

# Telling Our Stories Finding Our Roots

DEVON'S MULTICULTURAL HISTORY  
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## ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM

<b>Date of Interview</b>	24 June 2024
<b>Location of Interview</b>	The Ilfracombe Centre, Ilfracombe, Devon
<b>Name of Interviewee</b>	Karen Wright
<b>Name of Interviewer</b>	Abi Obene
<b>Length of Interview</b>	01:07:00
<b>File format, storage format</b>	WAV 44.1/16 XY STEREO

### Tags:

South Africa; Apartheid; Architecture; Sheep dairy farming; Goats' cheese; North Devon farmers' markets; Brexit; International volunteers (WWOOF)

### Interviewee's wishes regarding interview use:

None

### Interviewer's notes / any issues with recording:

Slight noises / people moving in corridor at: 00:02:30, 00:03:00, 00:08:00, 00:23:30  
Some minor feedback, coughing, paper shuffling etc

### Linked objects / photographs:

A variety of photographs provided

<b>Key Themes and topics covered in interview</b>	<b>Timestamp on recording</b>
Early childhood and young adulthood in South Africa, Beaches as location for social gathering	[00:01:00]
Education in South Africa	[00:03:30]
Jewish holidays, or lack thereof	[00:03:30]

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Starting University	[00:10:00]
Studying at Central Poly in London	[00:14:00]
Time in London	[00:14:30]
Discussion about Apartheid, Especially her perspective as a child	[00:21:00]
Grandparents from Latvia and Lithuania	[00:28:00]
Working as an architect in London	[00:29:00]
Moving to Devon and starting a sheep dairy farm	[00:36:30]
Agricultural education programmes to help new farmers	[00:41:00]
Selling goods at market, Introducing sheep's cheese to North Devon	[00:43:00]
Moving and difficulties with farming	[00:47:00]
More about North Devon	[00:50:00]
Stopping with markets / no more markets	[00:51:30]
The Impact of Covid	[00:56:00]
International volunteers and students on the farm	[00:58:00]
The impact of Brexit on the farm, Different types of student arriving	[01:04:00]

## Interview Highlights:

Early schooling [00:00:38 - 00:05:13]

Adjusting to the UK || Accents Apartheid || Having a Nanny during Apartheid ||  
Grandparents moving to South Africa || Being Jewish at school [00:17:27 - 00:24:52  
and 00:24:52 - 00:28:10]

University || Learning to be an architect || London || Architecture in London, Living on  
the same street as eight architects [00:10:27 - 00:14:08 and 00:28:25 - 00:35:04]

Farming || Bringing in helpers from Europe (WWOOF || Brexit impact || Interview wrap  
up [00:35:47 - 00:40:47 and 00:58:21 - 01.07.37]

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