

Volunteer Roles Available (non operational)



The Gwili Railway is a thriving visitor attraction and educational facility just outside Carmarthen rated on Trip Advisor as the No. 2 attraction in Carmarthenshire. We are a volunteer led organisation and there are opportunities to volunteer in a variety of supporting roles apart from operations. For operational roles see Volunteer Operational Roles.

Catering – Eating Out at the Gwili Railway is becoming ever more popular, can you help?

Chef for on train dining

Do you have experience in catering with relevant qualifications and would like to lead our catering crew who prepare Sunday lunches for up to 64 diners at a time? We run Sunday lunch trains up to 14 times a year with occasional private bookings such as weddings. You would be supported by a volunteer crew. Fixed expenses are paid for this post. Please apply in writing to info@gwili-railway.co.uk

Kitchen staff/catering assistants

On train dining at the Gwili include Sunday lunches, Afternoon Cream Teas and in 2016 High Teas on the train. We are looking a volunteer to help on Thursdays with cream teas (11.30 – 4.30), selected Sundays (10 – 4.30) and the occasional evening on the dining trains during the Autumn. Main duties will be using washing up machine and clearing tables. Training will be provided with the opportunity to progress to waiting tables. Fixed expenses are paid for this post

Visitor Facing Roles – do you enjoy interacting with the public?

Gwili Souvenir Shop – Part time Manager

The Gwili Souvenir shop is open in February Half Term and then from Easter to end of October and during our Santa Event in December. Looking for a shop manager to develop the shop, support the existing staff/volunteers and report to the Commercial Director. Training provided.

Car Park Attendants

In July and August we like to roster car park marshals to greet visitors and direct passengers where to park. Our car park is small and this is a vital role to help maximise the car park and give visitors a good experience. High viz clothing supplied. If you are available at weekends that would be especially helpful.

Platform Attendants

If you like dealing with the general public and are happy to lend a hand to the Guard, then this is an ideal role during the Summer season.

Ticket Sales Hotline – are you good on the phone and can use a computer?

Ticket sales hotline. To help with the extra volume of enquiries and bookings for Christmas we are looking for a volunteer to help our regular staff with taking phone bookings via the online booking system. Training provided. Weekend cover especially required October to December.

Museum Attendant

We have a small museum at Bronwydd Arms Station and would like to have a Museum Attendant to assist the museum curators and help visitors learn more about the exhibits. In the summer we are open 7 days a week so ideally we'd like to have a group of 2-4 volunteers who are knowledgeable and enthusiastic about railways and are good at dealing with the public and youngsters.

Behind the Scenes – there are a variety of roles here, take a look

Seasonal Cleaners

Our vintage carriages are lovely but need regular cleaning. We also have our shop, museum, toilet block, mess room and waiting room. If you have time to spare we are looking for 1-2 volunteers to do regular cleaning jobs for us especially during peak periods especially July and August.

Leaflet Distributors

Throughout the year we distribute posters, postcards, posters and leaflets to a variety of outlets in Pembrokeshire, Ceredigion, Carmarthenshire, Swansea, Neath and Bridgend. If you have a car and are interested in doing distribution in any of those areas, please contact us.

General maintenance

With over 8 miles of track bed, three stations, one halt and visitor facilities – there are always maintenance jobs. If you can change tap washers, do minor repairs and have some free time, then please contact us. We particularly need help in November when the Railway is closed to the public but we are preparing for our Santa event.

Working on locomotives, coaches, wagons & infrastructure

Engineering & Motive Power Department

Keen to hear from anyone with a general interest in repair and maintenance of machinery. Also ex-machinists, ex-engineers, ex-welders or student engineers who have time to volunteer.

Carriage and Wagon Department

The department welcomes anyone with an interest in woodwork, metalwork, glazing, electrical, plumbing, upholstery, painting, body repairing or anyone with basic DIY skills. If you've none of these, there are many other jobs which do not require such skills and training can be given. This is a friendly department with a lively social calendar.

Abergwili Extension Project

Work parties are organised regularly. If you sign up as a volunteer with us, you can ask about opportunities to get involved in the extension.

*To apply to volunteer at the Railway, please download a **New Volunteer Form** from the website (Volunteering Tab), email the office: info@gwili-railway.co.uk, apply in writing: Volunteer Co-ordinator, Gwili Railway, Bronwydd Arms Station, Carmarthen SA33 6HT or phone 01267 238213 (Monday to Friday 10-4pm) indicating which roles interest you. You will be invited to attend an Induction Day to give you an overview of the Railway and its operations.*

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