

Volunteer Role Profile: General Maintenance



Role summary: The Bala Lake Railway requires a huge amount of maintenance to ensure it is safe and looks its best for our thousands of visitors a year. For example, did you know our locomotives need to be completely stripped down at least once every ten years to ensure they are at their best? Or that we have an obligation to maintain over nine miles of fencing? General maintenance is hard to specify, but you'd be working in a maintenance/engineering capacity at times and on days to suit you and your interests and skills. Full training to suit your availability and at your pace can be provided.

What's involved?:

- The railway requires regular maintenance in loco and rolling stock (carriages and wagons) engineering, building maintenance, permanent way (track) maintenance, Signal & Telegraphy maintenance and general beautification including painting and gardening the flowerbeds.
- Work can within reason be tailored to your interests and abilities, within the needs of the railway. You could be working alone if safe to do so, or as part of a team.
- Operating within the railway's rule book, ensuring all work is undertaken for your safety, other staffs' safety and the public's safety.
- Lots of tea drinking!

This role will suit you if you:

- Can spare at the least a few days a year – the more the better!
- Aren't afraid to get your hands dirty!
- Would like to work in a small but friendly team or alone.
- Would like to help the BLR in a specific area or bring a particular skill to the railway (but don't worry if you don't!)

By getting involved you could:

- Potentially take on other roles on the BLR – Guarding our trains perhaps, or taking on the challenge of learning the operation of our historic locomotives.
- Become a part of the small and friendly BLR team.

If you are interested in getting involved and are keen to find out more, and perhaps arrange a visit where you can get a taste of Bala Lake Railway volunteering, drop us a line at:

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Or give us a ring on:

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