



## **Footplate Experience Courses**

### **Advice for the Less Able**

***Courses are available to any person over the age of 18 years. However, for safety reasons, conditions apply to persons with limited mobility or those with other learning or behavioural difficulties.***

#### **For safety and comfort all course participants need to be:**

- Reasonably fit with good eyesight and hearing and possess full use of both hands.
- Be able to climb into and out of a locomotive cab safely.
- They should be capable of climbing, unaided, a six foot vertical ladder with widely spaced rungs.
- Able to cope with a locomotives hard ride and with an area that is hot and noisy with coal dust and ash blowing about. Persons with heart, respiratory or back problems may find the course difficult and are advised to seek medical advice before booking.
- Able to understand the safety procedures on and about the locomotive, which will be given to them at the start of the course. To retain that information and be able to react positively to it during the course.

**As a guideline, in cases where there is doubt as to a person's ability to meet these criteria, the holding of a current driving licence or similar qualification will satisfy this requirement.**

Applications from persons with learning difficulties are acceptable providing the person for whom the course is made meets the above criteria and can safely undertake footplate work without a helper or carer being in attendance.

Safety constraints limit the number of persons on the footplate to not more than four. Helpers or carers CANNOT be accommodated on the footplate when the locomotive is moving.

**Your booking will be taken as an assurance that the person for whom the course is intended fulfils the above safety criteria. To avoid disappointment on the day, please be as accurate as possible in your assessment of the applicant's suitability to safely undertake the course.**

**The Severn Valley Railway retains the right to refuse entry to a course for any person where it is considered that their inclusion on a course might be detrimental to their own safety or that of others.**