

Life as a child in Willaston in the 1960s

Graeme Sambrook remembers:

'As young children in the 1960s we had a lot of freedom to roam the village and fields. I remember there being so little traffic that the sisters who used to own Ashtree Farm let their chickens roam free on Hadlow Road. We often used to see them pecking in the dirt outside the farm on Hadlow Road.

We used to 'skate' on Jackson's pond whenever ice formed on it, there were far fewer bullrushes in those days so we could skate around the edges and across from one side to the other if we were brave enough. We used to scare each other with tales of a well in the middle which would drown anyone who fell through the ice!

At the weekend, when we were teenagers, a group of us would also go fishing in the ponds in the fields alongside the Wirral Way, or along Mill Lane. We would call for each other, often as early as 5 or 6 o'clock in the morning and stay out until tea time.