

North Wales Hospital

Denbigh High School pupils interviewed local people to find out more about the town and its residents as part of a BBC Radio Wales project...

Name: Clwyd Wynne

Subject: North Wales Hospital

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Transcript: “ My name's Clwyd Wynne. I was born in Denbigh in 1947. I worked most of my life at the North Wales Hospital which closed 10 years ago now. I was there from 1965 until the closure in 1995. It was first built in 1848 specifically for people with mental illness who lived in North Wales. It was a very progressive hospital and the working atmosphere was very much like a village-type atmosphere because there was so much going on there, there was so much activity there in terms of recreation, sport, things like dances, there was a choir there, there was a brass band there, there was rugby teams, football teams, cricket teams, there was a whole spectrum of activities there and staff and patients got involved in so many of these activities together, it was a very enjoyable place to work really. I've always enjoyed living in Denbigh and it's the type of town where somebody said once that you have real people here, you know, you may not always like each other, you may not always get on well with each other but you do know where you stand. I think that is partly to do with the fact that the hospital was here and most people either worked in the hospital or their families worked in the hospital so there was a kind of mutual bond between people and I think that's something we've got to re-develop really because some of that did go with the closure of the hospital. ”

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