MERG Somerset Area Group

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How do I contact the Somerset Area Group

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Who are the leaders of the group?

M1925 Paul Howes *Group Leader*
M4418 Anthony Braithwaite *Deputy Group Leader*
M6456 Malcolm Asker *Group Communications Officer*

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.

Select **Somerset Area Group** from the drop down list in **Other Area Groups** and press the **Subscribe to Area Group** button.</WRAP> ==== How do you meet? ==== <WRAP info round> 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 [[https://www.merg.org.uk/meetings.php#|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.

GOVERNMENT RESTRICTIONS ON GATHERINGS AND TRAVEL Due to the restrictions all our meetings are currently online using Zoom video conferencing software. Zoom is easy to use so please join us online.

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 need to share test equipment
- Any 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

When are the next meetings?

Date	Event	Description	Location	Link
10:00 04-May	MERG Somerset Area Group Meeting	This is an online meeting where Paul H will present A beginners guide to LightBurn software for creating designs for Laser cutting on a cheap laser cutter. Time for other discussions/presentations will be available contact us to request a slot. *To get zoom joining information ensure that you are subscribed to the Somerset Area Group in (Your Profile) and view the meeting in (My Upcoming Events).*	Online Zoom Meeting	
11:00 17-May	MERG Somerset Area Group Virtual Coffee Break	This is an online coffee break where members can relax and chat among themselves about Projects, Progress, Problems and Successes.	Online Zoom Meeting	

If you are already a MERG member, then You need to subscribe to the Somerset Area Group which ensures you get an emailed invite to all the above meetings

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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
- The Model Shop (Exeter)

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