



Volunteering at the Bodmin & Wenford Railway if you have a disability

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Volunteers who have a disability are not turned away, and we will work with you to determine whether a suitable position can be found for you. However, whilst we will do our utmost to find a suitable volunteer role for you, the railway is a dangerous place, and it is not always possible to find a safe role for prospective volunteers. Please also be aware our volunteers must be aged 14 or over.

Do I have to tell you about my disability?

Many of the volunteer roles at the railway are safety critical. This means that, where an individual's ability to undertake a task is compromised by a disability, it may result in a significant risk to the health and safety of the individual and of others. We have a duty of care to you and to all our volunteers, so you must disclose any disability on your application form.

I need a carer/supervisor – can I volunteer?

If you need a carer or supervisor, you must provide your own nominated carer/supervisor, who must also become a volunteer and who must attend and work alongside you whenever you volunteer at the railway. We regret that the BWR is not able to provide a carer/supervisor for you.

I am a wheelchair user – can I volunteer?

The BWR is a heritage railway, and so unfortunately much of the site is not accessible for wheelchair users. We may be able to find a suitable volunteer role for you if your skills can be used in accessible areas or in an administrative role that you can do from home.

What suitable vacancies are there?

We would recommend that you fill in the application form, stating what you are interested in and how your disability might affect your ability to carry out that task. We will then get back to you to have a talk and see whether there is anything suitable.