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USEFUL INFORMATION FOR NEW VOLUNTEERS
INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT – TRACKSIDE CLEARANCE



Six miles of railway line also has six miles of trackside areas on both sides of the line which have to be maintained. This is a constant battle against weeds, bushes and unwanted grass, and to keep the drainage systems which run alongside the track free from blockages caused by the vegetation. If left unattended the borders become totally overgrown and during a prolonged dry spell become a major fire hazard if ignited by an odd spark from a steam locomotive. A line side fire can easily spread to surrounding fields destroying crops or livestock. This vegetation has to be regularly cut back and burnt in a controlled manner.

We have a regular team, 'Wayne's Gang', which normally attends on Sundays to undertake this task, but it is work that can be done at any time to suit your availability. You will be required to undertake a Swanage Railway track safety course if working line side. Steel toe-capped boots are essential for this work.

We also require persons who can operate a strimmer or similar grass cutting equipment to keep the grassy banks around the station areas looking tidy.



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:
'Wayne's Gang' - Wayne Masters Telephone 01202 671463
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Or contact the Volunteer Liaison Department as above.

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