



RESTORATION VOLUNTEER

Assist with the restoration of Ravenglass Railway Museum collections for conservation and display.

PURPOSE OF ROLE

By volunteering with us you will work at the Ravenglass Railway Museum to: develop an understanding of museum collections, in particular locomotives and rolling stock; develop restoration skills particularly in woodwork, metalwork and painting, and gain knowledge and experience.

The museum underwent a Heritage Lottery funded re-development in 2016-17 and an extension was built which doubled the previous exhibition space and now allows the display of the historic rolling stock collection which had previously been stored around the railway and often out of sight of visitors. Your help to restore these vehicles will bring them up to exhibition standard, allow them to be seen up close by the public for the first time and protect these artefacts for future generations to appreciate.

DUTIES

- To assist with the preparation of objects for work, including surface preparation, removing/attaching parts as required
- To assist with moving rail vehicles and objects between restoration and display areas
- To assist with the cleaning and conservation of rail vehicles and other museum objects

SKILLS AND ATTRIBUTES

We're looking for volunteers that have;

- A passion for the Ravenglass Railway Museum
- Excellent communication and team-working skills
- An interest in working with museum collections
- Ability to work as part of a team
- Ability to undertake physical work for a period of time (a reasonable level of fitness is required)
- Ability to communicate effectively with other members of the team
- Willingness to attend appropriate training and develop your skills

DRESS CODE

Practical and comfortable for working in the storage and restoration areas and for handling collections. Appropriate Personal Protective Equipment can be provided as required.

SUPERVISORS

Curator

Peter van Zeller

Museum Manager

Stuart Ross