

# Working Heritage at the Heart of Merton





## **WORKING LIFE AT THE HISTORIC HEART OF MERTON**

- Communities First are a Charitable Organisation supporting Community Engagement and Resident Involvement
- Based in Tooting with experience of working with residents in Merton
- Developed Heritage Lottery Bid with support from Circle Housing Merton Priory, Merton Council and local heritage bodies
- Covering Industrial and Working Heritage of geographical area from William Morris and Liberty Works through to Wandle Industrial Museum
- To involve residents on 5 Housing Estates at the historic heart of Merton in their shared heritage:

**Glebe Court, Sadlers Close, Phipps Bridge, Cherry Trees & Watermeads**



## WHAT WE ARE DOING

- Working with Local Primary Schools
- Running Exhibitions and Events on the Five Estates
- Recording Oral Histories
- Planning Youth Film Workshop
- Developed Project Website [www.mertonworkingheritage.co.uk](http://www.mertonworkingheritage.co.uk)
- Running and Planning Heritage Walks
- Providing Signage, Walk Leaflets and Permanent Exhibition

## EVENTS AND EXHIBITIONS

- Ran 2 Rounds Of Exhibitions on the Estates plus wider event at Vestry Hall
- Including Display of Materials, Photographs and Volunteer Contribution



## ACTIVITIES WITH LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS

- Heritage Walks with Benedict, St Peter & Paul & Merton Abbey Schools
- Visit to Morden Hall Park with Merton Abbey School
- Wandle Industrial Museum doing Block Printing with Local Schools
- In School Workshops and Heritage Activities & Reminiscence Events





## **WHAT HAPPENS NEXT**

- Phipps Bridge “Heritage Connections” Event in early March
- Planning Youth Film Workshop
- Heritage Walk Events & Produce Literature
- New Signage or Plaques & Legacy Exhibition
- Project Completion – Summer 2016

**ANY QUESTIONS ?**