

ROLE DESCRIPTION

Railway Volunteer

Manual work, skilled work and **basic DIY** work on rolling stock and rail laying.

Times

Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday throughout the year. Also Sundays and bank holiday Mondays in summer season.

Frequency

A regular commitment is helpful but not essential so long as railway team are aware of intended commitment.

Location

Railway workshop (building 83b), sheds and rail by concrete slab (near café) and along planned route for track.

Access

Main entrance in Beaulieu Drive. Vehicles may be parked in the visitor car Park though it is generally suitable to park on site near 83b, depending on activities for each day and the time of arrival and departure.

Duties

1. To assist with the conservation and maintenance of all locomotives, rolling stock, trackwork and other fittings.
2. To carry out skilled, unskilled and physical work on the railway's items in accordance with the Company's priorities in roles such as:
 - a. Mechanical engineer
 - b. Electrical engineer
 - c. Coachbuilder
 - d. Carpenter
 - e. Assistant to any of the above
 - f. LabourerOr in any other agreed suitable role.
3. To ensure that the work carried out is done so in accordance with accepted standards.
4. To carry out other appropriate duties from time to time.
5. To be prepared to engage with the visitors in a friendly and helpful manner.
6. To feedback comments favourable or otherwise to the team leader and /or duty manager.

Duties continued

7. To be vigilant and when necessary take appropriate action to ensure the safety of all on site and the security of facilities and contents.
8. To ensure that all work is carried out in accordance with the Company's Health and Safety policy and other relevant policies.

Skills/Experience/attributes required.

1. **One** or more of the following;
 - Competence in one or more of the above roles (Duties 2 a-d).
 - Ability to act as assistant to volunteers with the above skills.
 - Ability to do physical labouring or light manual work.
 - Willingness to help in any suitable and useful way.
2. An understanding of the appropriate use of tools and other relevant health & safety issues.
3. Sensitivity to the requirements of the Company's policies, accepted standards of conservation and historical accuracy during restoration.
4. Interest in the history of the railway, locomotives and stock and the social context in which they were originally set.
5. Commitment to stop whatever is being done to attend to the legitimate need of visitors.
6. Ability to apply the appropriate logic to tackling problems associated with unfamiliar machines. (Duties 2, roles a & b only)
7. Ability to work out solutions to mechanical problems using limited resources. (Duties 2, roles a & b only)
8. Ability to convey his/her knowledge and interpret the exhibits to visitors.
9. Possess own steel toe capped boots and suitable overalls to wear whilst working.