

Everyone who works as steam crew also has an important role in locomotive maintenance: regular boiler washouts are essential to keep a loco in good working order!

### Diesel Locomotive Crew

Our diesels are double-manned. You will need to train as a shunter before you start on the footplate. This will give you the necessary safety background and training in the Operating Rules. As a Secondman you will assist the Driver as required in the preparation and operation of the locomotive and when coupling etc., but you will also have to demonstrate that you could safely bring a train under control if the driver was to be incapacitated, that you understand the Operating Rules and that you have 'route knowledge' of the line.



### Guards and Shunters

Every train is controlled by a Guard, who is responsible for its preparation (watering the carriage tanks, testing its brakes etc) and safe operation. Shunters deal with movements of wagons and coaches around the yard at Chinnor, working points, brakes and couplings etc. All Guards have to have all the skills of a Shunter, as they might have to shunt vehicles into or out of their train during the day. They also receive training in emergency procedures such as train evacuation or dealing with brake faults.

### Signalmen and Crossing Keepers

Our Crossing Keepers are essential as we have gates to open and close for every train that runs. The Signalman at Chinnor and Person In Charge at Princes Risborough control the movement of trains from their respective positions. The training as Signalman covers the Rules and procedures needed to operate the Railway safely using traditional methods, the operation of the signalling equipment, and what to do when things go wrong.

### Other Roles in the Operations Department

We also need Dispatchers or Station Masters to safely see off our Passenger Trains and prepare the platforms for public use. The Duty Line Manager (DLM) is in charge of our Railway activity on a Passenger running day, while the Person In Charge of Possession (PICOP) fulfils a similar role when we need train movements on maintenance days.

## THE INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENTS

Broadly speaking, the Railway is divided into two parts: the things that move, like locomotives and wagons, and the things that stay put, the infrastructure.

### Permanent Way

This is the term used for track: the rails, sleepers and points. Essential work if the Railway is to stay running. Looking after it suits those with a fondness for the outdoors. It's not all about heavy lifting and shovelling: we have plant to do much of that these days.

### Signals and Telegraph

The Signal and Telegraph team install and maintain all the signalling equipment, electrical and mechanical, and are also responsible for telephone and radio systems. It's also responsible for the restoration of our Grade 2 Listed Princes Risborough North Box, PRNB.

### Tuesday Gang

The care and maintenance of our buildings, fences, gates, signs and greenery is the realm of the Tuesday Gang. They meet, no surprise, on Tuesdays, usually at Chinnor Station, although occasionally they journey along the line or if needed take more than one day for larger projects.

### Station Forming

Although our terminus on Platform 4 of Princes Risborough station was opened on 16 August 2016, work there was and is far from complete. There's still the independent line to reconstruct, customer and volunteer facilities to improve and a lot of signalling to install, and this work is being tackled by the Princes Risborough Station Forming team who meet every Friday.

## PASSENGER SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Railway operations require staff to look after our Passengers: train stewards and ticket inspectors; station and shop staff, booking clerks and answering enquiries by email and 'phone. Special train services and events need additional support: Elves for Santa; bar staff and more. If you like meeting the public and can represent the Railway this might be for you. Training is available for all these tasks.

### Catering

Everyone knows that railways run on tea! We need Volunteers to staff the Tearoom at Chinnor station, the Restaurant Car to serve lunches and cream teas, and Waiters on the evening dining services. Not only can they be fun, but these activities make a large contribution to the Railway's income.



## COMMERCIAL

From Marketing and Publications to posting on Social Media and websites, through running successful events and getting great coverage in newspapers and on radio - we need lots of behind the scenes help to ensure we get plenty of fare paying visitors throughout the year. We also need fund raisers and those who can help us diversify and increase our income streams from other activities. The list is not exhaustive of course. All the jobs are vital and many can be done without actually visiting the railway; we even have one volunteer who helps us from the other side of the Atlantic!

## THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENTS

Railways encompass a huge breadth of engineering skills, from construction through mechanical engineering to electronics. But don't worry if you don't yet possess skills in those areas; there is much more general work in de-rusting or painting for example.



### Carriage and Wagon

This team looks after everything to do with our coaches, the seating, doors, toilets, braking systems, painting and more. It maintains our engineering wagons and also tackles restoration projects, such as our Shark brake van, pictured right, where woodworking skills are very useful.



### Steam Engineering

Working with the Operations Steam Crew, this team maintains the steam locomotives, including carrying out boiler washouts and mechanical examinations.

### Mechanical Engineering

Looks after the diesel locos and all our engineering vehicles and plant. It also supports other Departments with their projects when workshop skills are needed. It also oversees the continuing development of our Restoration and Engineering Centre or REC.

## WHAT TO DO NEXT

If any of this appeals to you and you can spare some time, you can easily get involved. First, become a Member of the C&PRRA using the our website see [www.chinnorrailway.co.uk](http://www.chinnorrailway.co.uk) and search for Membership. In either case, please remember to check the box about wanting information about Volunteering. Then, when your application is processed, we'll be in contact.



If you want to discuss any of this further then please get in touch by emailing [volunteersupport@chinnorrailway.co.uk](mailto:volunteersupport@chinnorrailway.co.uk) or write to C&PRRA Volunteer Support, Station Road, Chinnor, OX39 4ER and we'll get back to you.