

Weardale Railway Youth Team

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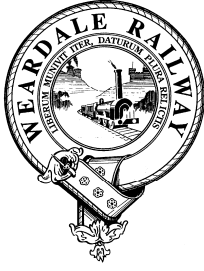
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Weardale Railway **Youth Team**

The Weardale Railway is mainly run by volunteers whose contribution is essential to the running of the railway and its long term future. The Youth Team allows younger members to get involved and hopefully move on to becoming an adult volunteer in the future.



The Youth Team is open to young people aged 10 to 17 and offer members a training programme covering both railway and non-railway related subjects, visits to other railways and special events, and from age 11, the opportunity to be involved with the day-to-day running of the railway under the supervision of experienced members of staff, including, working alongside the Guard, Travelling Ticket Inspector, Controller, Crossing Keeper, Station Maintenance staff, in the depot, in the station cafe and gift shop and also special events both on and off train. Members aged 16 and 17 train to a higher level as operational trainees preparing them for becoming an adult volunteer.

Members also get the opportunity to help with certain tasks that take place away from the operational railway, such as assisting at trade stands promoting the railway and other marketing initiatives.

The Youth Team meets at Stanhope Station on Friday evenings where members learn about railway operations, both on the Weardale Railway and the national network and also about the history of the line. Free transport is provided from Crook, Bishop Auckland, Wolsingham and Frosterley to Stanhope Station. In addition to training sessions, organised educational and leisure visits also take place.

To become a member of the Youth Team applicants must first become a member of the Weardale Railway Trust for which an annual membership fee is payable (currently £8.00), there is no further charge to join the Youth Team, however, there is a £1.00 charge when attending the weekly training sessions to help cover the cost of training materials. A Trust application form is attached for your convenience.

Interested?

The first stage of joining is to attend a welcome session where you will be issued with your training file and given details about the training program and the work experience opportunities that will be available to you. You will also get the opportunity to have a ride on the railway, meet other members and see first hand the roles that you will be involved in.

The welcome session covers:-

- Welcome to the Weardale Railway Youth Team
- Domestics
- Introductions
- Issue of Youth Team handbook / training file
- Safety and conduct briefing
- Weardale Railway induction briefing
- Opportunity for you to ask questions

Youth Team members receive a free uniform including safety footwear and high visibility clothing.

So what will you get the opportunity to do?

Here are just a few of the things members get up to...

Guard, Ticket Inspector & Train Steward



Crossing Keeper



Track Gang



Clearing the line to Bishop Auckland

Special Events



War on the Line evacuees

Fund Raising



Sponsored Walk

Trips away



Visit to Shildon Locomotion Museum

Booking Office

Sell the tickets, answer the enquiries and generally meet the public also working behind the scenes in the station office, answering telephone enquiries and taking bookings.

Buffet Car Attendants

Our Buffet Car runs at various times throughout the year providing drinks and refreshments. A chance to meet the public and ride the rails!

Café and Gift Shop Staff

The Gift Shop at Stanhope is always busy selling anything from postcards to books to children's railway toys whilst the Café is very well patronised. A significant part of the railway's income comes from these areas.

Depot

This area maintains and restores our coaches and locomotives and members get the chance to work at the depot as part of pre-planned projects.

Train Guard

The Guard, contrary to popular belief, is in charge of the train. The Driver thinks he is, but the Guard knows better!

Travelling Ticket Inspectors

Sell the tickets, answer the enquiries and generally meet the public. This role is very much the first point of contact for our customers when they travel with us.

Permanent Way

Out and about on the track itself. Fencing, ballasting, walking the line checking the track, cutting back lineside growth, are all vital jobs.

Crossing Keeper

We currently have operated level crossings at Broadwood and Witton-le-Wear where the keeper operates the warning lights and barriers keeping trains and road traffic safe. Other level crossings will open as we progress the railway towards Eastgate. An ideal role for those that like working outside.

Station Staff

Platform duties consist of overseeing the safe and punctual departure of trains, answering queries from passengers, and generally ensuring their safety. Some assistance is always useful to assist wheelchair bound passengers on and off the train and to escort them safely across the railway. Helping to keep the station tidy and assisting with special events are also important parts of the Station staffs' duties.

“Stanham” Model Railway

The Youth Team have constructed a model railway layout which members open to the public during special events and also some weekends.

And the benefits

Great company, a friendly working environment, trips away, a training program, work experience opportunities, free travel on the railway and a quarterly newsletter.



Weardale Railway **Youth Team**

Application Form

Applicants must become a member of the Weardale Railway Trust prior to submitting an application to become a member of the Youth Team.

Name:			
Date of Birth:		Age:	
Address:			
Postcode:			
Membership No:			
Telephone No:		Mobile No:	
Email:			

Applicant's Signature _____

Signature of Parent / Guardian _____

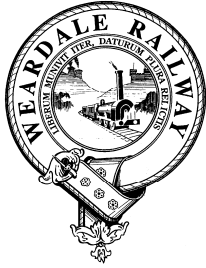
Please return your completed application form to:-

David Million.
Weardale Railway Youth Team,
c/o Bishop Trains,
Bishop Auckland Railway Station,
Bob Hardisty Drive,
Bishop Auckland,
Co. Durham.
DL14 7TL.

Enquiries Email: join@wryt.org.uk

Website: www.wryt.org.uk

Alternatively you can apply online at
www.wryt.org.uk



Annual Membership of the Weardale Railway Trust Application Form

Please complete your details (one form per person) then return with your remittance to:

**The Membership Secretary, Weardale Railway Trust Ltd, Stanhope Station, Stanhope,
Bishop Auckland, Co. Durham, DL13 2YS**

Please make cheques payable to "The Weardale Railway Trust"

Title _____ Forename(s) _____ Surname _____

Address _____ _____ _____ Town _____ County _____ Post code _____ Country (if not U.K.) _____ Tel. No. _____ Email _____	Membership class required: (Please indicate) <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Full (Individual)</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 5px;">£12.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Joint (2 persons)</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 5px;">£18.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Concessionary (Student, unemployed, retired)</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 5px;">£8.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Junior (under 16)</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 5px;">£8.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Corporate</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 5px;">£70.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Life (under 60)</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 5px;">£225.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Life (60 or over)</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 5px;">£150.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Donation for the purpose of :</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 5px;">£ _____</td> </tr> </table>	Full (Individual)	£12.00	Joint (2 persons)	£18.00	Concessionary (Student, unemployed, retired)	£8.00	Junior (under 16)	£8.00	Corporate	£70.00	Life (under 60)	£225.00	Life (60 or over)	£150.00	Donation for the purpose of :	£ _____
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Note: If you are a UK taxpayer the taxman will add 28p to every pound of your membership and donation at no cost to you via the Gift Aid scheme.

I want the Weardale Railway Trust Ltd to treat the enclosed membership fee and any donation as Gift Aid donations.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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