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
• 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?