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Career Opportunities: Mechanical Engineering Department

There are exciting opportunities for suitably qualified and experienced people to join the growing, dynamic Mechanical Engineering team at the West Somerset Railway (WSR), one of the foremost tourist attractions in the South West and in the premier league of UK heritage railways.

Lead Engineer – Locomotives [LEL]

Reporting directly to the Head of Mechanical Engineering (HoME), as Lead Engineer you will head up a team of fitters and maintenance assistants, artisan staff and volunteers in the delivery of the WSR steam locomotive fleet; and management of the workshops.

With responsibility for planning, supervising and undertaking of steam locomotive repairs and overhauls, this role will suit a person with a highly practical and project-orientated approach. Prior steam locomotive experience is essential.

The Lead Engineer will also deputise for the HoME in his absence.

Maintenance Team Leader [MTL]

Reporting to the Lead Engineer for Locomotives, you will head up a team of 4 x maintenance assistants in the day-to-day maintenance of the WSR steam locomotive fleet.

With responsibility for planning, supervising and undertaking of routine maintenance on the operational fleet, this role will suit a person with a highly practical and organised approach. Prior steam locomotive experience is essential.

Lead Engineer – DMU and Diesel Plant [LED]

Reporting directly to the Head of Mechanical Engineering (HoME), as Lead Engineer you will head up a team of volunteers in delivering the line's heritage Diesel Multiple Unit (DMU).

With responsibility for planning, supervising and undertaking of daily maintenance, repairs and overhauls, this role will suit somebody with a highly practical and project-orientated approach. Prior DMU or diesel plant experience is essential.

The successful candidate will also have a key role to play in the development of Williton as the line's future base for DMU maintenance.

Applicants for these posts must have a keen appreciation of Health and Safety regulations and Heritage Railway Association guidelines, be familiar with the operating railway environment, and be comfortable working alongside both paid and volunteer staff in a professional, positive manner, committed to continuous personal improvement and development of others.

To apply:

These are full-time permanent posts within the revised Department organisation structure. An element of weekend, early morning and late evening work may be required, depending on operational necessity.

We offer a competitive salary and company benefits including a non-contributory pension scheme.

If you would like to find out more about the posts please contact David Horton, Head of Mechanical Engineering, by emailing home@wsrail.net

Visit hr@wsrail.net for a candidate package. Completed application forms should be sent to the HR Department at WSR, The Railway Station, Minehead TA24 5BG, under confidential cover, quoting post reference shown above by not later than 11 August. Interviews will be held shortly thereafter.