

MERG Somerset Area Group

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Who are the leaders of the group?



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Can I join you today?

First Join MERG here

Then make sure you join the Somerset Area Group when you are signed up and bolster the **240** members currently subscribed to our Area Group.

Join the Somerset Area Group

Select **Somerset Area Group** from the drop down list in **Other Area Groups** and press the **Subscribe to Area Group** button.

How do you meet?

The group normally meets on the first Saturday of every month between 10am and 1pm in Yeovil, Somerset. Meetings include some or all of the following:

- A presentation
- A session on a group project
- A practical workshop

Occasionally we meet from 10am to 4pm for an extended workshop session. Dates for meetings are held in the MERG meetings diary unless otherwise stated or see **When are the next Meetings?** below.

The meetings are normally held at St James Church, Preston Road, Yeovil. Anyone wishing to attend a meeting can get directions from the group via the contact form.

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS FOR GATHERINGS Due to the pandemic meetings are currently subject restrictions such as wearing a mask in the hall (no need outside) with hall subject to increased ventilation with doors and windows open.

Do you hold workshops?



"Yes we do, sometimes together with a meeting sometimes a separate event."

• Members bring their own kits to assemble with help from others in the group where required

- Members bring their own built kit for where they have failed to get it working or
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- need to share test equipmentAny electronic circuit is welcome not just MERG kits
- Members work on the current group projects together
- Members interconnect working kits and add hardware to learn how kits can work together

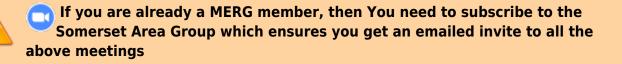
What do you do at your coffee break meetings?



Members of the group meet online via Zoom software and share what they have been up to showing examples of kits they have built, railway related construction projects, ask questions where they had issues and generally help each other with advice and comments. There is a fair amount of chat and banter as members enjoy themselves in a light and friendly atmosphere.

When are the next meetings?

Date	Event	Description	Location	Link
11:00 21-Jun	Area Group Virtual		Online Zoom Meeting	
10:00 06-Jul	MERG Somerset Area Group Meeting	ensure that you are subscribed to the	Online Zoom Meeting	



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Where can I see what the group gets up to?



Local Links

Clubs

- West Camel Model Railway Society
- Yeovil Model Railway Group

Heritage Railways

- East Somerset Railway
- North Dorset Railway (Shillingstone Project)
- Seaton Tramway
- Swanage Railway
- Swindon and Cricklade Railway
- West Somerset Railway
- Yeovil Railway centre

Shops

- Aspire Gifts and Models
- Buffers Model Railways
- DCC Train Automation
- East Somerset Models
- Frome Model Centre
- Signals Models (Midsomer Norton)
- The Model Shop (Exeter)

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