

2, The Glade  
Newbury

Dear Peter,

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Ch.8 P.T. 14 July '72

Let me know if you want the original q'aire back.

You may remember that the original interviewer thought her 'a bit of a romancer'. If she is she is remarkably consistent and persistent, I would describe her as bewildered by her condition, & the long term stability of her poverty. Merely sharing it with her for a couple of hours made me off balance for days - I felt thoroughly impatient travelling back with other CPAG ites, nothing that was discussed seemed in any way relevant to anything I had seen. I kept thinking of unwanted pregnancies; and the Jacksons baby, and if she marginally worsened their situation, she is not the cause of it, and how would you begin to offset this in money terms, against the obvious joy she had brought to young Leslie? God knows the arguments are complex enough, it seems to me, without dragging in such uncertainties as population control. As you rightly said, we can take it as given that the poor should have the same measure of choice on family size as anyone else, and it seems to me that once that has been said there is little to add.

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We are hoping to go off camping on Tuesday.

Love to all

Maureen

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Oct 8 P.M. 14 July '41

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1968

1. Check:

Ages

household composition -

marital status *Widow*.housing status - Council 1 Private rented Unfurnished *(2)*

Owner occupied 3

"

"

Furnished 4

2. Structural defectsAny repairs carried out since 1968. *NA* .....Any new problems. *Toilet broken since Feb - kindred wall repair. has to pour water down each time used.*

Which problem is the worst?

*Toilet. - Been to Health Dept.**Wife - Vello rent collector every week.*

## 3. Who in the household was at work last week? If not working go to Q4

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Starting time				
Finishing time				
Total hours last week				
Is this usual				

Would you like to work more/less hours if available?

What do you do at work (details of job and industry)

Is it a good job?

In what way?

## 4. Have you been off work in past 4 years because of :

	Unemployment Number of weeks	Sickness
1972		
1971		
1970		
1969		
1968		

If sickness: Would you say that the work you were doing was in any way responsible for your being off work?

Did you work for less than 30 hours in any of those weeks when you were working?

Ask Women who have been separated, widowed or divorced since 1968

Husbands last occupation

Are you better off/ worse off since?



5. Ask all who have worked in past 4 years (including those working now)

What jobs have you had in the past 4 years? *None*

Repeat for each job:

a. How long were you there?

b. What happened/how did you come to leave?

c. Was it a good job?

d. How much were you paid?

(take home pay + deductions)

e. Were you financially worse off when you changed your job?

f. Did you have any re-training when you changed your job.

6. Have you been to an Industrial Rehabilitation centre or  
Government Training Centre in the past four years?

If. No: Has it ever been suggested that you could?

7. IF NOT WORKING.

Are you: Looking for work?

Registered at the Employment Exchange?

Where do you look?

Newspapers /Anything else

*Side*

8. What sort of jobs have been offered to you?

What did you think of that?

9. For those who have changed job/started work since last interview  
(including those not working now)

10. How much notice are you entitled to?.....

" " sick pay from EMPLOYER.".....YES 1

NO 2

11. Occupational pension?

YES 1

NO 2

If yes: How much do you pay?.....

How many years served towards pension.....

What do you expect to receive.....

.....

Is there a lump sum in addition... YES 1

NO 2

DK. 3

12. Does your employer provide you with meal vouchers? YES 1

NO 2

How much are they worth?

Is there a canteen at work?

YES 1

NO 2

13 Do you have use of your employers car for your  
 personal use? MAKE

YES 1

YEAR

NO 2

IF YES Does your employer pay: Road Tax

1

Insurance

2

Petrol

3

normal repairs

4

none of these

5

If yes approx. how much mileage per year.....

14. Does your employer provide anything else for example: (estimated  
 any free goods or goods at discount rate? annual value)

Coal

Travel

hospital or medical expenses

shares or options to purchase shares?

loans for purchase of car?

Anything else?

15. Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with :

Your pay

Facilities at work - heating canteen etc.

security of job

job itself (details - probe)

If no Why is that? (Probe for comments)

17. What was your take home pay the last time you were paid?

2nd

What period was this for:  
Week/Month

Deductions:                      Income Tax.....  
                                     N. I. & G.P....  
                                     Sports Club etc.....  
                                     Anything else.....

Is this your usual pay? Yes 1  
No 2

[illegible]

18. Have you had a tax refund in past year?.....  
No 1

19. Do you have any of the following expenses

Travel to work.....	per week
Tools .....	
Overalls .....	
Laundry .....	

20. Have you had any sick pay from EMPLOYER in past 4 years

Amount .....per week

Number of weeks.....

21/ If. 2nd job Earnings .....

22 Do you receive any of the following: No. of weeks Amount

Family Income Supplement

Family allowance

O.A.P

Widows pension (Irish).

Sick benefit

3. B.  
Unemployment benefit

Ind. disablement pension

War        "                "                "

Maternity allowance

Grant

## Death Grant

Redundancy payment

Single Grant from SBC. for special needs - No.

If latter: How did you come to get it, -what was it for  
How many have you had (write overleaf)

See over.

Special Needs Grant. — "Don't think they  
would give me one being Irish —  
they did give me £5 once for a  
bed but it wasn't enough"



23. (If receiving F.I.S.) : How did you hear about it?

.....  
How do you feel about it?  
.....

OR (if not receiving F.I.S.) Have you heard of F.I.S. Yes 1

No 2

If yes: Do you know what it is? .....

.....  
What do you think of it?.....  
.....

24. If receiving S.B.

Did anyone advise you to apply? *Yes - last time you came Mr. Tule.*

Do you pay the rent yourself or is it paid by S.B.? *Self.*

Was it explained to you how your S.B. was assessed? *No*

How many visits have you had from S.B. officers *None*

Were you advised about other benefits you may be entitled to *No*

Have you ever appealed against your assessment *No*

If yes Who told you how to do it

If. No Did you know you could appeal - *NO.*

How do you feel about getting S.B. *Its very good to get it but it scares me somehow. (P? similar way?). Well like when I went in hospital - I didn't have anything to take with me - slippers, soap bag that sort of thing so I thought I wouldn't be needing my money so I bought (OVER)*

25. What is your rent *£1.62 1/2 p. week/month*

Do you pay rates in addition *£33 p.a.*

Do you receive a rate rebate *No* \* (left application form with her).

2 " rent " *No.*

If yes, Who told you, How did you hear about it?

Do you ever get behind with rent? *Yes*

" at present no. of weeks *-----*

" in past " " " *a few weeks*

Mortgage repayments Years paid.....original mortgage.....  
purchase price.....

Are you on the council housing list? *Yes* No. of years *15*

26. Do you receive any payments from lodgers or boarders?

£.....

27. Do you own?

T.V. *Metered.*

Radio

fridge

washing machine

(1)

(2)

3

4

vacuum cleaner

telephone

central heating

armchairs & easy chairs

for family + 1 visitor

5

6

7

(8)

carpet

covering

nearly all

room

(9)

*Eubank from Ray + Bone man!*

Rent was reduced but Rates excluded

*Worries me - It gets me down.*

a pair of slippers & a toilet bag + put so  
und down on a dressing gown.

They (S.B.) shouted at me - said I shouldn't  
have drawn it when I was being kept  
in hospital - I felt awful 'cos I  
wouldn't take a fuffing that wasn't  
mine - They think you've got no  
feelings - I shouldn't have gone in  
hospital with nothing!

ASSETS

## 28. Total Savings

Stocks &amp; Shares

Own house (other than this)

Car or motorcycle - Year.....Make.....

H.P. still to pay.....

Life Insurance Policy No. of years paid..... amount  
per week.....

Endowment " " "

Death Benefit " " None

## 29. Could you raise money in a hurry? No

Have you anything worth more than £25 you could sell?  
(not household goods) NoHave you ever had to do this? I have even sold blankets just to live when  
the children were small.

## 30. Have you received a windfall of £25 or more? Never

" " sold or borrowed something just to live? I borrow from my  
married sons, but their wives see I pay back - they come  
down for it.

## 31. Hire Purchase

Clothing Clubs

Original Price..... amount per week.....

Deposit..... Item

Weekly repayments £2.12.6. Total No. of weeks paid.....

No of payments made..... " " " to pay.....

No of " to make - D.K.

Ever get behind?..... Ever get behind.....

What do you buy

from Clubs.....

FIRMS.  
WASHINGTON  
UNIVERSAL.

## 32. Any other debts?

33. Ask for those aged 15 - 20 How old was... when he left school  
finished full time education34. School meals Free 1  
Paid 2  
No 3 - What does... do?

How much does it cost to send ....to school?

Fares.....

Meals.....

Materials(cookery/handicrafts).....

School holidays.....

School outings.....

Anything else.....



H.P.

was very confused - obviously painful for her to actually work it all out.

Was only sure about total weekly payments but didn't know cash prices or length of time to pay.

Carpet = £1.00 p.w. - (Washington).

Steam Iron from UNIVERSAL.

Coal costs 80p. p.w.

Gas. £1.05p. p.w. (15p. p.day).

Rent : 1.62½p. p.w.

Rates £33. pa. 63p. p.w.

H.P. 2.62½p. p.w.

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6.73 = Outgoing.

7.90 = Total Income.

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- £1.17 for food + clothes !!!

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7.

35. Has....ever missed school, apart from sickness, because  
No water proof shoes  
no suitable clothes  
any other reason?  
about how often?

36 Does the school have a uniform? Yes 1 No 2  
Have you heard of Uniform Grant? Yes 1 No 2 Receiving 3  
If 3: How much .....  
How did you hear about it?  
If 1 or 2: Where would you go if you wanted to apply for one?

Have you heard of Educational Maintenance Grant? Yes 1 No 2  
(Repeat question as above)

37. Does anyone help you regularly, I mean relatives or friends  
with shopping or minding the children or things like that?  
approx. hours per week  
Shopping..... No ..... Who helps.....  
Minding children.....  
Anything else Son sometimes .....  
(Repeat Do you but her to put it back! .....  
Shopping..... Who helped.....  
Minding children.....  
Anything else.....

38. If you were ill could you count on any help with things like  
mending fuses, burst pipes? Not really.  
Have you had any such help from anyone outside the household?  
No

39. Do you regularly make gifts to anyone outside the household?  
Approx value..... No.  
Does anyone " " to you? .....

Have you stayed with relatives or friends on holiday without  
paying full costs? details.....

Has anyone stayed with you etc.....1.....

When I see Grandchildren - not often - can't afford for  
(other side of m/c) - I give to them. I went without  
much at Xmas to buy them something - It doesn't seem  
right if you don't do it?

1. The first step is to identify the problem or goal. This involves understanding the current situation and what needs to be achieved.

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Style of living

This part of the interview will be informal. The answers will be recorded separately when so demanded. The questions are intended as a check list.

40. Have you had a holiday in the past 4 years? When was that
- 41 Have you had any evenings out in the past 2 weeks?  
How many.....(If not) Why was that?
42. Does everyone in the household usually have a cooked breakfast?
- 43 In the past two weeks have you ever gone a whole day without a cooked meal - I mean from getting up in the morning to going to bed,
- 44 Does everyone have fresh meat most days?
- 45 Do you ever buy 2nd hand clothes  
Do you ever buy clothes from jumble sales?
- 46 How many pints of milk do you buy a week
- 47 (Houswife)- Have you had a new winter coat in the past 4 years
- 48 Has everyone in the household got adequate footwear for when it rains.
- 49 How much did you spend on Xmas last year
- 50 Have you ever gone to bed early because you were short of fuel
- 51 Do the children have pocket money - How much
- 52 Do you manage to save(not just for holidays and Xmas) but for rainy days
- 53 Do you find it difficult to manage on your income
- 54How well off do you feel compared with:  
The rest of your family who don't live here  
With average <sup>of the people round here</sup> in the country  
(If worse off to latter) Who are the people who are doing better
- 55 On the whole is your situation getting better or worse
- 56 Do you think you could genuinely say you are poor now
- 57 Are there times when you feel more poor than at other times?
- 58There has been a lot of talk about poverty - do you think there is such a thing as real poverty these days?
- 59 What would you describe as poverty?
- 60 If people are in poverty what can be done about it? - Whose fault is it?
- 61 You hear people talking about social class - What social class would you say you belonged to?
62. What decides what social class you are in. Is it mainly: your job, education, the family you are born into, your way of life, money or something else?
63. Would you mind looking at this card, these are some of the classes that people talk about, which of these do you think you belong to?
- 64 Some people say there is one law for the rich and one for the poor - What do you think? - Why do you say that?
65. Did you vote at the last election? Do you always / Have you ever voted?
66. Some people say there's not much difference between the political parties. What do you think?
67. Have you heard about the 'work-in' at U.C.S.? - What did you think about it?



'I get very depressed - debts get me down - I cry a lot lately - boys don't understand.

I have a married daughter in Andwiche but I never see her - she's got a baby whose disabled so its difficult for her.

Boys <sup>(2 youngest)</sup> keep turning up - don't give me any money - come for a weekend or a few days - they don't think".

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Nor will ever - thinks its her heart or "dots on shoulder". Dr doesn't do anything "I've no faith" - they don't think anything about you - don't examine you - wait hours in surgery.

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"Thank you for coming, its nice to have something to break it up isn't it?"  
Gave me a little glass as "a memento"

68. What about the miners strike? What did you think about that?
69. It has been said that those people with dirty or dangerous jobs should be paid more than they are for doing them. What do you think?
70. You often hear people saying things like 'the workers are holding the country to ransom' What do you think?
71. How do you see the future, from the point of view of your childrens prospects - I mean as regards to work, security, finance?

- (40) Never had a holiday
- (41) No - not been out for 2 years - one of my sons took me to a pub - 2 years ago.
- (42) No
- (43) Often do with a drink of tea + bread + butter all day - you have to
- (44) Only on Sunday
- (45) I do - I make cakes - I'll be waiting for them - you couldn't possibly go in a shop.
- (46) 1 bottle every 3 days - Skeris - it holds the longest.
- (47) Never since I came to England 20 years ago - not even a frock - only 2nd hand
- (48) No
- (49) Nothing.
- (50) In the winter yes - cos coal so dear 17/6 bag - when there's demolishing you can get slates

(51) DNA

(52) None

(53) Yes Oh lord! I suppose everybody do  
I've never had to spend on  
myself in my life

(54) ① I'm worst off - then say you always  
in the drag

② I feel it at Xmas when I can't give  
my grandchildren anything

③ I think I'm worst off on this street

④ Worse off by far

(55) 'Tis getting worse of course it is - I  
can't see any improvement everyone  
seems badly off.

(56) Oh yes definitely

(57) Yes - then you get right down then  
don't you I go out of the back

~~(58)~~ so neighbours don't see me. When  
you see everyone dressed up it  
gets you down.

(58) Of course

(59) Can't get clothes, can't have anything  
put up with all the old junk  
everyone will give you.

- (60) Give more money - Govt keep prices down - I get at Mr Heath, then I think he's a lot to put up with
- (61) I couldn't place myself in anything
- (62) I've no idea (P) Really, I never think about such things
- (63) Poor class - Father was a postmaster ~~but~~ he had an English pension. I had a convent education, but when your man dies everything change.

"Sometimes I can't tolerate one + one poverty gets you down - I get irritable with people, yet I can't bear to be alone."

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Interviewer: "Do apply for a grant for bedding + some clothes for yourself - the worst they could do is say No". - "I'd rather do without than go face them, I get up there + I get all flustered when I meet those people. - When I came out of hospital I thought they were going to kill me 'cos I drew it all the time' - They don't seem to want to bother with you - I think it's because I'm T.O. rich."