Kinolibrary have discovered a stunning collection of footage shot in the 1950s and 1960s by off-duty cameraman Gordon Richards. Most of the collection was filmed around Stockton and Redcar in the North of England on 16mm colour stock. Richards’ footage has the quality of professional film combined with the intimate insider’s view of a local resident. This beautiful time capsule has remained mostly unseen by the wider public until now.

Richards filmed everyday life including teenage trips to Butlins, post WWII demolition and construction programmes, amateur dance competitions and car trips along the seafront. Our favourite moment comes during a late 1950s ballroom dance class when the teenagers suddenly start rock and roll dancing.

Take a glimpse at some selected clips here

The Kinolibrary team are continuing to find rare footage from private collections around the UK, visit www.kinolibary.com to find out more.