

Modelling Wokingham

We are a model rail club that have been established within the Borough for over 15 years. We operate as a local area group of the national N Gauge Society which promotes rail modelling for all eras in the scale of 1:148 or, better described as each 2mm of model equals 1ft of the real prototype.

We are starting to construct a new exhibition layout of the rail track and sidings around Wokingham Station stretching from the Reading Road bridge near St Paul's Church to the junction of the Redhill and Waterloo lines near to the original cricket ground site. Traditionally our layouts have general appeal to all ages with various types of rail traffic stopping and starting and through running. 'Thomas' has been known to make a guest appearance!

We have chosen the era from post-war to no later than 1973 when the original Station building was demolished. This we feel will give public interest as its well within residents' memory and allows the running of old-style steam and modern electric/diesel trains to maximise this appeal. We intend to include lineside features and buildings (some long forgotten) from throughout the period such as the cattle pens, coal staites, goods yard etc.

With the panorama of Wokingham about to change forever, we feel that this is a golden opportunity to make sure the townscape of our layout includes as many of the Town's iconic buildings as possible before they are lost in memory. We would like to partner with local organisations and societies to help model this aspect as their experience, information and skills will be invaluable to achieve historical accuracy and visually helping to evoke public interest.

The layout will be 12ft x 3ft (see scale drawing) with approximately 50% of the space available for townscape and but with these parameters it will not be possible to depict the layout of the Town to scale. We will need to be inventive to overcome this – this is why we would like to involve local societies with their skills to help develop this project for the enjoyment and enlightenment of the community as a whole.

Initial discussion 2pm 21st January – Sindlesham Baptist Church.

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