

Volunteer Role Profile



Role title: Carriage / Wagon Fitter

Department : Locomotive, Carriage and wagon

Responsible to: Locomotive, Carriage and Wagon Manager / Chief Mechanical Engineer (CME)

Hours: Various

The number of days you work is entirely up to you – we are grateful for all of the hours you can assist.

Purpose: This role helps the Gloucester Railway Carriage and Wagon Museum achieve its vision and run a successful museum by helping ensure that our fleet of Heritage Carriages and Wagons are kept well presented, in good order and ready to run for the enjoyment of visitors and passengers.

Departmental Overview: The Locomotive, Carriage and Wagon Department contributes to the safe running of the Museum with overall responsibility for the maintenance, repair and overhaul of all rolling stock whether hired in or owned by the Gloucester Railway Carriage and Wagon Museum directly. This includes steam and diesel locomotives, carriages and wagons and road vehicles.

Main duties and responsibilities:

- Maintaining, repairing and overhauling our carriages and wagons
- Fault finding and analysis
- Day to day maintenance including:
 - Wheels, bogies, frames and running gear
 - Carpentry
 - Upholstery
 - Glazing
 - Welding
 - Pipe fitting
 - Painting
- Supporting the organisation's vision and values and complying with the Gloucester Railway Carriage and Wagon Museum Volunteer Commitment.

What you'll need for the role:

- A willingness to get your hands dirty
- General mechanical and practical aptitude
- Physical fitness as there may be some lifting involved in some tasks
- Manual dexterity for the use of hand tools
- Personal initiative whilst also working under supervision
- Useful, but not essential: practical experience of upholstery, carpentry, pipe fitting, welding or painting

What you'll get from the role:

- Opportunity to develop new skills and practice existing ones
- Help to preserve a by-gone era.
- Practice traditional skills
- Be part of a friendly and enthusiastic team
- Become part of a new network of people
- PPE as required
- Discounted refreshments
- Free tea/coffee/water
- Discounts in the Museum Shop*

* Subject to Membership of the Gloucester Railway Carriage and Wagon Museum CIO

Training:

You don't need to have lots of knowledge, just an enthusiasm for meeting and interacting with customers and be happy to do some heavy lifting

You are not expected to have all the skills that you will require to carry out this role. Training will be provided, to enable you to carry out your role with confidence and to the standards set.

- Full induction and ongoing support, including Health and safety
- Personal Track Safety (provided by the LMMR)

However, we do expect you to;

- be of tidy appearance and wear reasonably smart clothes (or the Gloucester Railway Carriage and Wagon Museum polo shirt).
- adhere to all health & safety, railway safety and fire procedures are followed
- not report for duty under the influence of alcohol or narcotics
- be friendly, polite and helpful
- be punctual and responsible
- work well with the team and well as on your own initiative
- be confident when meeting new people and communicate well
- be comfortable with cash handling and basic maths

Benefits of volunteering:

All of our volunteers are members of the Gloucester Railway Carriage and Wagon Museum Charitable Incorporated Organisation and whilst this costs a nominal subscription fee, it gives you access to a number of benefits, including:

- Discounted purchases from the Gift Shop and Tea Room
- Access to great social activities, including away days and social evenings
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- The chance to support us in keeping your railway and transport heritage alive in Gloucestershire and South Wales