

## Dialect and Oral History: The East Midlands

## AUDIO RECORD\*

## Recording:

Reference	DWWNO1
Dialect Location	Clipstone, Nottinghamshire
Date of interview	June 2012

## Interviewee:

Gender	Female
Date of birth / age	1980
Occupation	Child Minder

## Summary/Transcript:

Extract taken from:  
5:52- 7:10

I was working (...) oh I were doing nursing homes I was working in nursing homes before I went because at college I were training to be a/ I were doing all my nursing stuff and then I come back and I decided I wanted to join army so I signed up for army and then I backed out at last minute

**Why was you scared?**

Yeah

**I would be I w/ I thought about that after school but then I thought no**

mmm yeah me mum and dad said they didn't want me to join it but because I'd met all these people from all over like London I used to go to when I come back I couldn't sit still because I was that active and then that's when I wanted to work with kids so I wanted to because I'd seen that many poor kids

**Mummy I need toilet**

go on then go on then

**The door's stuck**

ask Leah to open it for you and then erm yeah I went to work in a youth club in Woodhouse help out with a youth worker she were lovely she were like my second mum

**One minute let me just open the door (background noise) (...) sorry you were saying that was your second mum?**

yeah she were like my second mum she were lovely and I had the chance to go to uni to do social worker it was all paid for but because I worked with a social worker I couldn't do their job because I seen some of the kids what they lo/ they taking stuff

**Put you off?**

yeah

**Linguistic  
description:**
**Phonology**

Feature	Example(s)	Comments
FOOT/STRUT → [ʊ]	but – [bʊʔ] stuff – [stʊf] London – [lʌndən]	Consistent
Reduction	were – [wə]	Consistent for this word
Vowel variation: /ɒ/ → [ʊ]	because – [kʊs]	Consistent for this word
/ɔ/ or /ə/ → [e]	for army – [feʔɑ:mɪ]	Occurs once; lack of linking /r/
happY vowel	army – [ɑ:mɪ] lovely – [lʊvlɛ] many – [menɪ] uni – [junɪ]	Inconsistent
Monophthongisation: /aɪ/ → [æ]	ɪ – [æ] ɪ'd – [æd] my – [mɪ] / [mæ]	Consistent for these words
/aɪ/ → [a:]	like – [la:ʔ]	Consistent for this word
MOUTH → [a:]	out – [a:t] Woodhouse - [wʊda:s]	Consistent
/əʊ/ → [ʊ]	go – [gʊ]	Consistent for this word
L-vocalisation	people – [pi:pʊʷ] still – [stɪʊʷ]	
K-glottalisation	like – [la:ʔ]	
Th-fronting	with – [wɪv] youth – [ju:f]	Consistent
H-dropping	homes – [əʊmz] woodhouse – [wʊda:s] had – [æd]	Consistent
<-ng> → [n]	working – [wɜ:kɪn] nursing – [nɜ:sɪn] doing – [duɪn]	Consistent
Elision	with – [wɪ]	Consistent for these

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	Assimilation	didn't – [dɪn't] and then that's - [ɛnnɛnæts]	words Occurs once
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Lexis	Item	Meaning	Comments
	Like	Filler	Occurs once

Morphology and Grammar	Feature	Example(s)	Comments
	Sing. vs. Plural 'to be'	"I were doing nursing homes" "I were training to be" "I were doing all my nursing stuff"	'was', Frequent but not consistent
	Zero infinitive	'Woodhouse Ø help out'	'to'
	Non-standard contraction	did not – [dɪn't]	Occurs once
	Zero definite article	'join Ø army' 'at Ø last minute'	Frequent but not consistent
	Non-standard use of verb	' <u>doing</u> nursing homes' 'to <u>do</u> social worker'	Frequent but not consistent
	Non-standard tense	'I <u>come</u> back'	'came', Consistent
	Non-standard possessive pronoun	"me mum and dad" "me second mum"	'my', Frequent but not consistent
	Zero auxiliary verb	"I Ø seen"	'have/had', Occurs once

**Further comments:**