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Ponies in the Square.

Did the ponies used to come into the town?

Oh yes, before the cattle grids, and of course the Square used to be full of them, and people would go feeding them, and I was down in the square there one day with the Land Rover and there was a man parked beside me, brand new car, beautiful car, I forget the kind of car it was, nice big car, and his wife was feeding the ponies and I got out and went over to the driver and I said, 'I would stop that if I was you.' He said, 'What's that?' I said, 'Feeding the ponies.' 'Well', he said, 'my wife's not doing any harm.' 'No, I know she's not, but', I said, 'when she's finished they may harm your car, they'll kick out with their back legs.' 'No, load of nonsense', he said. I said, 'Well, please yourself.' I went and sat in the Land Rover and all of a sudden I heard, BANG, BANG, that's exactly what happened, when all of a sudden she went like that to wave them away you see, and of course he went away and kicked out his back [legs] and certainly smashed up one of his doors, and he went running around, and I said, 'I told you, I warned you.' I said, 'If you'd pulled away quietly and stopped feeding them, that wouldn't have happened.' So they were dangerous in the square through people feeding them, and the cattle grids, once they put the cattle grids in, of course that stopped it.