

ROLE DESCRIPTION

SITE MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT

Our department: ESTATES

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

Every day a committed team of enthusiastic volunteers give their time and energy to The Isle of Wight 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.

With 16 large buildings and associated outbuildings/stores, maintenance is non-stop throughout the year. Keeping on top of minor repairs makes sure the site operates successfully with minimal disruption to our trains. Our Estates team need trade knowledge and skills from carpentry, plumbing, brickwork, glazing, grounds maintenance, to tree work and roofing.

You will normally be working in a group with other volunteers and staff but may occasionally be asked to work alone on repairs.

What does the Isle of Wight Steam Railway Need a site maintenance assistant to do?

- ✓ Small repairs from replacing door handles to repairing toilet cisterns.
- ✓ Decorating and retouching paintwork
- ✓ Grounds maintenance, seeding grass, hedge cutting, tree trimming etc
- ✓ Assist with bigger jobs such as building small timber-framed buildings
- ✓ Assist with lifting and moving jobs that will involve a telehandler
- ✓ Clearing gulleys and surface water drainage systems.
- ✓ Assist with moving bins or other items

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
- ✓ Online training can be provided for things like abrasive wheels and manual handling
- ✓ You will be supervised and guided to develop your skills where required
- ✓ A team of experienced volunteers will be available (and normally working alongside you) to support you while you get to know the site and staff

What can a site maintenance assistant 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

One 5-6hr day per week.

Physical Demands

This is a physically demanding role, with some heavy lifting and carrying. Estates volunteers get around the site on foot, and usually average around 10000 steps on a quiet day. We also push wheelbarrows and/or carry tools to each job. The role will also involve some working at height from ladders or scaffolding.