

# VOLUNTEERING IS FUN AND REWARDING AT THE VOBR!



As a member, you can be at the heart of this exciting project by becoming a VoBR volunteer. With so many ways to get involved, you're sure to find something to suit you.

Our volunteers come from all walks of life. Everyone is welcome, no matter what skills you have or how often you can help. It's a great way to make new friends, discover new talents and interests, and feel valued and rewarded.

**Want to know more? See over for more details.**

# WELCOME TO THE VALE OF BERKELEY RAILWAY

The Sharpness branch line ran from Berkeley Road, on the Gloucester to Bristol mainline, to Sharpness and its docks. It then linked to Lydney and the Forest of Dean collieries via the now dismantled railway bridge over the River Severn. Although the Sharpness branch closed to passenger traffic in 1964, part of it is still used for transferring nuclear waste by train.



Berkeley Station, closed in 1964 and sadly demolished

We're transforming the old freight exchange sidings into a restoration and maintenance facility for our heritage locomotives and rolling stock, ready for offering passenger rides on part of the branch and running demonstration goods trains.



The former Oldminster freight exchange sidings in 1988.

# JOIN US ON OUR JOURNEY!

HELP BUILD  
**THE VALE OF BERKELEY RAILWAY**



We're bringing heritage trains back to the Sharpness branch – creating a tourist attraction and education amenity to show how this charming line served the community and took goods from dock to door.

Become a member today and play your part in our railway adventure!

[www.vobr.org.uk](http://www.vobr.org.uk)

## Membership Application Form

As a VoBR member you'll receive quarterly colour magazines, regular email newsletters, access to talks and events and be eligible to volunteer.

You can join online at [www.vobr.org.uk/shop](http://www.vobr.org.uk/shop)

### Your membership – please tick:

Adult (16+) £18  Family (2 adults, 2 juniors)  £36  
Junior (up to 16) £6

Adult 1) Title: .....

First name & Surname: .....

Adult 2) Title: .....

First name & Surname: .....

Child 1) Age: .....

First name & Surname: .....

Child 2) Age: .....

First name & Surname: .....

Address:.....

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Email.....

Tel: .....

Your membership fee     £ .....

Could you add a donation? £ ..... Thank you

Total remittance:       £ .....

Our membership year is March to February. If you join in the last three months i.e. after the 1st December, your membership is automatically renewed for the following year.

Please read and sign:

I/we wish to become a member/members of the Vale of Berkeley Railway and give consent for my/our data to be used for the purposes described in the VoBR Privacy Statement available at: [www.vobr.org.uk](http://www.vobr.org.uk)

Signature: .....

Date:.....

## Can you help us claim Gift Aid?

If you're a UK taxpayer and tick yes for Gift Aid, we can reclaim another 25p for every £1 you give us, at no extra cost to you.

Please note, the Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax you pay in a tax year must at least equal all your charitable donations for that year (if it doesn't, you'll be liable to pay the difference). If you want to cancel Gift Aid or change your details or tax status, please contact us.

Yes, I'd like to help the VoBR claim Gift Aid

### How to pay – please tick

BACs:

Sort Code: 77 68 59

Account Number: 01761360

Account Name: Vale of Berkeley Railway Trust

Ref: Mem-[initial and surname] e.g. Mem-PSmith

Cheque:

Please make your cheque payable to "The Vale of Berkeley Railway Charitable Trust" and include it with this form.

Please send your completed and signed form, together with any remittance due and a Stamped Addressed Envelope to: Membership Secretary, The Old Engine House, The Docks, Sharpness, Gloucestershire GL13 9UD

### Join online

Go to our website: [www.vobr.org.uk](http://www.vobr.org.uk) and choose **Shop**. Then simply select the type of membership you want.

You can pay securely using PayPal (you don't have to sign up to PayPal).

### Your membership card

We will post your membership card(s) to you as soon as possible. Thank you.

## Volunteer roles

Volunteering for the VoBR offers you a range of options, whether you have a specific skill you want to use or if you just want to try something new. There are many worthwhile ways you can help, on site or working from home.

As a Charitable Trust, our objective is to engage with the public and local community, to show how the railway touched people's lives. So there's much more to us than trains!

Here are just some of the ways you can volunteer:

- Engineering and woodwork
- Protecting and enhancing the local environment
- Working on our locos, coaches and wagons
- Laying tracks and build infrastructure
- Training to operate our trains
- Planning our projects
- Fundraising and finances
- Taking our stand to exhibitions and events
- Publicity and marketing
- Management and admin
- Heritage and learning
- Engaging with the community
- Giving talks

### How to get started

You'll need to be a VoBR member to volunteer for us and if you're under 16, you'll also need a parent or guardian's consent. There's a brief yet informative induction course to explain how we operate and ensure your safety.

If you'd like to volunteer or want to find out more about it, please tick  and we'll be in touch.

Already know what you'd like to do? Please tell us here:

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