

# Wensleydale Railway's first female train driver

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**Wensleydale Railway** has announced the appointment of its first female train driver. Long-term volunteer Sue Threadgold, from Harrogate in North Yorkshire, has recently passed her driver training and is now qualified to drive the railway's class 142 and class 143 diesel multiple unit passenger trains. Sue also became the railway's first female train guard in 2018. The railway currently has 3 female guards.

Sue said: "I have been a volunteer at Wensleydale Railway for 8 years. I trained as a crossing keeper first, then as a trainee guard, passing out as train guard in 2018. I then began my driver training in 2022. My goal when I joined, was to become a train driver, so I am really happy to have fulfilled my ambition and I thank everyone at the railway, who has helped me achieve this.

"I would encourage more people to get involved in their local heritage railway. There are a wide variety of volunteer roles available, to suit all interests and abilities. It's really rewarding to be part of a great team, helping to keep our history and heritage alive for the public to enjoy."

If people would like to find out more about volunteering, please get in touch with Clare Bell, the railway's volunteer coordinator at [volunteercoordinator@wensleydalerailway.com](mailto:volunteercoordinator@wensleydalerailway.com) or

visit: <https://wensleydale-railway.co.uk/volunteer/>

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