

## **Transcript: Jan Woodhouse recalls Charlie Challenger**

*“He was always grey as long as I knew him. Slightly hunched. He – I’ll start with what he wore – he had an orange thick wool, not cable knit, but thick wool jersey which he wore for years and years and years... And it was baggy, and it sort of hung over a pair of trousers and old battered old shoes. He was not someone who ever worried about his appearance. Full beard.*

*And the man was inspirational.*

*He didn’t suffer fools gladly, so he’d tell you, you know, what he thought, but he was also, in retrospect, he was extremely patient. He would sit with you and work right through things and make sure that you understood. And he would come back and back and back until you understood what you were doing.*

*But I think probably most people that ever had lectures with him would just say he was inspirational. And his passion was history, history of landscape architecture, and anybody who ever studied probably travels around Europe looking at the sights that Charlie opened our eyes to.”*

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