Welcome to Morden

Brief History of Morden

Until the Northern Line was extended in 1926, Morden remained a sleepy backwater made up of cottages and a handful of farms. The original Morden village is located around St Lawrence Church one mile away from the town centre. The arrival of the new station transformed the rural landscape, which overnight became within easy commuting distance of central London just seven miles away. People flocked to the area and the St Helier Estate, named after London County Councillor, Baroness Susan Mary St Helier, was built to cater for the fast growing community. See page 9 for more information about the St Helier Estate.

Building work on the estate – the largest local authority development in south London – started in 1928, as the population of Morden spiralled from 1,355 in 1921 to 12,618 just ten years later.

Morden Hall Park survived this suburbanisation. A number of historic buildings dating back to the 1770s remain, including Morden Hall and its watermills where tobacco was once ground into snuff, until as late as 1922.

Morden Hall was owned and occupied by the wealthy Garth family for generations until it was sold to tobacco merchant Gilliat Hatfield in the 1870s. His son Gilliat Edward Hatfield left the core of the estate - including the house - to the National Trust when he died in 1941.

Morden Hall Park has been described as a green oasis in the heart of suburbia beside the meandering River Wandle… come and see for yourself. Find out more on page 7 and by visiting www.nationaltrust.org.uk and search Morden Hall Park.

moreMorden

moreMorden is Merton Council’s regeneration project set up to transform Morden town centre. It’s about reviving Morden by making it a more attractive destination in which to live, work, shop and socialise.

The project is branded as moreMorden because Morden already has many attributes that make up a successful centre including excellent public transport links, good proximity to central London, beautiful open spaces, leisure and civic facilities, employment opportunities, retailing and some interesting buildings ranging from historic to art deco to contemporary, and unique suburban qualities beyond the centre.

Morden has the potential to be greater but we don’t want to lose what is special about it. The council intends to make more of what Morden already has to offer by creating a successful and attractive town centre.

moreMorden will provide a framework for the regeneration and future development and growth of the town centre over a period of 15 years.

Keep up to date at www.merton.gov.uk/moreMorden

Come and join the moreMorden Facebook group and have your say on the future of Morden.
What inspired you to set up Tariro coffee shop?
I worked for three years in Zimbabwe on a project with street children, training them to make things to sell, like cards and gifts. This made me realise how we can affect other people’s lives with our purchasing choices. I set up Tariro to sell Fairtrade products and other ethically sourced goods to encourage and inspire people here. Tariro is a not-for-profit company, with all money invested back into the projects we support overseas. I’m also involved in the charity Zimkids – a sponsorship programme for orphans and destitute children in Zimbabwe.

What’s your best seller?
Definitely a skinny latte usually accompanied by a chocolate brownie. Our ethically traded jewellery also flies off the shelves.

What do you love about Merton?
I was born and raised in Merton and am now raising my own family and have my own business here. There’s a real community spirit in Morden – I see it every day in Tariro with the mix of people that come in. I’m passionate about the area and working to improve it and am involved in the Morden Town Centre Partnership (see page 14 for information) and Fairtrade Merton.

Do you have any tips for those wanting to support Fairtrade through the credit crunch?
Don’t give up buying Fairtrade products and shopping ethically, as the knock on effects of that could have a devastating effect on developing countries. I also believe in buying locally to help support local businesses. Just remember: ‘Small change locally – Lives changed globally’. Come and visit us at Tariro and see for yourself.

To find out more visit:
www.fairtrademerton.org.uk
www.zimkids.org
www.tariro.co.uk

Did you know Merton is a Fairtrade borough?

Cafés, restaurants and pubs in Morden Town Centre

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* Fairtrade cafés
Known as a green oasis in the heart of London, Morden Hall Park is owned and managed by the National Trust. This tranquil former deer park is one of the few remaining estates that lined the River Wandle during its industrial hey day. You can even see the original waterwheel that once turned the massive millstones to crush tobacco into a fine powder up until 1922 – visible from the bridge.

Exploring the park:
• Explore by foot or by bike the park’s attractive parkland, meadows, wetlands and waterways.
• Relax in the fragrant rose garden with blooms from June to October.
• Look out for our colony of herons.
• Follow the Wandle Trail through the park to Deen City Farm.
• Eat in the café on the banks of the River Wandle.
• Browse for a souvenir amongst the extensive range of gifts in Morden Hall Park’s shop.
• Visit the second-hand bookshop for unusual books and best-sellers.

For further information visit www.nationaltrust.co.uk and search for Morden Hall Park.

Address:
Morden Hall Road
Morden, London
SM4 5JD

Morden Town Centre
Life in St Helier

A film premier of *Life in St Helier* was screened at Wimbledon Odeon on 27 July 2009. The film includes interviews with local residents from school children to Nelly who was 100 years old. Filming also involved the police and neighbourhood wardens, Merton College, St Lawrence Church, Baitful Futuh Mosque, local businesses and charities.

Developed in partnership with Merton Council’s Neighbourhood Renewal and Arts Development teams, the film asks questions such as: Is there a sense of community in St Helier? What makes a good neighbour? It gave local people a chance to give their views on how residents get along.

Over 100 people attended the film screening and the feedback we received was overwhelmingly positive. Projects will follow on from the film, designed to improve life in St Helier.
Buses from Morden

Key
- Day buses in black
- N155 Night buses in blue
- Connections with Underground
- Connections with National Rail
- Connections with Tramlink
- Mondays to Saturdays except evenings

Red discs show the bus stop you need for your chosen bus service. The disc appears on the top of the bus stop in the street (see map of town centre in centre of diagram).

Route finder
Day bus routes including 24-hour routes

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London Underground (Northern Line)

The Northern Line is one of the oldest, longest, deepest and busiest lines on the London Underground network. Improvements to the line are ongoing and London Underground is committed to improving performance and reliability for all their customers.

Significant modernisation to Morden Station has been carried out including installation of new lifts, tactile stripes on platforms to assist the visually impaired, induction loops to assist those with hearing impairments and CCTV cameras have also been installed.

Customer safety is a top priority for London Underground. The control room has a complete view of the ticket hall area. Help points have been carefully positioned within the station, customers can contact the control room directly for staff assistance.

Morden Station retains most of its original and traditional features from when it was originally built. Some restoration works have occurred during modernisation. Where possible original features have been repaired or removed and retained in the London Transport Museum.

Merton College

Merton College provides a range of education and training opportunities for school leavers, adults and employers in the borough of Merton and beyond.

With a diverse range of students studying courses from basic English through to A Level and Foundation Degree programmes, it is no surprise that the college’s learners reflect a wide section of the local community. A recent merger with South Thames College extends the opportunities for Merton residents, with many additional courses available at the nearby Wandsworth and Tooting campuses. Visit [www.merton.ac.uk](http://www.merton.ac.uk) for further information.

Morden Library, Heritage and Local Studies Centre

Based in the Civic Centre, Morden Library has a fantastic range of books, DVDs and CDs. There are new audio-visual and book collections to enjoy and a bright new children’s area with fun seating and a ‘reading hideaway’. The library also boasts free computer and Internet access, a Learn Direct Centre, providing courses for those wanting IT qualifications and a Heritage and Local Studies Centre.

Morden Library is open Monday – Friday 9.30am to 7.00pm, Wednesday 9.30am to 1.00pm and Saturdays 9.30am to 5.00pm. For further information visit [www.merton.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.merton.gov.uk/libraries) or telephone [020 8545 4040](tel:020 8545 4040).
Morden Town Centre Partnership

This Partnership brings together all those with an interest in Morden including businesses, community groups, Merton Council, London Underground, Police and Merton College.

Morden continues to function as a major transport interchange and a busy focal point in the borough.

The Morden Town Centre Partnership (MTCP) meets four times a year to consider, collate and input into local affairs like policing, town planning, transport, education and local business support. We value the experience and expertise of partners and actively encourage local participation.

For more information about being involved in the MTCP contact Town Centre Management on 020 8545 3232 or email: regen.partners@merton.gov.uk

Merton – one of the safest boroughs in London:

Crime has been identified as one of the highest concerns for residents in the borough, despite crime figures showing Merton to be one of the safest boroughs in London. Merton Council, the police, and other services, including the Primary Care Trust, are all working together to reassure residents and put in place effective and innovative schemes to cut crime, including enviro-crime like fly tipping and graffiti.

Who can I contact?
To report on-going community concerns contact:
The police: 0300 123 1212 (this is a 24 hour contact number).
Ravensbury Safer Neighbourhood Team: 020 8721 2725 or Ravensbury.SNT@metpolice.uk
Merton Park Safer Neighbourhood Team: 020 8721 2451 or MertonPark.SNT@metpolice.uk

To report nuisance behaviour in Merton for example, frequent rowdy behaviour or misuse of public space such as drug use or wrongful use of mopeds please contact:

Anti Social Behaviour Unit: 020 8274 4907 (24 hours), ASBUnit@merton.gov.uk

For emergencies call 999.

Environment crime:
To report fly tipping, graffiti or an abandoned vehicle please call 020 8545 3170 or email esenquiries@merton.gov.uk
Business Support

The Generator Business Centre offers support and stability to businesses during their first step into business and office ownership. Located in the heart of Mitcham, the Generator boasts close links with central London, thanks to the opening of Mitcham Eastfields station.

The Generator Business Centre offers:

- Onsite business support (Merton Means Business)
- Conference rooms
- Opportunities to network with established businesses
- 24 hour security
- Flexible licence terms

Office units

- Range from 14m² to 63m²
- High speed Internet connection
- Your own dedicated telephone number

Light industrial units

- Range from 74m² to 94m²
- Roller shutter loading door
- Mezzanine floors for office space
- Forecourt parking
- III phase electricity

A more flexible and cost effective way to rent an office

Town Centre Improvement Grant Scheme

Financial assistance is available to independent businesses located within the town centres of: Wimbledon, Morden, Mitcham, Colliers Wood and Raynes Park. Town centre improvement grants cover improvements to shop fronts and security features.

If you have any queries please email: regen.partners@merton.gov.uk or phone: 020 8545 3232.

Merton Chamber of Commerce

Whether you are a start-up or an established business, we can help you plan, start, sustain and grow your business.

- Free information and advice
- Business Reviews and Mentoring
- Financial & Business Planning
- Networking Events
- Workshops – such as Marketing, e-commerce, Finance
- Advice and support on ‘going green’

We are your local gateway to a range of services that can help your business. You can also promote your business for free on our on-line directory.

Get in touch today and see how we can help you – call 020 8944 5501 or visit www.mertonchamber.co.uk or www.southlondon.biz
Cassar Academy

Choi Kwang Do Vince Cassar

Origins of the Academy
My family moved to Malta in 1968 and the new school had a judo club, which I joined. I continued with judo for about 8 years winning 2 weight divisions at the 2nd Malta national championships. We returned to England in 1978 and moved to East Ham.

In 1993 I moved to Morden and came across Choi Kwang Do being taught in Hillcross School by Master Brophy. Choi Kwang Do is a dynamic, innovative approach to martial arts training. It was founded by grandmaster Kwang Jo Choi, a 9th degree black belt. Establishment – I started running part-time adult Choi Kwang Do classes at the David Lloyd Health Club, Raynes Park in 1998. A few years later I started a Choi Kwang Do after school club at Hillcross School, Morden. Challenges – we encountered difficulty in finding and securing the right venue and locations. A student’s parent heard that the old snooker hall was for sale. This was a perfect venue as it was in the centre of Morden High Street. Successes – many members of the academy have benefited in their confidence and fitness and discipline. Aspirations – I see us providing programmes for more local schools. We would like to get more involved with helping people overcome their fears of being victims of crime. Pil Su Hng! Master Vince Cassar

36 Aberconway Road, Morden, Surrey SM4 5LF  020 8540 2626

The principles of Choi Kwang Do: Aims to Achieve: humility, honesty, gentleness, perseverance, self-control, unbreakable spirit.

It won’t cost a penny...

The Community Toilet Scheme enables local businesses like pubs, restaurants and shops, to work together with the council to provide clean, safe and accessible toilets to the public.

To find your nearest community toilet in Morden, log onto www.merton.gov.uk/community_toilet_scheme or call 020 8545 3067.

Merton Council (Merton Link)
Civic Centre, Morden,
Surrey SM4 5DX
Monday to Friday: 9.00am - 5.00pm

Caffé Doro
2-4 Abbotsbury Road, Morden,
Surrey SM4 5LQ
Monday to Saturday: 7.00am - 4.30pm

The Royal Surrey Pub
1-9 Abbotsbury Road, Morden,
Surrey SM4 5LH
Monday to Thursday: 12.00pm - 11.00pm
Friday to Saturday: 12.00pm - 12.00am
Sunday: 12.00pm - 10.30pm
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Morden town centre guide

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Your contact:
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Address...............................................
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London Borough of Merton
Merton Civic Centre
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Morden, Surrey SM4 5DX
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