

Volunteer Position – Director with Financial expertise.

Nene Valley Railway is a charity, an accredited museum and a limited company. We are seeking a volunteer board member with a financial qualification who can play an active part as a director and trustee to bring financial and accountancy expertise to our discussions and decision making.

The NVR is one of the United Kingdom's leading charity heritage railways and museums. The Nene Valley Railway runs through the picturesque surroundings of the Nene Valley area from Yarwell to Peterborough (approx. 7½ miles) with the main station at Wansford near the A1. A mixture of steam and diesel heritage trains serve our 5 stations.

We have hosted famous locomotives, including Sir Nigel Gresley and Flying Scotsman and our Hudswell Clarke loco 1800 was named "Thomas" by the Rev Awdry himself.

NVR has permanent paid staff, managing Locomotive and Carriage & Wagon workshops; Infrastructure; Commercial and Financial activities; and a volunteer workforce of about 300, including the managers of Operations, Locomotive Operations and the safety team.

Following the Covid pandemic, NVR, like many operating in the leisure and tourism arena has experienced challenging financial times. We are embarking on a strategic exercise to develop our offering in order that the charity can continue to meet its objectives to promote the permanent preservation of railway lines, engines, rolling stock and equipment, and to exhibit these to members of the public, by means of static or mobile displays.

NVR has a fulltime Finance Manager and a Finance Committee so this role is to bring legal expertise and wisdom to the discussions of the board and probably as a member of Finance Committee. As a trustee/director you would bring your specialist knowledge to advise the board on both immediate and strategic issues.

The board usually meets once a month at our station at Wansford near Peterborough. The board meets in the evening and Finance Committee meetings take place during the working day.

If you are interested, please email chairman@nvr.org.uk to arrange an initial discussion. If there is a mutual interest in progressing, you would then be invited to come to the station and meet a couple of directors. After that, you would then be invited to meet the full board who would vote on an appointment.