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Hi. I'm Michael (Mick) Taylor and I give to my community by working on the Merton Memories Project at the Merton Council Heritage Centre, at the Wandle Industrial Museum in Mitcham.

I specifically work on the Merton Historical Society Photographic Team by taking, when requested, photographs on behalf of the Volunteer Centre Merton.

I do it to fulfil my time after I retired by giving back to the place where I live. I wanted to do something that that included my interests – history and photography. By keeping alive the history and heritage of Merton through photographs we give future generations something to look back on.

What I enjoy the most is meeting and mixing with other people who have the same interests as me. It also gives me the opportunity to learn new skills and increase my knowledge of Merton.

The biggest challenge I've faced is stopping myself from getting too involved to the stage where volunteering takes over your personal life. That there is a fine line to be drawn between being a volunteer and having a full time paid job.

It benefits Merton because it keeps alive the history and heritage of those people, places and industries that existed in the borough.

I Volunteer - Why Wouldn't You?