

EAST LANCASHIRE RAILWAY

Volunteering at the ELR

So you want to join our family of volunteers?



Your journey starts here

The ELR has a long and rich heritage, from all the way back when the very first trains steamed into Bury Station in the 1840s. The development of the line and all of its local railway stations was a key part of the Industrial Revolution in Lancashire, and it's been an integral part of the area's growth and identity ever since.



Who are we?

We are a charity which is the largest heritage railway and one of the best visitor attractions in the North-West of England. Our two pubs are both award-winning CAMRA venues. Our Dining with Distinction experiences are the Gold Standard of heritage railway dining. Our Santa Experience was rated among the top 6 Santa attractions in 2023.

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From staffing the ticket office to restoring classic carriages, greeting guests, operating heritage signal boxes or even driving a train, if you're looking for a wide range of volunteering opportunities in Manchester and Lancashire, we'd love to hear from you.

We have plenty of opportunities for you to volunteer here and we'd love to welcome you.

Why volunteer?

- Volunteering keeps you busy, can help combat loneliness and give you a sense of purpose
- You can improve physical and mental health
- Learn new skills and develop existing ones
- You can make new friends and give back to the community
- You can make a difference and bring pleasure to our guests

What are you waiting for?

Apply to Volunteer

I am interested in volunteering at the East Lancashire Railway.

I confirm that all of the details supplied below are correct.

Full Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Telephone:

E-mail:

What is your preferred volunteering role or department (You can select more than one):

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| Carriage and wagon | <input type="checkbox"/> | Retail | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Civil Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> | Signalling | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Drive a Train Experience | <input type="checkbox"/> | Buffets | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Diesel Locomotive | <input type="checkbox"/> | Stations | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Carriage Cleaning | <input type="checkbox"/> | Steam Locomotive | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Electrical | <input type="checkbox"/> | Steam Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Events | <input type="checkbox"/> | Ticket Inspectors | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Guards | <input type="checkbox"/> | Info & Sales Desk | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Telecoms | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

How did you hear about volunteering at the ELR: