

West Somerset Railway Plc
Infrastructure Engineering
Fishplate gang



WEST SOMERSET RAILWAY plc
VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTION

JOB TITLE: Fishplate Gang Worker

REPORTING TO: Track Chargeman / IE Office – ieadmin@wsrail.net / 01643 700400

JOB PURPOSE: The gang is dedicated to changing fishplates, oil plates and maintaining flange oilers. Oiling the track is vital to ensuring wheel wear is kept at a minimum and the rail joints remain in good working order.

RESPONSIBILITIES & DUTIES:

- Setting up a safe system of work and wearing the appropriate PPE.
- Carrying out lubrication, adjustments to equipment and replacing fishplates.
- Responsible for looking after WSR equipment and returning after use.
- Reporting any defects found on the line or with the tools issued.

PERSONAL SKILLS

- Physically fit to lift and carry tools and walk moderate distances.
- Enjoy outdoor, technical, messy work.
- Work individually or as a team, on practical applications.

TRAINING / COMPETENCY REQUIRED

- PTS (½ day)
- Method training on work involved (on-the-job)
- Rules P (½ day) - only needed if leading the gang / working alone
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COMMITMENT TO VOLUNTEERING

The gang will meet at least every other week to carry out duties although individuals will only be expected to do a minimum of one shift per month.

Volunteers who carry out twelve days/shifts per year are eligible to free travel on the railway and other perks, such as refreshments and discounts in WSR outlets.

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