

Tunbridge Wells and Eridge Railway Preservation Society

Please fill in the relevant details and hand this form into the Ticket Office at Tunbridge Wells West. Alternatively, post it to:

The Volunteer Liaison Officer
Tunbridge Wells & Eridge Railway Preservation Society
Nevill Terrace
West Station
Tunbridge Wells
Kent TN2 5QY

Title (Mr/Mrs/Miss etc): _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Postcode: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

I am interested in volunteering in the following areas.

Tick as many areas of interest below as appropriate:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Building / Construction | <input type="checkbox"/> Civil Engineering |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Catering | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shop assistance | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity / PR |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Displays/exhibitions | <input type="checkbox"/> Administration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanical | <input type="checkbox"/> Metalwork |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical work | <input type="checkbox"/> Artwork |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Locomotive maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> Operations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carriage/wagon maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> Painting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Signalling | <input type="checkbox"/> Carpentry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent way | <input type="checkbox"/> Organising functions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Train Crew | <input type="checkbox"/> Station staff |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cleaning | <input type="checkbox"/> Decorating |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify below) | |

Other: _____

Experience (if any): _____

Other railway societies that you are currently or have previously been a member of: _____

The Spa Valley Railway has an exciting future as a major heritage railway, and is steadily establishing itself as one of the most progressive and friendly societies in railway preservation.

Be part of it – become a member.



The railway has many hundreds of members, a good proportion of whom actively contribute as volunteers. Members operate and support the railway by giving their time when they can. Everything you see here today is the fruit of our own labours, and our exciting future projects will require the same winning formula of people who wish to learn new skills and share existing ones.

Whether you've got a specific interest already, or simply want to contribute to something that benefits the local community, there's something interesting and rewarding for you to do on the railway.

As a society, we are known for our camaraderie and relaxed, but professional atmosphere, and new members are always welcomed into the fold. Existing members will tell you of the friendships they have made and the satisfaction derived from seeing the railway develop as new projects come to fruition. It's the explanation of how something works, or the way our visitors are received that makes such a difference.

Being part of the team which runs the railway is richly fulfilling, and brings with it the benefit of acquiring new skills and new friends, so please join us and fill in the attached form indicating what you'd be interested in doing. We can then arrange for you to visit the railway, show you around and introduce you to the relevant people. We're a friendly bunch, and look forward to meeting you. Remember, it doesn't matter how much time you feel able to give – every little helps, and if you can only come for a day or a morning every few weeks, that's fine, we'll be delighted to see you!

www.spavalleyrailway.co.uk

The Tunbridge Wells and Eridge Railway Preservation Society
is a registered charity

SPA VALLEY RAILWAY

Why not join us?

HELP US TO RUN THE
SPA VALLEY RAILWAY

Membership rates are very reasonable – so please join us! Annual benefits include:

- Receipt of a half-yearly house magazine – the 'Spa Valley Starter' plus a regular news letter.
- Two free return tickets.
- A warm welcome to our society meetings and member events.
- Share a common interest with like minded and interesting people, and make friendships that can last a lifetime.
- The chance to actively participate in the running of the railway. Jobs are many and varied and embrace all aspects of railway work:

Station Staff

If you enjoy meeting the public and like to be at the centre of things, ticket sales and platform duties are rewarding and fun roles. Stationmasters and staff are a vital part of the customer service we deliver, and presentation and attention to detail are everything.



Catering

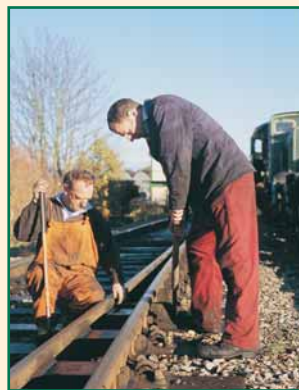
We operate a static buffet car at Tunbridge Wells West, and a small band of uniformed stewards and stewardesses serve drinks and snacks both here and on-board the train, in our award-winning bar car "Kate". Again, for those who enjoy meeting our passengers, the Catering Department offers enjoyment and satisfaction as part of a close-knit team.



Photography - David Staines

Permanent Way

Our railway is regularly praised by visitors from other lines about the quality of our track. With increasing mechanisation and a growing understanding of plain trackwork, points and crossings, the P-Way team is an exciting and innovative gang to be part of. Providing the foundation for a safe and expanding railway is very fulfilling, and the team is known for its camaraderie and can-do attitude.



Civil Engineering

Installing and maintaining fences, drainage, bridges and buildings is a vital part of ensuring our railway is fit for action. "Civils" offers a varied and interesting selection of jobs for people of all fitness levels



Carriage and Wagon

Meeting both midweek and weekends, our C&W team restore and maintain our historic passenger and goods fleet.

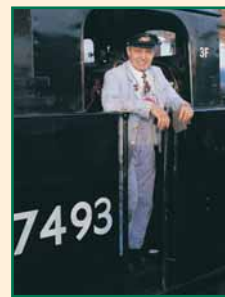
Recent masterpieces include the resurrection of bar car "Kate" from a dilapidated corridor coach, and a "Queen Mary" brake van.

Guards

You can progress from Travelling Ticket Inspector to Guard, one of the most responsible jobs on the line. With the right aptitude, you will in time be in overall charge of the train and the safety of its passengers. As with our station staff, a high standard of personal presentation is expected.

Loco Crew

Starting as a cleaner, making sure our engines are well turned-out for the day, you'll learn about how they work, and how to work them. Progression to Fireman and



then Driver is dependent on how well you can acquire the necessary skills to perform these safety-critical jobs. The same standards apply for diesel locomotive work.

Signal and Telegraph

Responsible for the installation, maintenance and operation of our signalboxes, signals and communications, the team undertake a wide variety of tasks, from mechanical signal and point operation using Victorian equipment, to more modern methods of train control.

Locomotive Engineering

Whether you're a skilled engineer already or a complete novice, we have a boundless array of clean(ish) and (very) dirty jobs lined up for you in our original 1885 running-shed.

Gardening and Lineside Cultivation

A happy band of men and ladies have made mincemeat of the trees and brambles which have been busy growing on our embankments since the 1960's.

Conservation and regeneration are important aspects too. Working both midweek and weekends, they'll be pleased to welcome you. Also, our stations are decorated with planters and window boxes, which bring colour and life to the surroundings.



With every job you will receive full and professional safety training – the safety of both you and our visitors is of paramount importance.

You do not have to volunteer to become a member, you are more than welcome to join as a member, and just take advantage of all the membership benefits. However we do ask that all volunteers are members for insurance purposes.

If you'd like to get involved please fill in the attached form and / or e-mail volunteer@spavalleyrailway.co.uk or phone 01892 537715 and leave a message for the Volunteer Liaison Officer.