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USEFUL INFORMATION FOR NEW VOLUNTEERS
OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT (MOTIVE POWER) ENGINE CLEANERS

The Motive Power Department is based at the engine shed in Northbrook Road. There is a 50 feet turntable which came from Neasden shed in London. Routine maintenance of the locomotives is carried out here including boiler washouts. Other heavier repairs are also done as and when required.

The Swanage Railway operates with both steam and diesel locomotives, and the line of promotion leads to the eventual driving of both. There is no distinction between the two.

At the time of writing we have a fleet of 5 steam locomotives, 3 diesel locomotives, and 2 diesel multiple units either operational or under repair.



Engine Cleaner is the starting grade for promotion to Fireman, and eventually, Driver.

In this grade the willing volunteer learns about the locomotive and its workings. It can be very dirty work, so protective clothing and safety boots are a requirement. Every assistance will be given to those who are eager to learn and progress, and in the time honoured tradition, Mutual Improvement Classes (MIC) are held once a month at Corfe Castle station. These classes are provided for Firemen wanting to pass for driving duties, but all grades are very welcome to attend. Also once, and sometimes twice a month, a training session is held at the Engine Shed in Swanage aimed specifically at Cleaners. All aspects of railway work are comprehensively covered, and the sessions are run by experienced members of staff, and for those wanting to learn and progress, they are to be recommended. As well as cleaning locomotives it is part of the Cleaner's duty to keep the general shed area tidy and to make sure that there is an adequate supply of wood readily available for lighting up.



Depending on the level of commitment, at least 18 months must be completed before promotion to passed cleaner (passed to act as a fireman) can be considered. As a guide, the number of turns carried out must be a minimum of fifteen per annum. Even when there aren't any trains running there is always something to do. The job is safety critical, and dependant on a good level of fitness, health and eyesight. The Swanage Railway operates a documented Youth Protection Policy to safeguard children. The policy of the Swanage Railway Trust is that all Volunteers should be Members. For further information please contact:

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