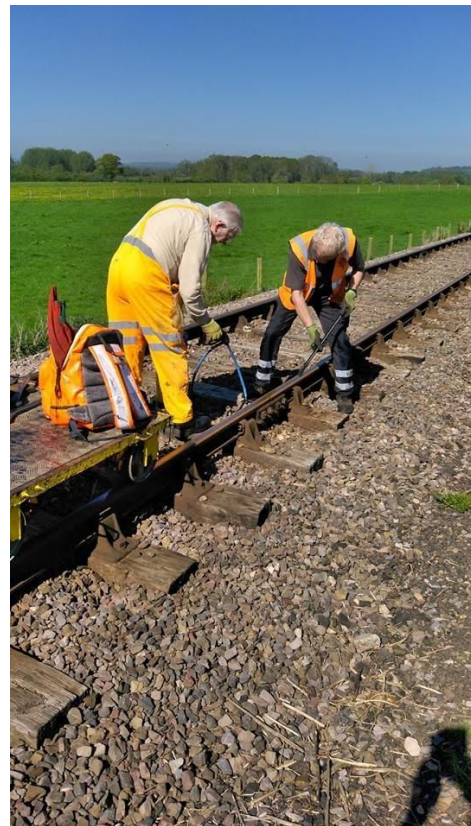


# West Somerset Railway Infrastructure Engineering Permanent Way Volunteers



WEST SOMERSET RAILWAY plc  
VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTION

**JOB TITLE:** Permanent Way Ganger

**REPORTING TO:** Ken Barker / IE Office - 01643 700400

**JOB PURPOSE:** Maintaining the track, drainage and structures to a standard that ensures trains can run in a safe and timely manner, and passengers can enjoy a smooth and comfortable ride.

**RESPONSIBILITIES & DUTIES:**

- Spot re-sleepering (replacing old sleepers with new ones)
- Fishplate oiling
- Clearing bridges and culverts of overgrowth.
- Generally cutting back any overgrowth.
- Assisting the full-time gang with major track re-laying projects.
- Emergency Fencing.
- Setting up a safe system of work.
- 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 within a team on practical applications.

**TRAINING / COMPETENCY REQUIRED**

- PTS ( ½ day) - vital track safety course to work on or near the line.
- Rules P ( ½ day) - only if leading a gang or working alone (optional).
- Rules T (not essential to role, but issued if interested)

## **COMMITMENT TO VOLUNTEERING**

Volunteers are expected to sign on to work at least once a month. The Sunday gang meets each Sunday – approx. 08:45 – 15:45. Other working days in the week are also planned depending on volunteer availability.

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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