

Volunteer Role Profile

Role Title:	Volunteer
Department:	Permanent Way/ Outdoor Works
Departmental Overview:	The Permanent Way and Outdoor Works department utilise the same team of paid staff and volunteers for a wide range of duties that mean that the railway can safely run, making sure that the track is in good condition, that the earthworks under the track are safe, that all the drainage is operating sufficiently, that our structures remain in good condition and that the lineside is kept clear enough for trains to run safely.
Reports to:	Outdoor Works Superintendent or Infrastructure Manager
Location:	Aviemore station to the River Dulnain Bridge at present and Beyond if Materials are being recovered for use for the Strathspey
Purpose of the role:	Volunteers in this department are key to the safe running of the railway, making sure our passengers have a safe and comfortable ride, and where we can making sure that they can enjoy the views available in the area.
What you'll be doing:	You'll be potentially out in all weathers, undertaking maintenance works under supervision of more experienced volunteers or the Outdoor Works Superintendent. During the closed season we have control of much of the line, but the rest of the year we undertake maintenance between trains – so you need to have your wits about you...
What skills you will need for the role:	You need to be comfortable outside all year round, and not afraid of hard manual labour, although lighter tasks can be found at times given the wide range of tasks the team undertake. One of the key elements is being able to work as part of large or small teams, as the size of our squad can vary.
What you'll get from the role:	Satisfaction of a job well done at the end of the day, teamwork and an active team environment, the ability to see our railway from views that others don't necessarily see!
The Training we'll provide:	Personal Track Safety training is a must for all staff within the team and is provided.
Time commitment:	Any time you can spare. Our Outdoor Works Superintendent works part time, largely for the first half of the month, so works can be undertaken during the week and at weekends at that time. Outside of this period other maintenance works are undertaken on an ad-hoc basis, often arranged on week by week basis.
Other requirements:	Any skills you have in relation to outdoor works are very much appreciated, but the key one is to be able to muck in as a part of a team.