

MERG Cumbria Area Group

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Who are the leaders of the group?



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How do you meet?

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

An inaugural meeting using Zoom was held on Friday 21st August. We now meet on Zoom, alternate Fridays at 2pm.



So far we have had presentations on CBUS beginners kit 101, Power Supplies and Regulators. See the meeting list below for dates and subjects.

In our most recent session members expressed an interest in future presentations on 3D printing and SMD soldering. So both these topics will feature soon.

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	

Our Blog



A blog site shared with the Scottish Borders Area Group has been set up for informal communication during these current Covid-19 restrictions



It can be accessed here [Cumbria and Scottish Borders Blogspot](#)

Local Links



[Border Railway Society \(Carlisle\)](#)
[Carlisle and District 0 Gauge Group](#)
[Derwent Railway Society](#)
[Furness Model Railway Club](#)
[Kendal Model Railway Club](#)
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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.

Why not try out our [blog](#) for the Scottish Borders and Cumbria

[Cumbria Members Pages](#)

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