

# THE Christmas Model Railway Show

## - Manchester 2023!

### Welcome to our 84th public exhibition!

Whether you are a regular attendee or a first-time visitor I hope you will enjoy the 26 layouts that we have invited from all over the country. As always, we look for quality in our visiting layouts and I am sure you won't be disappointed.

If you feel inspired, you can get started today with the help of our wide range of traders. They can supply you with everything you need – and, of course, Christmas presents!

I hope that you enjoy your visit to our exhibition and that you keep in touch. The easiest way to do so is to fill in your "Most Popular Layout" voting form and join our mailing list. That way you are sure to hear about our 85th exhibition on Dec 14th & 15th 2024.

Thank you for coming. Enjoy yourself, have a Happy Christmas and come back next year!

*Philip Sweet*

*Acting Exhibition Coordinator, Manchester Model Railway Society  
exhibition@mmrs.co.uk*

### Opening Times:

Saturday 9th December 2023 - 9:45am to 5:30pm

Sunday 10th December 2023 - 9:45am to 4:30pm

Walk up ticket holders opening from 10:30am

### Exhibition Halls

The exhibition is in 2 large rooms and each room is divided into 2 giving halls A, B, C and D.

### Toilets

There are toilets adjacent to both rooms and accessed via the passages by the exits. There are accessible toilets by the exit of Hall C and by the exit to Halls A and B.

### First Aid

The First Aid point is the physiotherapy room just past the doors from the lobby into the corridor. The First Aider may be on patrol in which case ask any steward to radio for medical assistance.

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Euxton Junction Stand A52  
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## Layouts at the show

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# Manchester Model Railway Society

In the autumn of 1924 the third issue of the newly launched *Model Railway News* magazine contained a letter from Mr J Archibald Dean of 12 Gorse Lane, Stretford, inviting readers interested in forming a local model railway club to get in contact with him. An initial meeting at his house was followed by a public meeting on March 24, 1925, at the Clarion Café in Market Street, where the Manchester Model Railway Club was formed. It was only the third model railway club to be formed in the UK after 'The Model Railway Club' in London and the Wimbledon Model Railway Club which had been formed the previous month.

The first public exhibition was held in 1931 at a church hall in the centre of Manchester with an admission charge of 3d (1 ¼p). Soon after, the name was changed from "Club" to "Society". Annual exhibitions took place at Christmas and rapidly gained in popularity. In 1936 municipal records show that a display in Manchester Central Library for all of August was attended by an astonishing 61 500 visitors!

In June 1952 the Society moved into its first permanent home, a wooden hut in the goods yard at Old Trafford railway station. In 1970 the Society were able to purchase an old church hall in Sale which became and remains our permanent headquarters.

Our extensive clubrooms house 5 layouts: one in 2mm scale, one in 7mm O gauge and three 4mm layouts – two in OO and one in P4 (18.83mm gauge). The clubrooms also have an extensive library, a workshop and a kitchen.

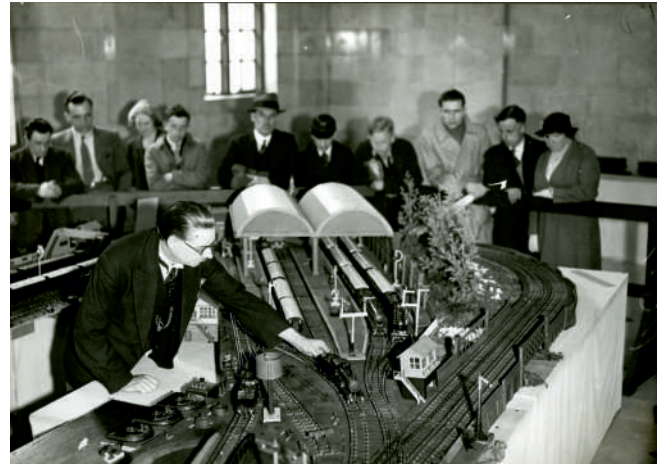
Monthly meetings are held for members at which speakers are invited to talk on a range of topics. From time to time we run courses for members, recent ones covered track building, soldering, and 4mm wagon construction.

Over the years several layouts have been built specifically for display at exhibitions. Many of these layouts are well known and our 2mm Finescale layout *Chee Tor* was one of the trailblazers in the hobby. Our 4mm OO gauge layout *Dewsbury Midland* has been seen at exhibitions all over the UK for the last twenty years.

This year our 4mm 18.83mm layout, *Slattocks Junction*, is on show for the first time at a general public show. It has been built using modern modelling techniques including 3D printing and the extensive use of laser cutting.

We welcome you to come along and visit our clubrooms and meet us for yourself. We are open for visitors on a Monday evening from 1930 until 2200 and from time to time we organise open days for visitors. Current membership is £10 per month and this gives you access to many features, why not come along and take a look?

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*Ernie Antwis showing his layout at the exhibition held in Manchester City Library in 1936*

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## Ballykeale - Stand A55

Scale/Gauge: 2mm 9mm gauge  
Region/era: Eire 1985 - 2005

*A small station on a main line between Dublin and the west coast of Ireland.*



## Euxton Junction - Stand A52

Scale/gauge: 4mm 16.5mm gauge  
Region/era: WCML 2000-2010

*A busy junction on the West Coast Main Line just south of Preston in the post-privatisation era.*

## Beijiao - Stand B52

Scale/gauge: H0 scale 16.5mm gauge  
Region/era: China 2001

*The last days of steam in China. Double headed mineral trains deliver to a steelworks, whilst modern diesel passenger trains pass by.*



## Feldspar - Stand C7

Scale/gauge: 2mm 9mm gauge  
Region/era: Midlands late 1960s

*Feldspar's local quarrying industry has tapered off and the Criollo chocolate factory is now the town's largest employer.*



## Blakecaster - Stand C58

Scale/gauge: 7mm 16.5mm gauge  
Region/era: Staffordshire 1940s

*The terminus of the Staffordshire Moorlands Light Railway which served a large country estate and the village of Blakecaster.*



## Hakuko - Stand B55

Scale/gauge: 1.3mm Z gauge  
Region/era: Japan 1960s

*A rural area on Japan's northern island of Hokkaido, at the time when steam finally gave way to diesel and electric.*

## Bury, Thorn & Sons - Stand B63

Scale/gauge: 7mm 32mm gauge  
Region/era: W Yorkshire 1955-65

*A fictitious tar distillery with the company's locomotives moving goods in and out of the site.*



## Happy Valley - Stand B56

Scale/gauge: 4mm 16.5mm gauge  
Region/era: Sodor always

*It wouldn't be Christmas without the little blue tank engine delivering the presents!*



## Copper Wort - Stand C51

Scale/gauge: 4mm 16.5mm gauge  
Region/era: Burton-on-Trent 1900s

*A small brewery at the height of the brewing trade in Burton on Trent. The buildings are based on real breweries in the area.*



## Hironocho - Stand B53

Scale/gauge: 2mm 9mm gauge  
Region/era: Japan 1960s

*The terminus of a minor independent railway in Japan, serving what is now a suburban area.*

## Dovedale - Stand B51

Scale/gauge: 7mm 32mm gauge  
Region/era: Derbyshire 2000-2003

*A post-privatisation quarry terminal in Derbyshire.*



## Kirtley Bridge - Stand C56

Scale/gauge: 7mm 32mm gauge  
Region/era: Yorkshire 1930s

*A fictitious branchline as it might have been in the late 1930s, when passenger and goods services were both operating fully.*



## Eaglesham - Stand A56

Scale/gauge: 4mm 16.5mm gauge  
Region/era: nr Glasgow 1912

*A fictitious station based on the track plan of East Kilbride, portraying the Caledonian Railway in its heyday.*



## Kyle of Macallan - Stand C52

Scale/gauge: 4mm 18.2mm gauge  
Region/era: W Scotland 1966

*A layout inspired by the locoshed at Kyle of Lochalsh which lost most of its roof in a fire shortly after the end of steam traction.*

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## **Legomas - Stand B59**

Scale/gauge: 8mm 37.5mm gauge  
Region/era: Imagination anytime

*A Lego set that every child will want, filled with Lego Trains and Lego City scenes – and Santa's hitched a ride too!*



## **The Andeer Line - Stand D51**

Scale/gauge: 3.5mm 12mm gauge  
Region/era: Switzerland 2009 - 2022

*The Andeerline is a modular layout with five stations. All visitors are encouraged to drive the trains.*

## **Lisworth Bay - Stand D2**

Scale/gauge: 2mm 9mm gauge  
Region/era: Former LSWR 1960s

*A branch on the southern region which was "rationalised" shortly after nationalisation.*



## **The Warren - Stand C54**

Scale/gauge: 4mm 16.5mm gauge  
Region/era: Cornwall 1960 - 2020

*A micro diorama inspired by the Looe branch line in Cornwall*



## **Raven's Ravine - Stand B61**

Scale/gauge: 4mm 9mm (009)  
Region/era: Fantasy always

*A working OO9 diorama set in a fantasy landscape where dragons inhabit castles served by a railway.*



## **WC Boggs & Sons - Stand A53**

Scale/gauge: 7mm 32mm gauge  
Region/era: Factory 1890 - 1932

*An industrial shunting puzzle layout inspired by the film "Carry On At Your Convenience."*

## **Reevy Road West - Stand A51**

Scale/Gauge: 4mm 16.5mm gauge  
Region/era: BR(M) 1976 - 85

*A main line in the midlands during the BR blue diesel period.*



## **Winter Overcotes - Stand D1**

Scale/gauge: 4mm 9mm gauge(009)  
Region/era: Barsetshire 1952

*Inspired by the novels of Anthony Trollope, the layout shows the junction of the Barsetshire Light Railway with the main line.*



## **Slattocks Junction - Stand A54**

Scale/gauge: 4mm 18.83mm gauge  
Region/era: Manchester 1950s

*Set in the area between Middleton and Summit Tunnel on the Calder Valley line from Manchester to Leeds.*



## **Wolfe Lowe - Stand C57**

Scale/gauge: 7mm 32mm gauge  
Region/era: Staffordshire 1920s

*A small pre-grouping terminus layout which incorporates a sandstone quarry and iron ore mine.*

## **Smethurst Junction - Stand C6**

Scale/gauge: 4mm 16.5mm gauge  
Region/era: N West UK 1990 - 2020

*A suburban terminus in Manchester with a freight distribution depot.*



## **York - Stand C59**

Scale/gauge: 2mm 9.42mm gauge  
Region/era: York 1937

*York Station as it was in the late 1930s, showing the INSIDE of the magnificent overall roof as seen from the platform.*



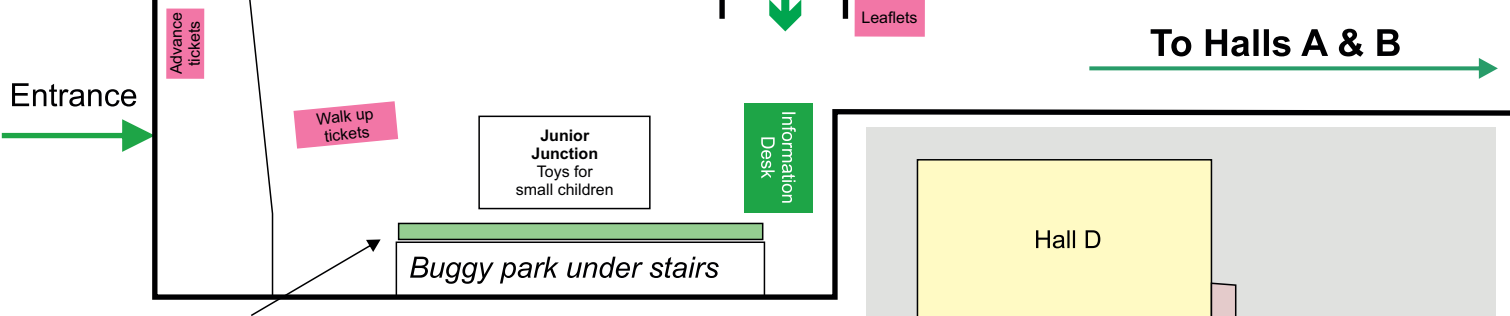
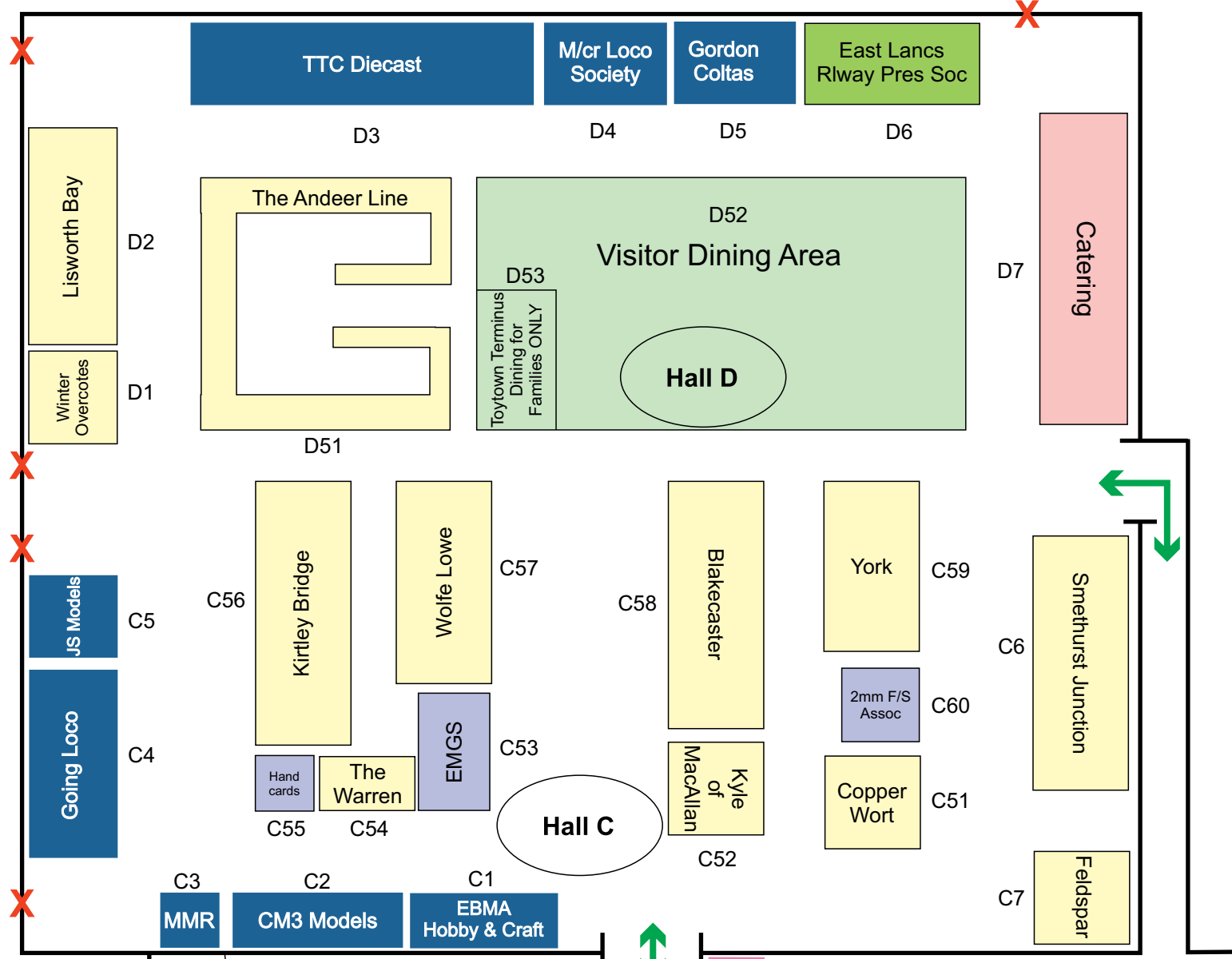
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We introduced this style of exhibition guide last year. As far as we know, we were the first model railway exhibition to do so - another example of Manchester innovation!

At our previous venues we had produced a full colour brochure of up to 36 pages with pictures and descriptive text for all the layouts. There is such a brochure available as a download from our website.

Our print run of 3000 copies of this 12 page brochure will cost about £630 and weigh about 1122kg. The same print run of a 36 page brochure would cost £1707 and weigh about 3367kg. Our approach means that we can cover the cost of the brochure from its advertising revenue, and also save 2¼ tonnes of paper!

We also know that over 70% of our visitors use public transport to reach us, so we feel proud that we are staging a very environmentally friendly exhibition.



To Halls A & B

**Children's Competition prize donated by SAWYER MODELS**

**Adult prize draw sponsored by The Locoshed**

**Layouts**

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| Legomas            | B59 |
| Lisworth Bay       | D2  |
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| Reevy Road West    | A51 |
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| Smethurst Junction | C6  |
| The Andeer Line    | D51 |
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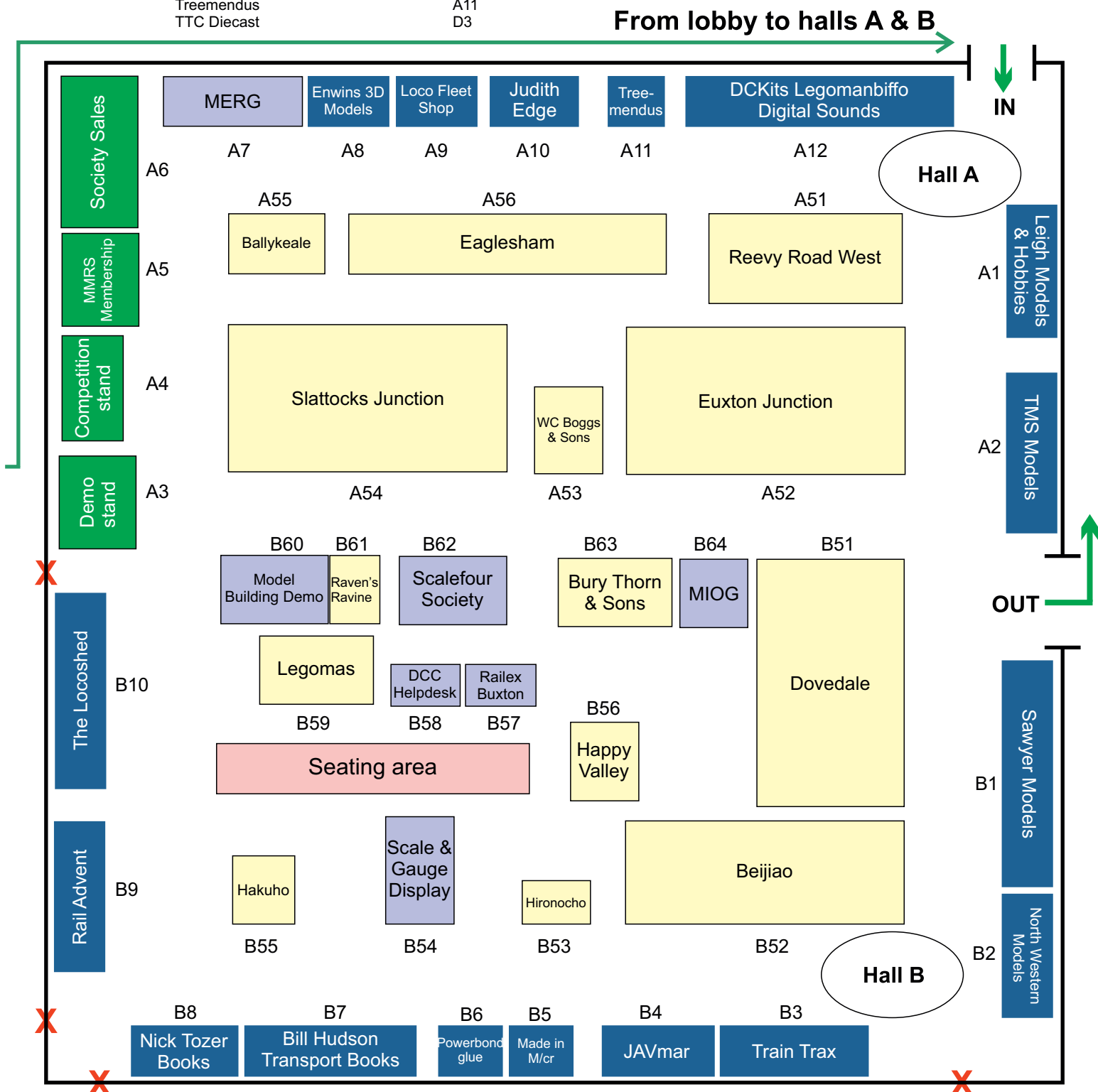
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Gordon Coltas Trust	D5
Hand made cards	C55
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Leigh Models & Hobbies	A1
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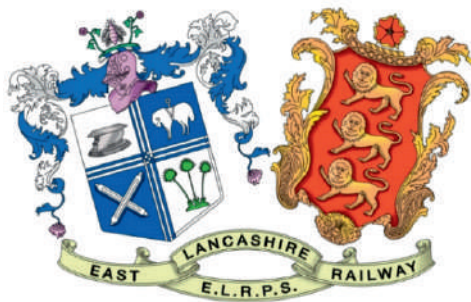
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## 1968 - CELEBRATING 55 YEARS - 2023

The Society was formed in 1968 by a group of like-minded enthusiasts which started life at the old Helmsshore Station, in Rossendale.

However, the time spent here was short lived and in 1972 they were granted access to the railway warehouse in Castlecroft Yard – now the Bury Transport Museum and it was here that the first seeds were sown with the public becoming more aware of the Society and their aims.

Once established, they commenced running brake van rides – for a donation – along what was termed as ‘the quarter mile siding’. From 1972 the weekly coal train to Rawtenstall passed the yard and until 1987 the dream of opening to Ramsbottom and then also to Rawtenstall was just that – a dream.

In 1987 after many years of hard work in Castlecroft Yard, the dream became a reality and finally on the 25<sup>th</sup> July 1987, the line re-opened to Ramsbottom. It was to be a further 4 years before the section to Rawtenstall re-opened and in 2003 the final leg to Heywood saw passenger trains operate on that section once again.

During all these years the Society membership grew and today it approaches some 3,500 members of which some 700 are working volunteers. There are varying types of membership to suit everybody and the Society produces the ELRPS Magazine, 3 times a year to keep all the membership informed of events etc. on the railway.

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Teamwork, pride & enthusiasm are the most vital attributes you can bring to the any job on the railway. To become a working member we run the new Working Members Tours every month, and once you have decided which department you wish to join then a day on the Basic Safety & Instruction Courses, followed by a medical, will see you well on the way to joining the great team. For further information contact: - [volunteers@elrpsltd.org.uk](mailto:volunteers@elrpsltd.org.uk) or telephone 07585198455.

The Society is now a Limited Company and also has Charitable Status, and this has helped to further our aims of providing working volunteers and, just as importantly, to help fund projects across the railway when the need arises.

In 2012 we purchased our own building which is our headquarters and within it has its own Conference Room, 2 offices and a store room, plus toilet facilities for male & female volunteers, as well as a mess room for the crews. Every 6 weeks we hold our Directors meetings in the Conference Room, the Board is made up of some 11 volunteers.

The railway is one big family and is an extension of your own family, so please come and join us. **You won't regret it.**

