

# MERG Cumbria Area Group

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## How do I contact the Area Group



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## Who are the leaders of the group?



Andrew Woollass  
Derek Coultherd

## Would you like to join today?



Not a member? then

[Join MERG Here](#)

and sign up to this Area Group. If you are already a member



[Join the Cumbria Area Group](#)

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

## How do you meet?

Whilst restrictions are in place, we are using Zoom video calls.

Currently we are polling members for their views on the best days and times for Zoom meetings.



The invite to vote went out at around 13:15BST to members that had signed up before 12:58BST 09/08/20. There's plenty of time for others to sign up and vote, I'll try to make sure of a prompt email of the poll link to any that wish to sign up.

The meeting will allow us to meet each other; agree, what we want from the group and put proposals for the first schedule of meetings with times dates and content.

We welcome new members.

## And the Next Meeting?

Date	Event	Description	Location	Link
14:00 03-May	Cumbria AG	Watch, Ask, Learn	Online Zoom Meeting	
14:00 17-May	Cumbria AG	Watch, Ask, Learn	Online Zoom Meeting	
14:00 31-May	Cumbria AG	Watch, Ask, Learn	Online Zoom Meeting	

## Local Links



[Border Railway Society \(Carlisle\)](#)  
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Derwent Railway Society  
Furness Model Railway Club  
Kendal Model Railway Club  
Millom Railway and Scale Modellers

## How do Video Calls Work?

To participate, members need a mobile phone, tablet or a PC / Mac with a camera and microphone.

Calls are scheduled in advance and members are informed as to time and date via MERG systems. A meeting number and password are provided.



When it is time to start a call, a voice and video conference is opened up which has thumbnails of each video participant and any shared presentations or desktops. The call leader facilitates the call and the discussions and tries to get through the agenda in the agreed time. Zoom has two views available. The first is the speaker view which selects the video stream from the person speaking. The second is Gallery view which shows streams from all participants.

If you would like to try out Zoom, then there is a test meeting service where you are the only participant and you can experiment with the various options available.

[Test Zoom](#)

This link is available to anybody, not just members of the area group.

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