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What made you choose this career path?
When I left school, my family encouraged me to take up an engineering apprenticeship with the City Council. Upon completion of my apprenticeship, my father and other relatives who were working for Royal Mail advised me that the organisation was investing in mechanisation at Peterborough and were looking for engineers to install and maintain the equipment. I applied, and am still here today! Royal Mail was considered at the time, and still is, a good place to work.

What do you most enjoy about your job?
I most enjoy problem solving and diagnosing unusual faults with the machinery. I also like learning about new equipment and machines that are being installed as it keeps me up to date with new and advancing technologies.

What is the greatest challenge you face in your job?
At Royal Mail meeting deadlines is essential, therefore my greatest challenge is ensuring that the sorting equipment is maintained properly so that it operates in an efficient and effective, but safe, manner.

How has gaining EngTech helped with your career?
Gaining EngTech has helped to raise my self-esteem and made me believe in my abilities as an engineer.

What advice would you give someone considering professional registration as an EngTech?
Don’t be afraid of trying! Seek guidance from other engineers and technicians who are registered. They’ve been there before; they know what they’re talking about!

How does your employer benefit from you being professionally registered as an EngTech?
By employing professionally registered engineers and technicians, the professional status of Royal Mail’s engineering function is hugely improved.

Where do you see yourself in five years’ time?
Well I am nearly reaching retirement but I will continue doing this role or something similar until then.

What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?
I’ve got many interests and hobbies including golf and photography. I also enjoy going on holidays!

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