Alan & Maureen Wray’s oral histories were recorded together, both remembering different aspects of village life. In this extract from Alan describes how women took their little children when they worked in the fields in the 1930s.

“Me first recollections is of as a baby or while still in a pram going to work with me mother and three or four more mothers that worked for Mr. Hey. They worked in the fields actually pulling carrots, hoeing, pulling sprouts, everything else as that such.

Manor Farm was the main land which Mr Anson had carrots and vegetables, and things like that on, was from the cemetery; that way, on the Mill Lane.

So, that was me first recollection. Working for him, with me mother, was Mrs Lightfoot and Mrs Gardner. I can't remember anymore, but there was probably four or five which went to work daily. The reason they went daily was because we was little, we couldn't look after ourselves and they couldn't take us to work. The main of the work, at that particular time, was at the ordinance factory up Station Road. Most of the people worked there, but the mothers couldn't take their children with them. When the jam factory finished, it became an ordinance.”