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### How do I contact the Area Group



[MERG Tayside Area Group contact form](#)

### Who are the leaders of the group?



James Lynch - Leader  
Fraser Smith - Deputy  
John Walker - Communications

### Would you like to join today?



[Join MERG Here](#)

then sign up to Tayside Area Group.

### Join the Tayside Area Group



Already a member? Then Select **Tayside Area Group** from the drop down list in **Other Area Groups** and press the **Subscribe to Area Group** button.

We currently have over 60 members in the Group, with around 16 - 20 participating in our meetings.

## How do you meet?

The group normally meets every second Wednesday (currently between 8pm and 9:30pm using Zoom)



Dates for meetings are held in the [MERG meetings diary](#) unless otherwise stated or see **When are the next Meetings?** below.

Members wishing to attend a meeting can get directions from the group via the contact form or subscribe to the area group.

## When are the Next Meetings?

Date	Event	Description	Location	Link
20:00 30-Sep	Tayside Area Group Zoom virtual meeting	Members discuss model rail issues, talk or show, electronic projects on their layout	Zoom meeting	
20:00 14-Oct	Tayside Area Group Zoom virtual meeting	Members discuss model rail issues, talk or show, electronic projects on their layout	Zoom meeting	
20:00 28-Oct	Tayside Area Group Zoom virtual meeting	Members discuss model rail issues, talk or show, electronic projects on their layout	Zoom meeting	



**GOVERNMENT RESTRICTIONS ON GATHERINGS AND TRAVEL** Due to the ongoing COVID-19 restrictions all our area group meetings are currently online using Zoom video conferencing software. Zoom is easy to use so please join us online. We normally have a 90 minute meeting on a midweek evening (fortnightly).



This situation will continue for the foreseeable future, until the scottish government guidelines allow us to resume face to face meetings and also that we can meet any required social distancing at the venue.

## How do Zoom Video Calls Work?

The calls will last 90 minutes or so. To participate, members need a mobile phone, tablet or a PC / Mac with a camera and microphone.

Topics are agreed in advance.



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.

## Local Links

### Model Railway Clubs

- [Dundee Model Railway Club](#) Runs Exhibition in Dundee
- [Perth Model Railway Group](#) Runs Exhibition in Perth
- [Cupar Model Railway Club](#) Runs Exhibition in Cupar
- [East Neuk Model Railway Club](#) Runs Exhibition in St Andrews

### Railway Locations



[Caledonian Railway](#) (Brechin)  
[Kerr's Miniature Railway](#) (Arbroath) **Note:- This attraction is closing for good on 11 Oct 2020 after 85 years of operating. Open weekends (11 am to 4 pm) [Note**

**that Sun 11 Oct will be 10am to 1pm Only] between now and then (weather**



**dependant)**



[Strathspey Railway \(Aviemore\)](#)



[Keith And Dufftown Railway](#)

**Model Shops**

[Invergowrie Models](#)

[Macs Models \(Kirriemuir\)](#)

**Tayside Attactions**

[The Tay Bridge](#)

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