

# SHOUT ABOUT YOUR VOLUNTEERING



Hi. My name is Walter and I live and work in Mitcham/Basildon. I give to my community by volunteering as a NHW co-ordinator, chairing The Merton Neighbourhood Watch Association.

The Merton Neighbourhood Watch Association works with Merton Council, Safer Merton and Merton Police. There are currently four committee members, a NHW manager and other organisations that sit in meetings. We also recruit and train all the NHW volunteers and co-ordinators.

The most enjoyable part of giving my time, after receiving the Borough Commanders Commendation Award in 2008, is seeing NHW get bigger and stronger which is a challenge in its self.

The biggest challenge I face is keeping NHW in its current position, and not to get too upset when the monthly results take a dip.

However, what motivates me is the commitment that I see from all the NHW co-ordinators that I meet on a regular basis. Without these volunteers, The Merton Neighbourhood Watch Association, its committee members and co-ordinators would not be where it is today and wouldn't be able to run as it currently is. I feel very lucky that I am able to make such a difference to the borough and to the people of Merton.

## I Volunteer - Why Wouldn't You?