

WEST SOMERSET RAILWAY plc

VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTION

JOB TITLE: Lengthsman

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JOB PURPOSE: To maintain a safe, tidy and managed trackside. Lengthsmen* work in teams or individually to “own” a stretch of the line and keep it cleared back beyond the flail lines. There are plenty of opportunities to choose a preferred or favourite length to set up shop. Tools and equipment will be supplied. There will also be a competition and prizes for the best kept length. * the job title is old-fashioned, inclusive of both women and men.

RESPONSIBILITIES & DUTIES:

- Keeping the vegetation away from the track, maintaining fences, burning brash
- Use hand tools, and brushcutters/trimmers (training required / issued)
- Chainsaws can be used by competent users (training may be issued)
- Responsible for looking after WSR equipment and returning after use.
- Reporting any defects found on the line or with the tools issued.
- Must be 16 years or over

PERSONAL SKILLS

- Physically fit to lift and carry tools and walk moderate distances.
- Work individually or as a team on practical applications.

TRAINING / COMPETENCY REQUIRED

- PTS (½ day)
- Rules P (½ day) - only required if leading a gang / working alone.

COMMITMENT TO VOLUNTEERING

Lengthsmen will be expected to carry out work at least once a month on a given length. Some teams operate weekly - it is entirely up to the group who own a particular length.

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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