

ROLE DESCRIPTION

CARETAKER

Our department: ESTATES

Why does the IW Steam Railway need my help with this?

The Estates department looks after three main sites which require constant attention to keep in good, presentable condition for our staff and visitors. The IW Steam Railway gets many positive comments about how well-kept the sites are, but this can only continue and improve further with the help of our hard-working volunteers. With only a small team of paid staff, every volunteer that can assist with day-to-day caretaker tasks helps immensely.

Every day a committed team of enthusiastic volunteers give their time and energy to The IW Steam Railway. Without their help, our important, beautiful, and fascinating slice of social and engineering history simply wouldn't exist. You'll be making an essential contribution towards to ongoing success of the railway.

We won't ask you to unblock wastewater drains or deal with the sewage treatment plants but keeping the buildings clean, picking litter, and carrying out small repairs is a huge help.

What does the Isle of Wight Steam Railway need a caretaker assistant to do?

- ✓ Assist with emptying and moving bins
- ✓ Keeping public areas clean, tidy, and well presented
- ✓ Assist with minor scheduled and unscheduled maintenance
- ✓ Check stock levels in various locations and top up if necessary
- ✓ Assist with weekly and monthly scheduled safety tests and checks

How will I be trained and supported in this role?

- ✓ Isle of Wight Steam Railway General Introduction and Health & Safety Briefing
- ✓ Isle of Wight Steam Railway Working at Height Training
- ✓ You will start by working alongside staff and other volunteers with experience in the role
- ✓ Online training
- ✓ Estates staff will do one to one training for specific tasks, especially those that are safety tasks

What can a caretaker expect from the Isle of Wight Steam Railway?

- ✓ A warm welcome to our team, and the enjoyment of contributing to the success of railway
- ✓ Fair and respectful treatment at all times
- ✓ Appreciation for your efforts
- ✓ A comprehensive induction, and ongoing training and support
- ✓ Contributions towards, or supply of, clothing and any PPE necessary for your role
- ✓ References and certification of relevant in-house training to add to your CV
- ✓ A range of benefits, social events, experiences, and prize draws exclusive to our volunteer team

Suggested Minimum Hours

3-4 hours in the morning, one or more days per week.

Physical Demands

This is a physically demanding role requiring a good level of physical fitness. Moving heavy bins requires two people, sweeping the yards uses a lot of energy, and walking the site can be over 20000 steps a day as we cover the whole site and can be needed anywhere at any time.