

# Heritage and Place

## **SS**

What I like most about living by the North Sea is all the different walks that you can go on.

## **TR**

It's very rugged and there is quite a lot of sea erosion and cliff erosion going you know. The Filey Brigg is in between and Bempton Cliffs on the way up towards Flamborough where the bird sanctuaries are.

## **MV**

Flamborough Head, there was a very famous battle, it's where the only ever American-controlled ship attacked English shipping. And so after Flamborough Head, you've got Filey and Cayton, and then you come into Scarborough so you've got some nice, rugged cliffs coming along the coast.

## **AF**

It's a Jurassic coastline. I've a beach near me called Cayton Bay. It has so many like interesting fossils to go and find, amazing like dinosaur footprints and Ammonite.

## **TR**

And the other way you've got the rugged cliffs of Ravenscar and going up to Whitby which is about 18 miles from Scarborough.

## **MV**

And of course, most people know Whitby for Captain Cook.

## **TR**

And you've got the picturesque village, Robin Hood's Bay, about 11 miles north of Scarborough, on the way to Whitby.

## **MV**

And then Scarborough really is a castle built in the 12th century, and it stands on a rugged headland looking out over two sandy bays, the North Bay and the South Bay.

## **LR**

Well, as far as we're concerned, this coastline is the best and it's the most interesting and there's an awful lot to talk about and understand.

## **RH Pull for the Shore (The Lifeboat) by Philip Paul Bliss (1875)**

♪ Light in the darkness, sailor, day is at hand!  
See o'er the foaming billows fair haven's land,

Drear was the voyage, sailor, now almost o'er,  
Safe within the life boat, sailor, pull for the shore.

Pull for the shore, sailor, pull for the shore!  
Heed not the rolling waves, but bend to the oar;  
Safe in the lifeboat, sailor, cling to self no more!  
Leave the poor old stranded wreck, and pull for the shore.♪

## **LR**

I realised that fishing was going in decline. And it was such a shame that young ones weren't going to understand where they got the fish and chips from and then realised we don't have any history about the maritime coastline. So I got a group of people together. And we now have our own Museum property in Eastborough on the way down to the beach, that we're able to put displays on and collect things for. Lots of people, when their parents are dying, bring us stuff and say this is my Dad's it's his life's collection, do you want it? So we've got an awful lot of stuff now.

## **DB**

One of the exciting things that a heritage organisation gets to do is cultivate that ongoing relationship with the local community so that the history and the stories related to those sites can be preserved for generations to come.

You know, the Scarborough Castle that you visit today looks very different to the Scarborough Castle that you might have visited 300 years ago. And that's not just because of the erosion of the building. That's because of the public works and the infrastructure projects and the community around it has changed so dramatically as well.

## **CH**

The history of the site goes back 3000 years, and the castle itself was mainly destroyed by guns and cannons set up at St. Mary's Church just down the hill.

It is a place where you come for the history, but you would stay for the atmosphere and the views and the sense of space that's up here. You can really sort of have a moment just to appreciate the landscape and the views.

## **RG**

I already had a relationship with that part of the coast because I'm from the northwest, from Chester, and we used to actually go over there on holiday and I knew a lot of the characteristics of the landscape. The steps in Whitby and Scarborough Castle and the Abbey are significant places that pepper my childhood memories from holidays.

## **PC**

What I remember of Scarborough is probably quite like idealised as I was like ten. This sounds weird, but the air smelt salty and fresh. And there was like fields everywhere and we'd walk from the campsite through these fields to get to the seaside.

**MV**

Most visitors are still families with young kids, they sit on the beach if the weather's fine, they can buy the fish and chips and that is still a real pleasure to see people enjoying those simple pleasures.

**WC**

Everybody's got a very close bond with their hometown and I think as a childhood spent fishing and on the beaches and the cliffs of the Yorkshire coast, develops that bond, and we could have gone anywhere. But we chose Scarborough because it's got a place in my heart. And actually in pure commercial terms, it's very, very good for what we do in SeaGrown.

**FS**

Obviously, the North has suffered quite a bit like economically so I think that having the coasts around here is like such an asset, because the different areas like Robin Hood's Bay and Whitby, if the sea wasn't there, like you wouldn't get half the tourists. They wouldn't be the areas that they are.

**MN**

Yes, Scarborough's got its problems but so do all places such. For a British seaside resort it's doing very well. It's very clear, even from an early age that tourism was a massive industry in Scarborough, probably the biggest. It's like I couldn't really imagine growing up anywhere other than coastal town.