

ARROWMOUTH

Sitting on the beach, on one of those always sunny summer days. Suddenly the silence is shattered as a former LMS pacific speeds past on a Scotland bound train. These are the images we have attempted to recreate in model form. The West Coast Main Line at the end of the steam era and before the overhead electrification marched northwards to Scotland.

Arrowmouth is a seaside town on the North West Coast and is close to Hest Bank, which is between Lancaster and Carnforth. The layout is based on the former London North Western Railway main line. The era is somewhere between 1963 and 1968 when steam was in its Indian Summer, in this part of the world. The scale is 4mm using "OO" gauge track. All the buildings on the layout are scratch built, mainly using thick card for the basic structure. These were covered with either brick papers or plasticard to represent stone or brick finishes. Various grades of sand papers have also been used to represent concrete rendering which, is so often found at seaside towns.

The layout has been created as a package of not just the layout but also correctly formed trains for the era portrayed. This does not mean detailed locomotives pulling out of the box ready to run stock. The layout was first exhibited in 1992 and in recent years it has benefited from a major refurbishment to bring it up to the standards of the Club's newer layouts. This has included totally a re-modelled the goods yard area with a new more flexible track layout and completely new scenery on both corners of the layout.

LAYOUT EXHIBITION DETAILS

Layout Owner: The Redditch Model Railway Club

Number of operators required: 6

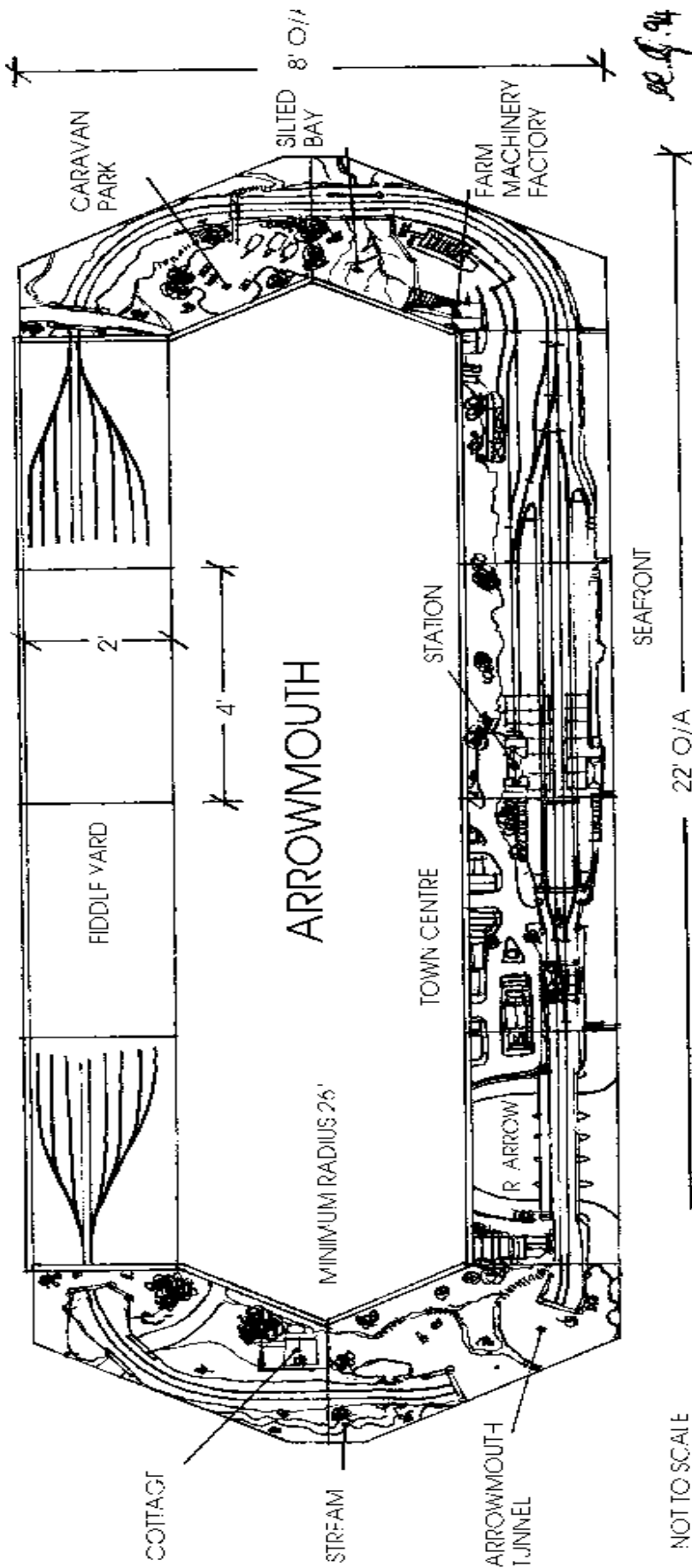
Layout size: 22ft x 8ft - The layout is operated from the central well and has scenery on three of the four sides

Layout Insurance: £15,000 to cover both the layout and the stock

Layout Expenses: We would expect reimbursement for out of pocket expenses for members and or The Club following the exhibition of this layout. The transport for this layout would involve the hire of short wheel-base Transit type van.

Magazine Features : The layout was featured in the May 1995 edition of British Railway Modelling and Hornby Magazine edition 3 (August/September 2007)





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General Point: Information on this (including the potential Guide Book text) and other club layouts that are available for exhibition can be found at www.redditch-mrc.com

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