

Transcript of Daphne Pont Interview, June 2022.

Daphne speaking to Ben Heath.

Daphne: I'm Daphne Pont. I'm aged 87 and I've lived in the area since 2006 and I liked to take my husband down to the gardens in the wheelchair just to look at the gardens and we particularly liked February because of all the crocuses that were out.

And also, with my grandchildren, we used to go and pick up fir cones so that we could make decorations and wreaths and scatter them around our garden to make it look nice.

And often I've met people there that I haven't seen for a long time, which is a lovely surprise.

There is a seat there dedicated to the daughter of a friend of mine who lives in the same flats as me and she died very tragically. So I often go and sit on the seat and remember her. Her name is Jenny. And her mum always puts a little bunch of flowers there to remember her.

Ben: And is there any special tree in the park?

Daphne: Yes, I like the Redwood tree because my family name, my mother's family name, is Redwood.

Ben: And do you remember any of the floods in the area?

Daphne: Yes, I remember when Radipole Park Drive was flooded and I saw people in canoes and canoeing up towards Spa Road and they were followed by some swans.