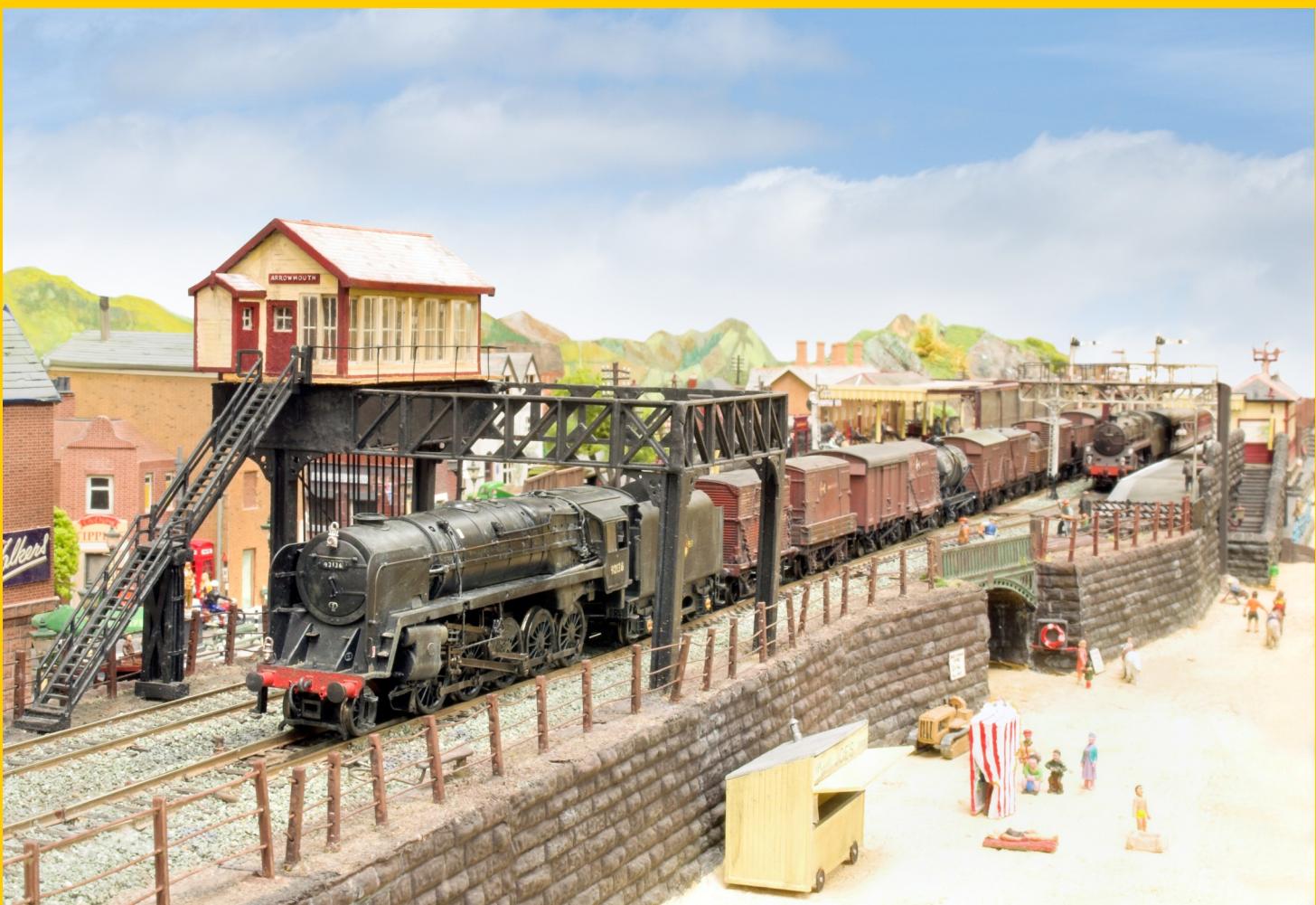


REDDITCH MODEL RAILWAY CLUB



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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 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

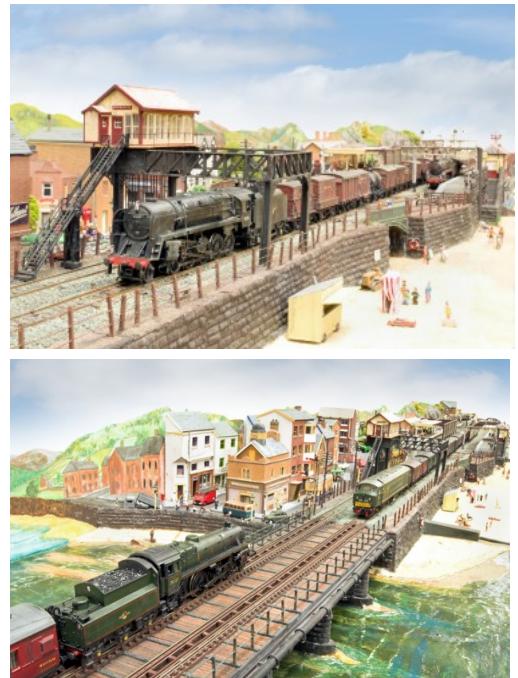
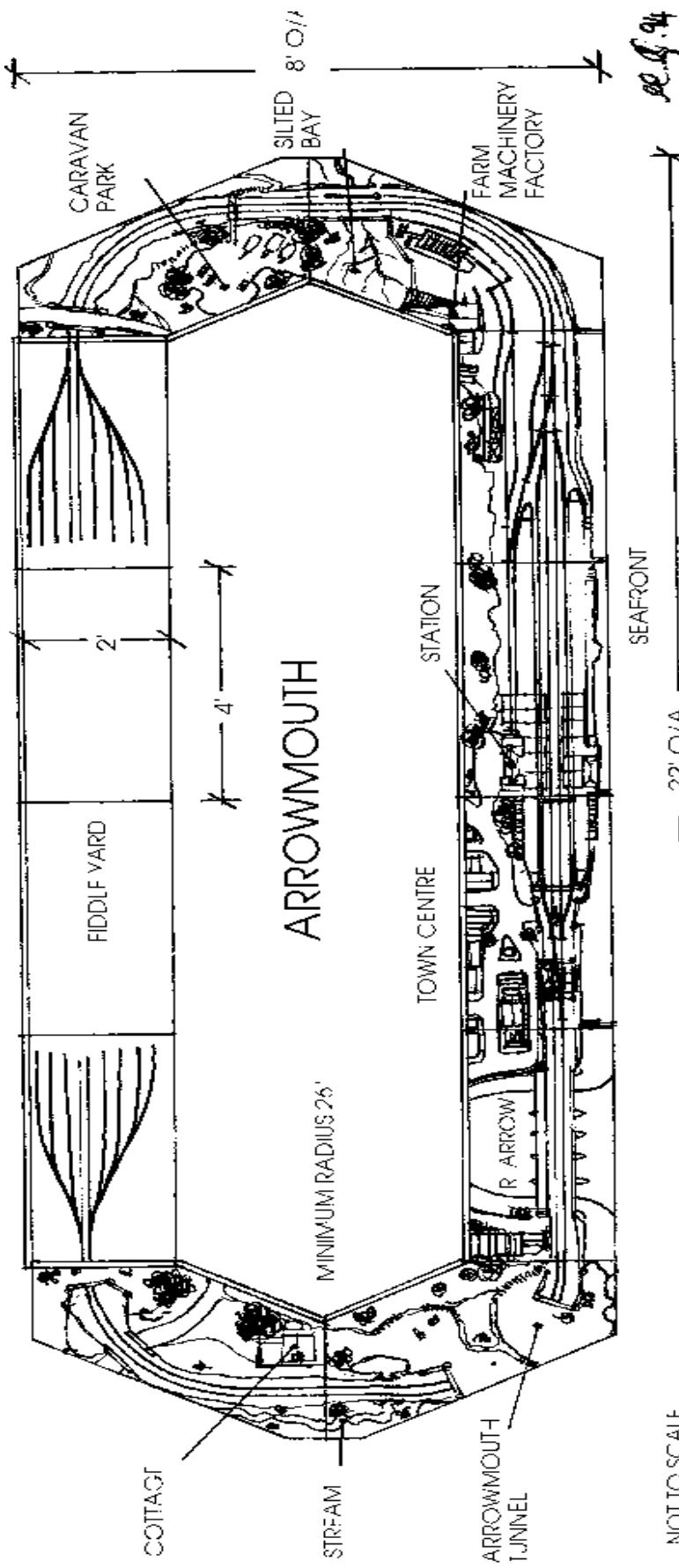
Layout size: 22ft x 8ft - The layout is operated from the central well and has scenery on three of the four sides

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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OAKENSHAW

Oakenshaw is a fictitious West Yorkshire mill town set in the 1960's located somewhere near to the real town of Keighley. Like so many of the Yorkshire mill towns the layout portrays a town in a valley centred around a river crossing.

Regional boundary changes in 1957 brought this former Midland Railway Station into the short lived North Eastern Region of British Railways. The station is very much based on Midland Railway practice and the scale is 4mm using "OO" gauge fine scale code 75 track. All the buildings on the layout are scratch built, mainly using thick card for the basic structure. These were covered with plasticard to replicate stone or brick finishes. The structures have then been painted and weathered to represent the prototypes from the area.

The fiddle yard features sixteen roads and is capable of holding 24 separate trains. All the buildings on the layout are scratch built, mainly using thick card for the basic structure. These were covered with plastikard to represent stone or brick finishes.

Trains will be made up of correctly trains for the era and location that are hauled by a mixture of steam and diesel locomotives.

LAYOUT EXHIBITION DETAILS

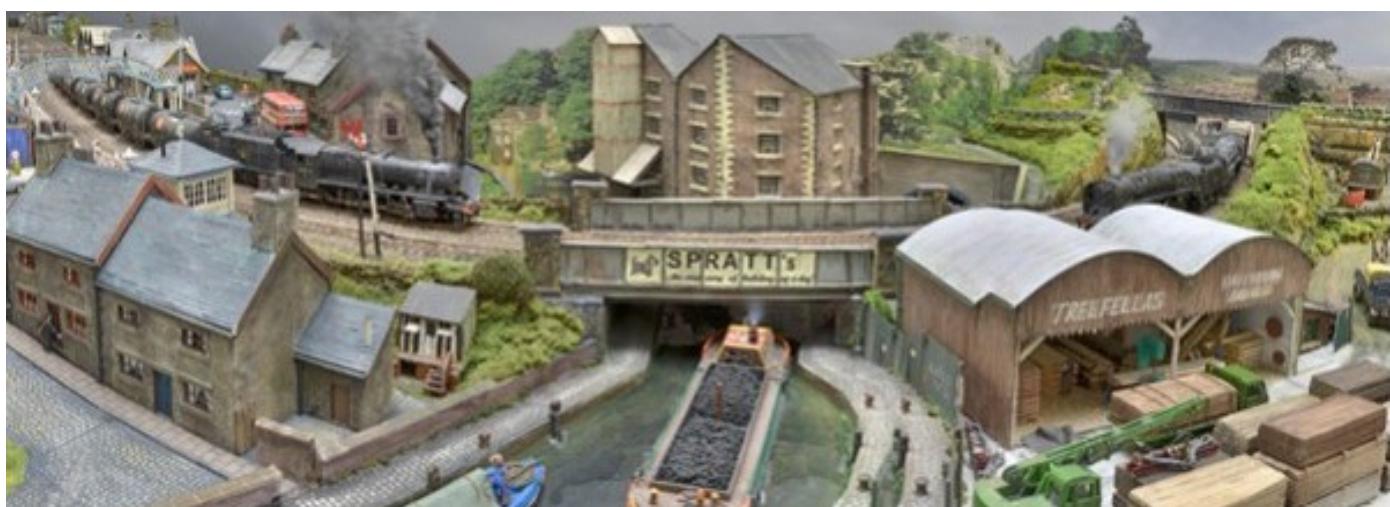
Layout Owner: The Redditch Model Railway Club

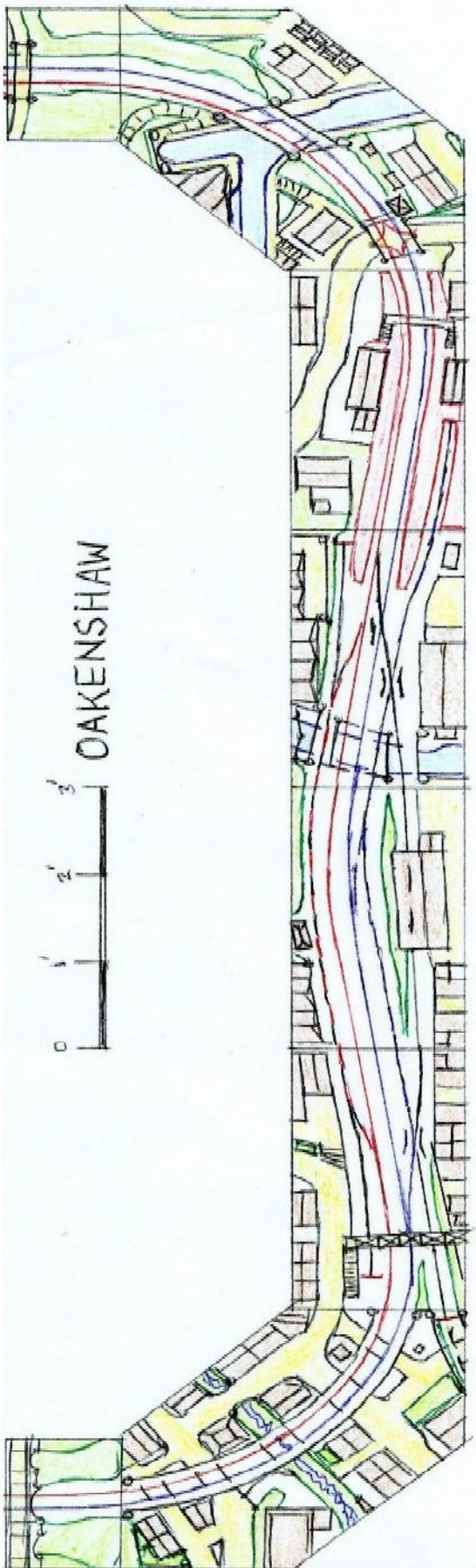
Number of operators required: 6

Layout size: 18ft x 10ft - The layout is operated from the central well and has scenery on three of the four sides

Layout Insurance: £12,000 to cover both the layout and the stock

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CHILCOMPTON

Chilcompton is the latest of a number of Somerset & Dorset based exhibition layouts. It is based on the prototype station of the same name. The Station of Chilcompton was situated some 14 miles from Bath Green Park Station in the north and 57 miles from Bournemouth West Station in the south. The station, which was just to the south of Midsomer Norton, was some 600 feet above sea level, which often caused problems with snow in the winter.

The era is set sometime between 1950 and 1955 and all the stock used represents what would have actually run over the real line, at this time. The scale is 4mm using "00" gauge track. The whole of the station and goods yard area is modelled to scale. However some artistic license has had to be taken so as to curve the track formation at each end into the fiddle yard.

The fiddle yard features sixteen roads and is capable of holding 24 separate trains. All the buildings on the layout are scratch built, mainly using thick card for the basic structure. These were covered with plastikard to represent stone or brick finishes.

LAYOUT EXHIBITION DETAILS

Layout Owner: The Redditch Model Railway Club

Number of operators required: 5/6

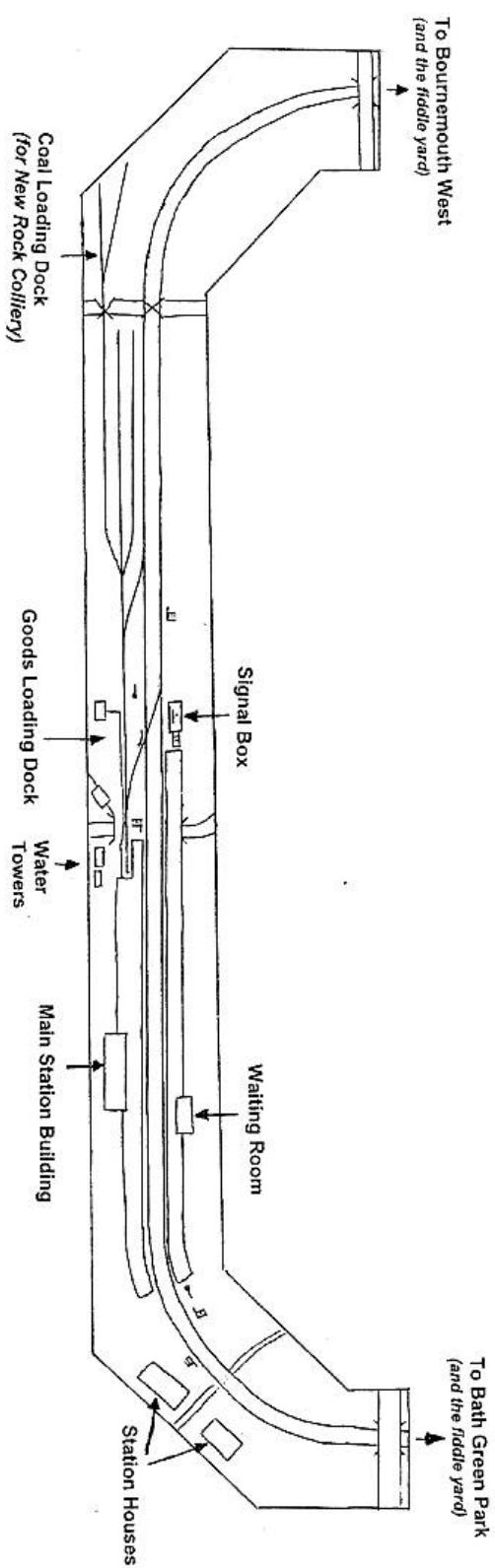
Layout size: 18ft x 10ft - The layout is operated from the central well and has scenery on three of the four sides

Layout Insurance: £12,000 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 September 2006 edition of Railway Modeller and the eighth edition (February 2008) of the Hornby Railways magazine.





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DAGNELL END

It is the 1960's on British Railway's Southern Region. Normal main line steam traction is about to end as the new diesel era and the continual spread of electric traction takes hold. Dagnell End was conceived as a fictitious station on the Hounslow loop in south-west London. The line is on the former London and South Western Railway line out of their London Waterloo terminus and our station is located somewhere close to where the real station of Brentford is. The layout was planned as a challenge in building an urban landscape to make a change from building layouts with green fields.

All buildings are scratch built with many based on London prototypes, which have been photographed on a number of field visits by club members. The basic structures of the buildings are made from thick card, which were covered with plasticard to replicate stone or brick finishes. The structures have then been painted and weathered to represent the prototypes from the area.

To add interest to the layout though not strictly correct for the part of London modelled there is an underground tube line across the front of the layout. The Underground trains are modified and motorised EFE models, which work on an automatic cycle. Main line trains represent the variety that could be seen on the south-west section of the Southern Region in the 1960's. Virtually all of the southern electric units have been scratch built. Control of the mainline trains uses the NCE DCC system.

LAYOUT EXHIBITION DETAILS

Layout Owner: The Redditch Model Railway Club

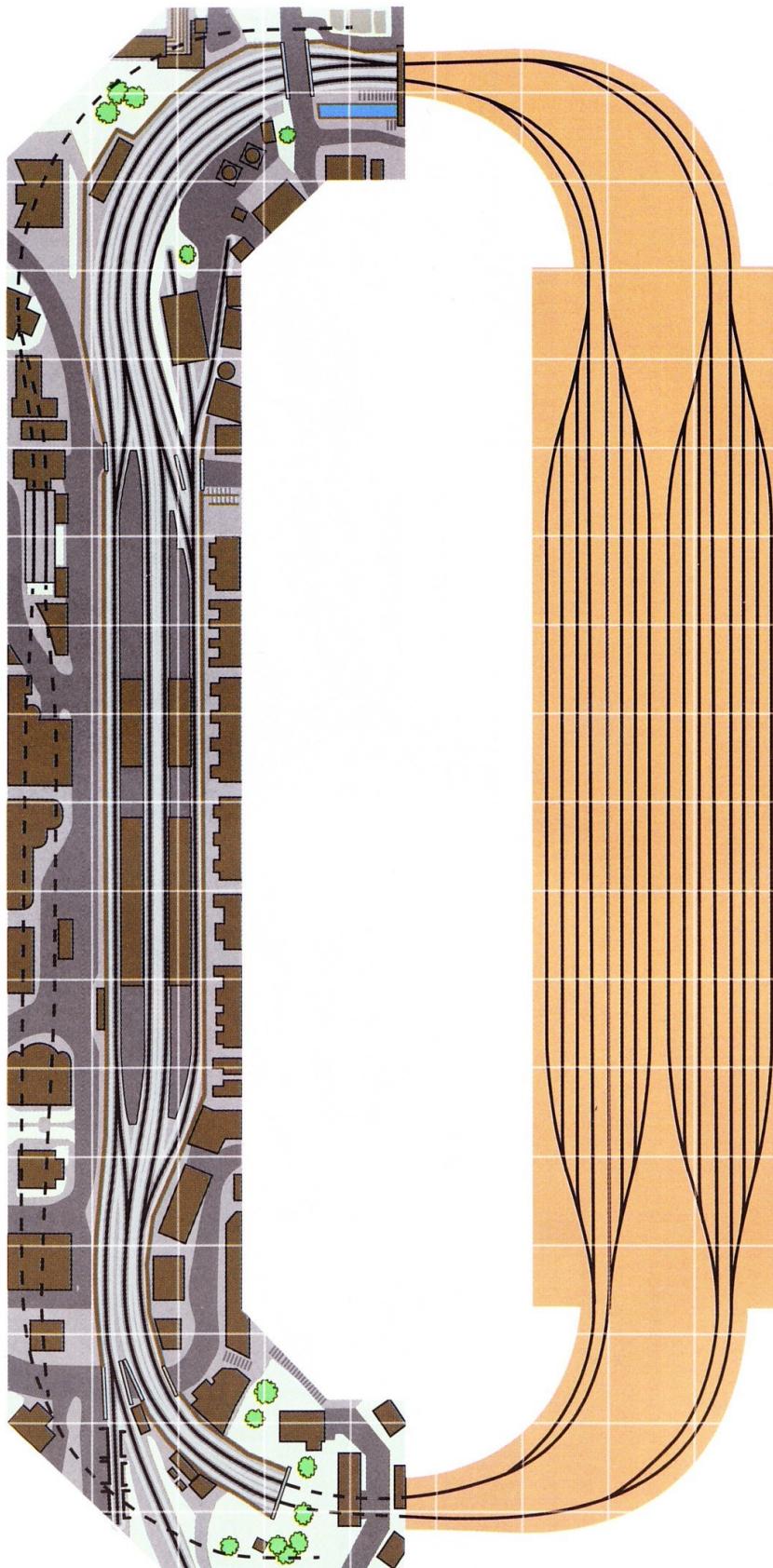
Number of operators required: 6

Layout size: 18ft x 12ft - The layout is operated from the central well and has scenery on three of the four sides

Layout Insurance: £18,000 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 a Transit type van.





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