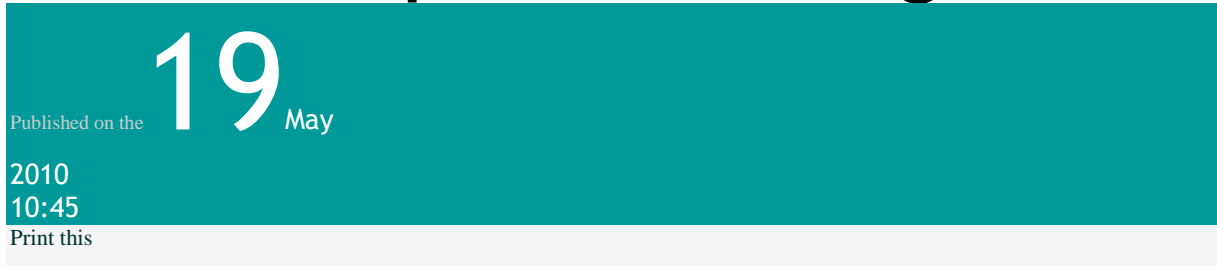


Trust applauds volunteer who 'keeps it running'



A heritage charity has commended a volunteer that 'literally keeps it running'.

Staff at Dacorum Heritage Trust say the expertise of retired technician John Croft has saved them thousands of pounds.

His commitment to the charity, a valued museum that preserves the borough's history, spans 15 years and he is now its IT director.

The grandfather, of Boxmoor, honed his skills at Maylands Avenue and Kodak House in [Hemel Hempstead](#) before retiring in 1993.

He said: "I was looking for volunteering opportunities and was put in touch with the trust who had thousands of photographs, a PC and a scanner, but needed someone to get working on them."

Mr Croft, aged 71, has since helped with everything from website development and catalogue systems, to - according to staff - 'squeezing every ounce of use from ageing IT equipment'.

"Some things take a good deal of work," he said. "But to me it's a hobby and it's very enjoyable."

More information about the Berkhamsted-based Dacorum Heritage Trust, that houses more than 67,000 historical objects, can be found at www.dacorumheritage.org.uk.

For volunteering [opportunities](#) call Dacorum Volunteer Centre on 01442 247 209.