



## **LAPPA VALLEY STEAM RAILWAY AND LEISURE** **PARK** **VOLUNTEERING RECRUITMENT**

### **VACANCIES FOR VOLUNTEER STAFF IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS**

#### **Track Maintenance Gang (Tuesdays)**

Track maintenance is a key part of running the Lappa Valley Railway. During the summer months when trains are running we will have regular days where we are out changing sleepers, levelling and packing track, greasing fishplates and general maintenance but during the winter months we undertake major relay projects, which all requires manpower! Track maintenance is the ideal job for a person who is not looking to work with public.

#### **Trackside & Site Clearance Gang (Thursdays)**

Clearing the trackside of vegetation and keeping the grass cut back is an essential part of keeping our railway presentable and safe. Jobs will include strimming, tree felling, bonfires, hedge trimming etc. We are looking to form a 'once a week gang' who will tackle different parts of the trackside every week, keeping it clear of overgrowth and looking presentable. Another ideal job for a person who is not looking to work with public.

#### **Guard**

The guards role is to keep the trains clean, tidy and on time. Being a guard involves starting your day at Benny Station by cleaning the carriages, inspecting for defects, and ensuring the couplings are satisfactory and safe. Dealing with passenger enquiries and assisting the loading /unloading of pushchairs and wheelchairs on and off trains, closing all the train doors and despatching the trains keeping to the advertised timetable as much as possible. An ideal job for persons wishing to work with the public and enhance our visitors days out by going that extra mile to help. Becoming a guard is first step for those wishing to eventually learn to drive the trains, once you have completed 25 turns as a guard and subject to vacancy and selection you may have the opportunity to be trained to drive the locomotives.

#### **Locomotive Department**

Assisting in our locomotive department can mean partaking in a number of different roles, this could include helping prepare a locomotive for a days service, cleaning the locomotives (both steam and diesel), cutting firewood (used to light fires in the locomotives) and also to assisting one of our engineers with various maintenance and overhaul work. A good job and opportunity for those not afraid to get their hands dirty and those willing to muck in with a variety of jobs.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS**

### **RESTRICTIONS**

Minimum age for volunteers is 16 years old. There is no maximum age.

### **COMMITMENT**

Track maintenance Gang (Tuesdays) - this is non-committal role however the gang meet once a week.

Trackside and Site clearance gang (Thursdays) - this is a non-committal role however the gang meet once a week.

Guard - This role requires a minimum of two days a month, rostered 1 month in advance in accordance to your availability.

Locomotive Department - this is a non-committal role, work can be undertaken on any day by letting us know at least 1 day in advance of when you would like to come, or if you have a regular day a week.

### **OTHER INFORMATION**

Volunteers will need to come suitably dressed, wet weather clothes for the slightly damp days and steel toe cap boots are a must. Orange high viz vests are also required to work on the trackside.

Complimentary Lunch is provided, in accordance to the staff menu and it being pre-ordered from the cafe.

Although tea/ coffee/ water is provided, those working on the trackside may wish to bring a flask of hot drink, or larger bottle of soft drink.

## **INTERESTED IN BECOMING A VOLUNTEER?**

**Please contact Ben Harding, Railway Operations Supervisor to  
arrange your induction today!**

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### **SAFETY**

Safety is our prime concern at all times to our staff and visitors. All work carried out by volunteer or paid staff must be done in accordance the companies rules and regulations.