

Bodmin & Wenford Railway **Details for Prospective Signalmen**

The term “Signalman” is an historical term and refers to the person who will operate the Signal Box, it applies equally to men and women. The Railway will use the term “Signalman” and not “Signaller”

Duties of Signalman

To operate the Signal Box in accordance with the Railway’s Rule Book, Regulations for Train Signalling, Signalman’s General Instructions and other procedures to permit the safe operation of trains. This is a safety critical position.

You must be reasonably articulate and keep an accurate Train Register.

To keep the inside and outside of the Signal Box in a clean and serviceable condition. This will include cleaning and washing as appropriate.

The Signalman reports directly to the Responsible Officer.

Requirements

You must be reasonably fit with no back or leg problems that may affect your ability to pull levers, climb steps or walk on rough ground. You must have good vision without colour blindness. The wearing of spectacles is acceptable. You will need to pass a Medical Examination by the Company’s Medical Officer.

The minimum age for a Signalman is 21 years and the maximum is 75 years. The minimum age to train as a Signalman is 18 years.

You will need to undertake a period of training with an experienced Signalman or other Trainer and then pass a theory and practical assessment. There will also be a Rules examination upon qualification, and thereafter every three years.

Refresher courses and re-assessment will be held periodically.

The hours of duty will normally be from 08.30 to approximately half an hour after the last train returns (16.15 to 17.15 depending on timetable). Lunch, tea and comfort breaks can normally be taken between trains but this may be restricted depending on traffic requirements. During special events the hours of duty may be extended and include early starts or late finishes including working during the hours of darkness. The period of duty will not normally be less than 7 hours or exceed 10 hours.

A minimum of 15 periods of duty per year are required. You will be asked to provide your availability for a month at a time and a Roster will be published as for Train Crew.

A uniform is not specifically required, but appropriate clothing is essential. This should be black trousers, a white shirt and company or black tie with a waistcoat or similar. Signalman will be on public view and will need to “look the part”. In the normal course of a Signalman’s duty, high

visibility clothing (orange) should not normally be required, but should be worn whenever required to be on the lineside.

When signalling duties permit the Signaller may allow visitors into the Signal Box and explain its' operation but the numbers must be strictly controlled.. The Signaller must close the Signal Box to visitors during complex movements or when extraordinary circumstances exist. Safety must be the first priority at all times and should never be compromised.

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Application for consideration for the post of Signaller.

Surname _____

First name _____

Date of Birth _ _ _____

If you are already a member of the BRPS please enter Membership No. _____

Are you already a member of staff (a volunteer) YES or NO (please delete as appropriate)

If not a member of staff please provide:- Telephone No _____

Address _____

e-mail address _____

I confirm that I am reasonably fit with no back or leg problems that may affect my ability to pull levers, climb steps or walk on rough ground. I have good vision without colour blindness. I agree to have a Medical Examination by the Company's Medical Officer, to take examinations and assessments as required by the Company.

Signed _____

Date _____

Please send completed form to the General Manager.