other ornaments
* Do plants have specific memories or stories attached to them
* Animals on plots – pests such as greenfly, ‘helpful’ animals such as worms, pets on allotments
* Campaigns and protests – experiences of campaigning for new sites/extensions and protests surrounding closures of sites, outcomes of these campaigns and protests and effects on plotholders
* Sheds – what are sheds used for, how sheds are built, site regulations surrounding sheds or preventing building of sheds, re-used materials/buildings as sheds, e.g. air-raid shelters
* History of sites and individual plots
* Changes to sites and how this has affected plotholders, e.g. increase/decrease of plots, changes in rules, changing demographics
* Changes in legislation
* Vandalism on allotments and experiences of dealing with this
* Community activities (composting, clearing paths) and events (BBQs, Christmas parties)
* Relationships between sites
* Views on other urban gardening, e.g. community gardens
* Views on ‘heritage’ of allotments
* Views on future of allotments
* Is plot important to plotholder and why

The file names are made up of the number of interview, allotment site or organisation and the name of the participant. The numbers are not sequential as other interviews were carried out as part of the Glasgow Allotments Heritage project that have not been deposited here; these will be deposited at the Glasgow City Archives. The codes in the file names are:

* BAS – Budhill and Springboig Allotments
* CRO – Croftburn Allotments
* HCA – High Carntyne Allotments
* KEN – Kennyhill Allotments
* NVG – New Victoria Gardens
* QPA – Queens Park Allotments
* SAGS – Scottish Allotments and Gardens Society
* VCF – Vicarfield Allotments
* WES – Westthorn Allotments

**Details of participants**

**001\_BAS\_Scalley**

Harry Scalley was interviewed on his plot at Budhill and Springboig Allotments on 10th June 2015. He was born in Glasgow on 21st May 1934 and has been a plotholder for around twenty-five years.

**002\_BAS\_Barrett**

Denis Barrett was interviewed on his plot at Budhill and Springboig, in the East End, on 10th June 2015. He was born in 1947 and had been a plotholder since 2009.

**007\_VCF\_Speirs**

James Speirs was interviewed in the communal hut at Vicarfield Allotments on 25th June 2015. He was born in the Gorbals on 9th October 1959. James was one of the first plotholders on this site, along with Kellieanne, and has had his plot since November 2013.

**008\_BAS\_McKendrick**

Maureen McKendrick was interviewed on her plot at Budhill and Springboig Allotments on 27th June 2015. She was born in Glasgow on 23rd February 1961 and has been a plotholder on the site since November 2014. Previously she had had a raised bed on Kennyhill Allotments.

**009\_BAS\_Rice**

Jeanette Rice (who only gave permission for her first name to be used) was interviewed on her plot at Budhill and Springboig Allotments on 28th June 2015. She was born in Bridgeton, Glasgow, and had been a plotholder for around nine years.

**010\_BAS\_Crowe**

Andrew Crowe, a plot holder at Budhill and Springboig Allotments, was interviewed in the site cabin on 28th June 2015. He was born in London in 1951. Andrew had been a plotholder for around six years and he keeps bees on his plot.

**011\_BAS\_Venart**

Kathryn Venart was interviewed on her plot at Budhill and Springboig on 28th June 2015. She was born in Glasgow on 27th September 1963 and had been a plotholder for nine years.

**013\_KEN\_Albiker**

Roland Albiker was interviewed on his plot at Kennyhill Allotments, in the East End, on 10th July 2015. He was born in Freiburg, Germany, on 12th September 1960 and had been a plot holder for two and a half years. Previously he had shared a plot on Kennyhill with another plotholder.

**014\_HCA\_Clifford**

Lisa Clifford was interviewed on her plot at High Carntyne on 27th July 2015. She was born in Airdrie in 1975 and had been a plotholder for three years.

**015\_NVG\_Sutherland/027\_SAGS\_Sutherland**

Fiona Sutherland was born in Glasgow on 15th May 1957. She was interviewed twice on her plot in New Victoria Gardens, Pollokshields, where she has been a plotholder since the mid-1980s: on 4th August 2015 about being a plotholder and on 11th July 2016 about her involvement with the SAGS committee in the 1990s.

**016\_HCA\_Gibson**

Joyce Gibson was interviewed on her plot at High Carntyne on 29th July 2015. She was born in Glasgow on 2nd October 1958. Joyce went to her father’s allotment as a small child at Haghill and later at High Carntyne. When her father died in 1999 she was asked by the committee at High Carntyne to take over his plot.

**017\_HCA\_Boyle**

John Boyle was interviews on his plot at High Carntyne on 29th July 2015. John was born in County Donegal, Ireland in 1943. Part of his interview was retracted and this is marked in the transcript.

**017\_VCF\_McMillan**

Kellieanne McMillan was interviewed in the communal hut at Vicarfield Allotments, in Govan, on 31st July 2015. She was born in Coatbridge on 6th August 1980. Kellieanne was amongst the first plotholders on site when Vicarfield Allotments were opened by the Govan Housing Association in November 2013.

**019\_HCA\_Blake**

Donna Blake was interviewed on her plot at High Carntyne, in the East End, on 5th August 2015. She was born in Broxburn on 19th July 1979 and had been a plotholder for seven years.

020\_KEN\_Chappell

Emily Chappell was interviewed on her plot at Kennyhill on 25th September 2015. She was born in Manchester in 1983. Emily began by sharing a friend’s plot but after her friend gave up due to health reasons, Emily continued as the sole plotholder.

**021\_NVG\_Tucker**

Eve Tucker was interviewed on her plot at New Victoria Gardens on 15th October 2015. She was born in Penang, Malaysia on 30th November 1950 and has had her plot since 1980.

**022\_SAGS\_Swanson**

Alison Swanson was interviewed as a member of SAGS in her home in Stirling on 13th October 2015. She was born in Glasgow in 1963. Alison’s plot is in Bridgehaugh, Stirling and she had been a plotholder for thirteen years.

**023\_QPA\_Bower**

Robin Bower was interviewed on his plot at Queen’s Park Allotments, in the Southside of Glasgow, on 25th June 2016. He was born in Paisley in 1957. Robin has had his allotment since 1993.

**024\_KSA\_Wilkinson/029\_SAGS\_Wilkinson**

Judy Wilkinson was interviewed twice in her home in the West End of Glasgow. She was born in Mill Hill, London, on 4th July 1940. Judy, who has been a plotholder since 1974, was first interviewed about her plot in Julian Avenue on 14th June 2016. She was also interviewed on 13th July 2016 about her involvement with SAGS.

**025\_CRO\_Smith**

Alister Smith was interviewed in the communal hut at Croftburn Allotments on 27th June 2016. He was born in Glasgow on 13th February 1953. Alister had been a plotholder on Croftburn Allotments since the site re-opened in November 2013. He had previously had an allotment at Croftburn in the mid to late 1970s, before the site was closed in the 1990s.

**026\_WES\_Timms**

Brian was interviewed on his plot at Westthorn Allotments, in the East End of Glasgow, on 5th July 2016. He was born in Liverpool in 1935 and had been a plotholder since 2006.

**028\_NVG\_Young**

Andrew Young was interviewed in his home in the Southside of Glasgow on 11th July 2016. He had been a plotholder at New Victoria Gardens from 1987 until 2014. Andrew was born in Glasgow in 1927.

**030\_CRO\_Little**

Gillian was interviewed on her plot at Croftburn Allotments, in the Southside of Glasgow, on 18th August 2016. She was born in East Kilbride on 24th January 1972 and was one of the first plotholders on site when Croftburn Allotments was re-established in November 2013.