



Wensleydale Railway plc

Level Crossing Manager

The Wensleydale Railway manages around 70 level crossings along our 22-mile route into the spectacular Yorkshire Dales. Whether serving a busy main road or a quiet rural footpath, all our level crossings are safety-critical assets. We're seeking a dedicated volunteer to oversee their inspection, maintenance and compliance. If you're a strong communicator with an eye for detail, an interest in infrastructure and a desire to volunteer your proven management skills to support the safe operation of one of the UK's longest and most picturesque heritage railways, please read on!

Key Responsibilities

Inspection, Compliance and Risk Management:

- Develop, implement and maintain a robust periodic inspection regime for all level crossings.
- Conduct risk assessments and ensure compliance with relevant legislation, standards and good practice.
- Maintain accurate records.

Volunteer Leadership:

- Recruit, train and coordinate a small team of volunteer level crossing auditors.
- Provide guidance, support and quality assurance to ensure inspections are consistent and reliable.
- Promote a positive, safety-focused volunteer culture.

Collaboration:

- Work closely with our Operations and Infrastructure teams to ensure defects are correctly prioritised and rectified.
- Liaise with relevant departments to plan and schedule level crossing upgrades and renewals.
- Advise and support the General Manager on all matters relating to level crossings.

Stakeholder Engagement:

- Act as primary point of contact for private level crossing users; promote safe use and address concerns.
- Interface with Network Rail to confirm continued eligibility for private crossings and initiate closure processes where appropriate.
- Present a professional image when representing the Railway in external communications.



Skills and Experience

Essential:

- Possess, or be willing to obtain, WR Personal Rail Safety (PRS) and Controller of Site Safety (COSS) qualifications.
- Able to self-supervise, exercise sound judgement and manage own and others' safety, including lone working in remote areas.
- Work effectively under own initiative.
- Confident interpreting regulations, standards and technical guidance, and resolving ambiguity.
- Diligence and attention to detail.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Computer literate, including MS Office and online databases such as HOPS.
- Access to your own transport to reach remote locations along the line.

Desirable:

- Previous experience in railway infrastructure, safety management, assurance or asset inspection.
- Familiarity with level crossing types, risk factors and maintenance considerations.
- Experience of working with volunteers in heritage rail or other settings.

Working Conditions

This is a management role combining leadership, site visits and first-hand knowledge of our asset base. Face-to-face liaison with the General Manager and level crossing auditors is also important, so you'll need to attend regularly (ideally one day per week). Home working is encouraged for administrative tasks.

What we Offer

- Full training, including PRS, COSS and a role-specific induction.
- Support from the General Manager, Infrastructure leadership and volunteer coordinators.
- Opportunities to contribute meaningfully to the safe operation and long-term development of the Wensleydale Railway.
- A friendly, committed volunteer community and the satisfaction of protecting a vital part of the Railway's infrastructure.

Interested?

For more information or an informal chat about the role, please contact Jon Trueman:
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We look forward to hearing from you!