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## USEFUL INFORMATION FOR NEW VOLUNTEERS HERSTON LOCOMOTIVE WORKS

### THE WORKS

Herston Locomotive Works is situated in a large industrial unit off Victoria Avenue in Swanage. There is enough space therein to accommodate two large locomotives. These are usually either in various stages of restoration or undergoing a heavy overhaul. The Works is unfortunately not physically connected to the railway line, so the locomotives have to be transported by road on a low-loader. If we require a locomotive to be transferred to or from the railway line, we have a loading pad next to the crossing adjacent to Norden Station. It is a difficult journey via some very narrow roads and bridges.

### SOUTHERN LOCOMOTIVES LIMITED

Although Herston Works is leased by the Swanage Railway Trust, it is managed on their behalf by Southern locomotives Limited, who in turn lease the locomotives to the Swanage Railway, free for an initial period and subsequently at an agreed charge in order to finance the costs for restoration and maintenance. Volunteers can assist with a wide variety of engineering work either skilled or unskilled; knowledge of engineering shop floor procedure is preferable though. Various other engineering works are also undertaken for the Swanage Railway and volunteers are always required to help with these. There is a selection of machine tools on hand in the works including various lathes, machine drills, milling machines etc. Certification is required for the use of some of these machines.



### VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are welcome to attend at any time on weekdays and will be working alongside full-time skilled fitters; the Works being open each weekday from 08.00, there is also occasionally a volunteer weekend team in attendance. Some off-site work also takes place around the locomotive shed at Swanage. Steel toe-capped boots are essential for all staff working in and around the building or on the Railway, and overalls are recommended. Health and Safety procedures are in place and all staff must comply with these. There is a mess room incorporated within the building where beverages and snacks can be consumed. 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:

The Southern Locomotives Manager is Willie Bath. Telephone: 01929 426606 or Email: [herston\\_works@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:herston_works@tiscali.co.uk)  
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