

Case Studies – Sporting Tales

Rosemarie aged 64 is a retired Care Assistant who has lived in Shrewsbury all her life. Rosemarie heard about the project through a colleague at WRVS who had been contacted about the project as it looked for older people that might like to get involved.' To start with I just came along, with my friend Kay who is a lifelong fan to see what it was all about and found that it was great fun. We met some nice people. Kay and I started going shopping afterwards, I don't know what we are going to do on our Wednesday afternoon now it has finished, we will miss it' 'It was good to be around young people, they were brilliant and didn't mind talking to us. Kay and I are going to join a computer class now. I'm also going to use the booklet we produced in my role as a volunteer with WRVS and the reminiscence groups we run in care homes.'

Rory, a 15 year old pupil at Sundorne School and Sports College got involved with the project when his history teacher asked for volunteers for a project working with IT, Shrewsbury Town FC and older People 'It was a good experience to share what we knew about technology and you found a lot that was interesting from both the younger people and the older people. When you speak to the older people you hear their experiences and what kinds of things were different in their day compared to what would be different if we came to a football match nowadays. What was totally different in their day was things like, how there was no stewards and how today you wouldn't be able to go to football match without stewards. It's really interesting to see how they've progressed along and things have changed so much over the years.' Bob Fleet was a highly celebrated player, coach and Director of Swinton Lions from the 1960's to 1991. Bob agreed to be interviewed by pupils from Chatsworth High School and Irlam & Cadishead who decided to create a play together about his life –story. Bob then worked with the pupils and visiting their schools to help shape the play together. Bob has also donated his medals, career records and hundreds of match programmes to the project and the Swinton Lions Supporters Trust as part of the project. "I've really enjoyed working with the kids at Chatsworth School. It's given me a real insight into the work that special schools like these do.

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