



Volunteer Signaller

The Somerset & Dorset Heritage Railway at Midsomer Norton is a volunteer-run heritage and tourism attraction in Midsomer Norton. There has been a planned increase in the operating days on the railway during 2022/23 which will continue for the foreseeable future. We are seeking more Volunteer Signallers to join the team, to ensure the safe running of our railway.

Purpose

In order to run trains, we require a team of trained safety critical volunteers, and one of these roles is Signaller. This person controls the signals and points in the signal box which allows for the safe passage of trains.

Location

Midsomer Norton Station, Silver Street, Midsomer Norton, BA3 2EY.

Responsibilities and duties

The role of Signaller involves operating the signal box whilst in constant contact with other key operational roles. Only one signaller works at any given time (once they are fully trained), but they will be working at the same time as other safety critical volunteers as part of a wider team.

Previous experience is not essential, but an interest and understanding of railways and/or signalling would be helpful. This role is suited to someone who has a keen attention to detail, can remain calm under pressure, is able to effectively communicate with other members of the team and who thrives following processes.

A reasonable level of health and fitness is required for this role.

Time Commitment

We usually open on weekends with some planned additional weekdays during the summer. Please see www.sdjr.co.uk for our opening dates for 2022/23. This role is part of a team and successful candidate/s will be asked to liaise with the Operations Team about their availability and the rota of operating days.

Support

Full training is required and is expected to last for 6-12 months, depending on the availability of the successful candidate/s. During this time some exams will be required, and assessments will be carried out by assessors.