



VOLUNTEER ROLE DESCRIPTION

FOOTPLATE CREW

START YOUR VOLUNTEER JOURNEY

Volunteers are the beating heart and soul of our much-loved living museum.



The North Yorkshire Moors Railway offers a wide range of experiences for those who love history, trains, and a unique experience. Volunteering presents you with the opportunity to meet new people from all walks of life. You'll gain worthwhile skills, and this can result in a real sense of achievement. Around 1000 volunteers work in various roles across the NYMR and they all bring something unique with them.

OVERVIEW OF FOOTPLATE CREW ROLE

You'll begin your journey as Cleaner, an important step on the road to potentially becoming a driver. This role is filled with opportunities for learning and self-development. It is the Cleaner's responsibility to undertake several duties, while learning the skills and gaining the experience to step into the safety critical roles of fireman, and eventually driver. Your time will be split between working on shed and on the footplate.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

- becoming part of a friendly and dedicated team learning new skills and taking on new personal challenges
- enjoying new experiences and gaining great personal satisfaction
- meeting new people and making new friends
- volunteering in a leading heritage environment and living museum
- access to unique experiences, benefits, and discounts

We work hard to ensure that your volunteer experience with us is enjoyable and rewarding.

YOUR DUTIES WILL INCLUDE

- providing a warm, friendly welcome to all visitors as they'll want to look at the locomotive throughout the day
- starting a shift at 05.00 is not for everyone however, it is an essential part of your role
- some of your time will be spend preparing locomotives for a day in traffic and learning about their components and functions
- complete other tasks on shed under direction
- working as a trainee member of the locomotive on the footplate, learning how to fire, couple and uncouple, and a number of other safety critical tasks

SKILLS REQUIRED

- situational awareness, good concentration, and the ability to anticipate risk
- conscientious with a positive attitude towards rules and procedures
- ability to listen and communicate effectively, be assertive when required
- possess good problem solving skills, prioritise workload and remain calm under pressure



TRAINING

All training will be provided to support you in this role, including Personal Track Safety. You'll receive training in the understanding of safe movement of locomotives and trains, signalling systems and procedures when trains fail. Throughout you will receive regular 1:1 assessments to review your progress and appropriate support and advice to help you progress and develop in the role. Should you wish to become a qualified Fireman, you will be given the opportunity to take your theory and practical exams once a final level of competence has been clearly demonstrated.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

ROSTER:

This is a rostered role where you will need to confirm your availability in advance.

WHERE YOU VOLUNTEER:

Grosmont Motive Power Depot (YO22 5BJ) initially or Newbridge Motive Power Depot (YO18 8JL)

TIME COMMITMENT:

Turns can last for up to 12 hours and we would suggest a minimum commitment of at least two turns per month during the operating season. We operate seven days a week normally between April and October. Special Events operate outside these times. Not every turn is spent on shed. After approximately 3 – 4 turns you will be rostered for a ride out. This is where you spend the day with a driver and fireman learning the job first hand. Do note that it takes several years to progress to fireman, and several more again to become a driver.

UNIFORM & EQUIPMENT:

On Shed: high visibility waistcoat, flame resistant overalls, safety boots, gloves, torch, lighter, notebook/pen

Footplate: cotton bib n braces, footplate jacket (both available to purchase from NYMR Shed Shop) and safety boots. You will be issued with a logbook to record your experiences, and what you have learned.

Optional: tie and flat cap or grease top hat

WHAT NEXT?

If this is a role that you are interested in please complete an Expression of Interest form available on the NYMR website, and a member of the Volunteering department will contact you shortly. www.nymr.co.uk/volunteer

CONTACT US:

Thank you for considering volunteering at the NYMR. If you have any questions or queries you can contact us via email; volunteer@nymr.co.uk