

KMRC 51st Model Railway Exhibition

Sat/Sun 28 February-1 March 2026



Woodbank Garden Centre, Harden, BD16 1BE

Opening Times:

Saturday 28 February - 10.00am to 4.30pm,
Sunday 1 March - 10.00am to 4.00pm

Entry Price:

Adults - £10, Children over five - £5, under five -Free.
Family ticket (2+2) - £25

- **Around 20 Operating Layouts in all Popular Scales**
- **Full Trade Support**
- **Society Stands and Modelling Demonstrations**
- **Interactive Layouts and Activities for our Very Young Visitors**
- **Free train rides on a miniature railway (live steam and diesel)**
- **Vintage Bus Service (timetable below)**
- **Free off-road Parking**
- **All the other Attractions of the Garden Centre**

This year we have more top-quality model railway layouts in all the popular scales, some on only their first or second outing. Seasoned model railway enthusiasts will find exquisite modelling and fine scale track standard layouts to admire, others will find inspiration from layouts they could build themselves. However, we haven't forgotten our younger visitors who will have lots to do including riding behind a live steam engine, 'Candy Mine' where they get to keep the cargo, garden railway sized trains they can operate and Playmobil for our very young visitors.

BUS TIMETABLE

To Exhibition

Hanover St Keighley	10.00	11.15	12.30	14.30	15.45
Dalton Lane (Keighley College)	10.15	11.20	12.35	14.35	15.50
Bingley Station	10.20	11.35	12.50	14.50	-
Model Railway Exhibition	10.30	11.45	13.00	15.00	16.10

To Keighley

Model Railway Exhibition	10.45	12.00	14.00	15.15	16.15
Bingley Station	-	-	14.10	15.25	16.25
Dalton Lane (Keighley College)	11.05	12.20	14.25	15.40	16.40
Hanover St Keighley	11.10	12.25	14.30	15.45	16.45

Layouts

Large Scale

Candy Mine - Junior visitors can drive a train to the mine and collect a free sack of sweets to take away with them!

Indoor Garden Layout - A garden size railway featuring trains from round the world, including some of Thomas' friends. Junior visitors can operate trains under supervision. Operated by the Yorkshire Dales G Scale Society.



O Gauge

Selby Bridge - Features Selby station on the East Coast Mainline with its associated rotating rail bridge during the pre-war LNER period.

It's mostly an exact scale model of the railway as Selby used to be. The original Selby station was built in 1832 and was the first station in Yorkshire on the Selby to Leeds railway. This was the third mainline railway to be built after the Stockton and Darlington and Manchester to Liverpool. The original station is located next to the present station and is still present. Part of it is modelled.

A very wide range of railway stock can be run from the 1920s to the 1940s. The layout is DCC controlled whilst the points and signals use the Megapoints digital system. Apart from a great deal of scratch building, much use has been made of Cad design, laser cutting and 3D printing. The river doesn't actually flow, but the bridge does rotate every 15 minutes or so!

If you have questions ask over the station, where the back scene is absent. Other operators are trying to avoid routing errors and collisions!

Selby Bridge



Chesil Exchange - A Typical Colonel Stephens light railway, small station/goods yard, portrayed in O gauge Originally built by Mike Haywood but now owned and enhanced by Chris Towers. The layout normally runs with a Southern theme but may portray a much wider area.

Fitzwilliam Basin - An O9 (O scale on 9mm track) layout based on buildings in and around Elsecar Heritage Centre in South Yorkshire, this old industrial complex started out life as the Earl Fitzwilliam's workshops for his Mining and Ironworks. The 9mm track gauge represents 15" in real life so the trains can go round the site easily. A number of the buildings are accurate representations of existing structures in Elsecar, such as the Newcomen Pump Engine, the old Mill and Elsecar Church but repositioned to give the feel of a small industrial complex based loosely in the 1930s to 1940s. No narrow gauge railway existed in this area but if it had, it could have looked like this. The layout is DCC controlled with most of the locomotives having Zimo Sound Decoders in them.



Exeter St. George - A layout from the Modern Image O Gauge Group. This is a compact layout showing how little space you need to depict a fair sized stabling and refueling point. Based on Exeter St David's in 1991 the majority of the traction seen are class 50's modelled as they ran at the end of their BR careers. There are also the occasional 33, 37 and other visitors to the small depot. All locos are DCC sound equipped.



Eddington - Following the popularity of our LEGO layout last year, we are once again featuring a model railway constructed entirely from this popular building brick. Eddington is a larger town/city station heavily inspired by stations such as York and Newcastle. The idea is that it's mainly an East Coast Mainline station though it can fit in anywhere, with optional overhead wires and more generic details.

OO Gauge/4mm Scale

Deadman's Lane (00) - A large (32' x 12') modern image layout featuring a traction depot with full DCC sound effects. Take a stroll down Deadmans Lane in Derby and you will encounter a sign for the East Midlands Trains Etches Park depot. Should you be lucky enough to be admitted, you will see the multiple colours of white, orange, red and blue of EMT. However, if you turn your attention to the left, gazing across the Derby to Long Eaton main line, the dominant colour is the yellow of Network Rail's test fleet based at the former British Rail Research and Technical Centre site, now mostly occupied by Loram, who maintain the test vehicles.

The layout is a depiction of the Derby site, although very much compressed to fit the available space, portraying the workings of a busy depot and the adjacent main line with the passing trains over the past 3-4 years.



Greenbooth (00) - Greenbooth is based upon a proposed railway branching off the Rochdale to Bacup line at Shawclough and Healey, running up to Norden, Rochdale. If built, the line would have served the numerous textile mills and quarries in the area, which had extensive internal railways. Greenbooth itself was a small industrial village about a half mile to the North of the centre of Norden and is now actually drowned underneath Greenbooth reservoir. The industrial part of the layout is based on the exchange sidings of the Yates Duxbury lines in Heap Bridge, Heywood. The ex-L and Y lines are completely fictitious but what might have been if the line had been built. The layout uses PECO code 75 bull head track but everything else on the layout, buildings signals etc are scratch or kit built. Stock is a mix of RTR and kit-built items. All the buildings are based on real examples in the Rochdale area, or on buildings detailed in Gordon Edgar's excellent Industrial Railways books.



Eastgate Harbour (00) - A seaside scene in the south of England featuring electric multiple units and full sound effects. Included is a cinema screening - you guessed it - Brief Encounter!



Witham (00) - based in the geographical area of Witham in Somerset and set in the late 1950s / early 1960s. Locomotives are predominantly from the Western and Southern regions with the twilight of steam and early diesel types being showcased. It features a secondary mainline connecting London down to the west country as well as a branch line connecting Witham to Bristol, via Wells. Set in the summertime, when in addition to the normal traffic levels there is the addition of seaside specials and holiday charters. The layout is fully DCC with use of sound decoders made for the locomotives.

Witham



Cyril Street (00) - Grandad's toys! the sort of layout those of us of a certain age dreamed of whilst looking at the latest catalogue. The layout features electric points, colour light signals and runs original locos and trains which are now around 70 years old!



Trawden (EM) - EM gauge is the same as 00, that is 4mm = 1 foot, but the track is much nearer to scale gauge than 00. It's not as close as P4, but it is a much easier gauge to build a large layout in. Trawden is based upon the Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway's proposed-but-never-built branch from the present day east Lancashire line near Colne to Trawden Village. We have imagined the line as it might have been constructed in 1870 but the period we have modelled is late spring 1924/25, just into LMS ownership.

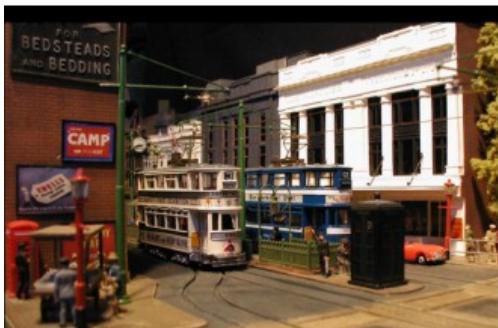
With the exception of the station, all the buildings you see actually exist and were surveyed to allow accurate models to be made. All are scratchbuilt, extensively using laser cutting and 3D printing techniques. Besides a regular passenger service, traffic on the branch includes coal, milk and general goods traffic, with both the mill and the dye works providing revenue, the latter having its own private siding.



Pointwork is all handmade, plain track is C&L, and the pointwork is operated through a model lever frame, fully electrically interlocked with track circuits. Rolling stock is

a mixture of detailed ready to run, scratchbuilt and 3D printed. Baseboards are of lightweight plywood cellular construction. We welcome Pendle Model Railway Society's latest masterpiece to our show for its second public outing.

Leeds Trams c1950 (00) - The electrical supply to the trams is provided by the working over head wire and track return, just like the real thing! There are a number of isolated sections enabling up to 12 tram operation. All trams are EFE Leeds Horsfield cars motorised with BEC 34mm power units. The track and points are scratch built from PECO N gauge rail soldered on copper clad sleepers which has enabled the construction of some interlaced track under the central bridge, sprung points and a minimum radii of 3.5 inches. The track bed was cut out of the base board, the track placed in it and then filled with DAS modelling clay formed into stone sets or tarmac. All the buildings are scratch built from plastikard modelled on actual buildings in Leeds and the surrounding areas, most of which can still be seen today.



3mm Scale

Bluish (3mm finescale) - Based on Reddish, near Stockport, Bluish is home to a fleet of scratch built class 76 locomotives running on a variety of chassis, as well as several scratch built diesels. This roster is supplemented by visiting locos, mainly 3D prints from the Lincoln Locos stable.



The layout has recently been extended to double its original size and is based during the British Rail blue livery period. The wagon works is an adaptation of a paper kit, originally produced in 00 in an early copy of Model Rail magazine. Photos: Chris Nevard/Model Rail magazine.

2mm Scale

Wormhill (N) - A condensed version of the Peak Forest in Derbyshire set in 1977. Most of the traffic is based around the stone quarries which are common throughout the area. All visible trackwork is code 55 finescale to give a more realistic appearance.



Hakone Tozan Mountain Railway (N) - Set in modern day Japan. The layout represents the terminus and section of a mountain railway south west of Tokyo and on the foothills of Mount Fuji. It features Hakone Yumoto station where the Odakyu main line and Hakone Tozan Mountain Railway meet, plus the first stages of the mountain railway's ascent up from the town.



The layout is not an accurate representation of the real railway's stations, but is designed to give a good impression of the real railway in a compact layout. The layout is in three dimensions and on occasion has 4 levels of track on top of each other. The stock that will be running is accurate for both the Odakyu line and the mountain railway. The mountain railway has its own distinctive 2 car and 3 car trams that make their way from a busy town through wooded landscape, tunnels and a switchback passing place.

Other Attractions

Steam Train Rides - Ride behind a miniature steam train, supplied by Keighley Model Engineering Society! You can ride as many times as you like and it's included in the show entry price so there's nothing extra to pay.



Playmobil Mats - A dedicated area where our very young (and not so young!) visitors can amuse themselves with Playmobil battery-operated trains. Please note this is not a creche and that children must be supervised by a responsible adult at all times.



Traders

Aire Valley Models - Roy Lister will once again be offering a wide range of used model railway items and dies-cast models. His stock is constantly changing and he doesn't have a website, so shows are the only place to pick up his sometimes rare items and always at bargain prices.

DCCLoCoGuy - A first time visitor to our show, Steve Jubb offers expertise in DCC systems, making custom DCC control systems, electronic accessories and locomotive conversions, including sound installation. In addition, he undertakes general locomotive servicing and provides advice on new layout construction and conversion. Our on-site loco clinic! Email: steve@dcclocoguy.co.uk

Frizinghall Model Railways - An excellent selection of new and used stock items, along with a wide range of tools and modelling materials by Bachmann, Hornby, Peco, Gaugemaster, Metcalfe Kits, Farish, Humbrol, Albion Alloys, Woodland Scenics, Marquette and DCC Concepts. Website: <https://www.modelrailshop.co.uk>

George Morton Books - George always has a good selection of pre-owned books on a wide variety of railway subjects at the keenest prices.

JS Models - Quality laser cut MDF model building kits that have the unique character of the Pennines and the North in 00 and O gauges.
Website: <https://www.jsmodels.co.uk>

Model Railways@The Rising Fishery - No, not a catering stand but a supplier of RTR Model railway items by Accurascale, Bachmann and Hornby.
Website: <https://modelrailwayshop.uk>

Mumfy's Models - Featuring a larger stand than last year, expect to see even more scenic materials and an expanded O gauge and G Scale models for sale.
Website: <https://www.mumfysmodels.co.uk>

Sawyer Models - Attending for the first time, Andy Sawyer supplies new and used railway items, scenic materials, plastic kits and DCC Concepts products. He also fits DCC chips to locos, undertakes repairs, re-numbering and weathering. Website: <https://sawyermodels.co.uk>

Sweetieliciouz - Bags of sweeties including traditional boiled fruit drops and fudge in various flavours for our young (and not so young) visitors.

The Model Train Centre - Bachmann, Hornby, Peco, Gaugemaster, Metcalfe Kits, Farish, Humbrol, Albion Alloys, Woodland Scenics, Marquette, DCC Concepts.

Three Peaks - A well-respected supplier of 3D printed items. This year they will be bringing a small demonstration layout showing their products in action.
Website: <https://threepeaksmodels.co.uk>

Keighley MRC Sales Stand - Club members' sales items plus a good selection of used N gauge items of rolling stock including USA and continental.

Societies and Demonstrations

**Please feel free to chat to the enthusiasts on these stands.
They'll be pleased to discuss what they do and how they do it.**

Bradford Model Engineering Society - We welcome BMES back for another year to show working models in a wide range of subjects - boats, trains, trams, stationary engines and, last year, even a working fairground roundabout built with Meccano! Web: <https://www.bradfordmes.uk>



Friends of the Settle and Carlisle - We are pleased to support the FOSCL with a stand to promote their excellent work. They will have information about the Society as well as merchandise and used books available for purchase.

Web: <https://www.foscl.org.uk>

Gauge O Guild - The largest single-scale model railway society in the world! A one-stop shop for everything O gauge. Experienced Modeller Peter Scarborough will be demonstrating kit-building techniques. Web: <https://www.gaugeoguild.com>

Keighley Plastic Modellers Society - This stand always has an interesting display of models including military armoured vehicles and aircraft. KPMS members will be demonstrating how they create their models.

Keighley Model Engineering Society - As well as operating the ride-on trains, KMES members will be displaying their skills with a display of large-scale model railway stock items, both steam and diesel. Web: <https://www.kdmes.org.uk/>

MIOG - The Modern Image O Gauge Group will be promoting the post-steam era of our railways. Web: <https://www.modernimageogauge.co.uk>

North Eastern Railway Association – The one stop shop for all information relating to the North Eastern Railway. Web: <https://ner.org.uk>

7mm Narrow-Gauge Association - A display and modelling demonstration of both prototypical and whimsical narrow-gauge rolling stock.
Web: [https://www.7mmnga.org.uk/](https://www.7mmnga.org.uk)