

## **Sallese family: 2.30minute segment transcript**

**Nick:** My father's name is Nick Sallese. He was 69 years old. He went missing on the 17/11/2008.

Yeah the last know sighting of dad was just driving down the main street of Sheffield. When I arrived at the house the dog was still locked up, and the place was closed down and no lights were on. As soon as I come through the gate I knew something was up then because being a weekday, a Monday, dad was never usually away for any length of time during the week. That's when you know I really started putting the pressure on that he was missing and the rollercoaster started.

### **[Older people with dementia or memory loss are at risk of going missing]**

We had noticed a slight decline in his health. One of the diagnosis that had come through was that he may have early dementia.

**Jason:** He was a little bit confused as in days of the week which my brother used to help him out with, with phone calls.

**Nick:** Just hard to fathom that you might have a parent, or a daughter, or whatever and then they're gone – just like that.

**Jason:** It's basically very emotionally draining. Just, just, a hollow, hollow feeling not knowing where he is. At the minute we're sort of in limbo.

**Nick:** You know you see a photo or something and you just shake your head and say you know, where did you go king of thing.

**Jason:** It's not easy knowing that he is out there somewhere and you just can't find him.

**Nick:** I had Jason going out in helicopters and in cars and that.

**Jason:** Basically anything we can to try and find him we do.

**Nick:** He was a well liked kind of guy.

**Jason:** He liked to joke. Great family man. Loved his grandkids.

**Nick:** We start now slowly taking photos off the wall and putting things in boxes.

**Jason:** It's a family home but now it's just a home.

**Nick:** Hopefully one day we will find his car and have some kind of resolution to it all.

**[Not knowing is like living in darkness]**

Just not being able to have that kind of final say to say goodbye...it's a bit um, not just for us though but for everybody who's helped look for him.

When do you go and say thanks for your help to everyone? Do you have a memorial? If you do, where do you have it?

People like to have somewhere where they can go and collect their thoughts and think about things...and that's what we don't have.

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