



MERTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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WE ARE LOOKING FOR A RESEARCHER

It has been proposed that Merton Historical Society engages a novice researcher to write a history of the Society, which will be celebrating its 75th birthday in February 2026. Originally known as the Merton and Morden Historical Society, which was formed in 1951, it was re-named in 1965 when the London Borough of Merton was created, and at this time it increased its area of interest to include Mitcham.

We would like to support a budding historian, who would be prepared to gather information and photos from our own Bulletins, from our website and Facebook pages, from local newspapers in the Heritage and Local Studies Centre in Morden library, from our own publications, and from our archive held in the Surrey History Centre in Woking. We would also value reminiscences by current members.

Over the years, the Society has been actively involved in archaeological digs, historical re-enactments, lectures, visits, guided walks, heritage days, publications and research, promoting the history of our area in person and online. Several of our publications have won London-based awards, and we work closely with other local heritage organisations.

The remuneration would be modest, and some expenses would also be covered. At the end of the project, we would like to be able to launch the published history in summer 2026, following an illustrated talk to members at our meeting on Saturday 14 February 2026.

Our Committee members would be happy to support and encourage our researcher, and provide guidance and assistance. In particular, we hold 6-weekly workshops, where members and non-members are encouraged to discuss the research they are carrying out. The project would suit a student of any age, or perhaps someone with a developing interest in local history.

Please contact mhs@mertonhistoricalsociety.org.uk if you are interested.

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