# MERG Warwickshire, North Oxfordshire Area Group

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# **Contacting the Area Group**

To send us a message, use the MERG Area Group contact form

## Who are the leaders of the group?

Mike Plowman *Group Leader* Simon West *Group Technical Lead* Mike Collins *Zoom Meeting Moderator* 

# **Area Group Meetings**

In Normal times, the WNO area group meet six times each year for a full day, generally on a Saturday, at the club rooms of the Leamington and Warwick Model Railway Society www.lwmrs.co.uk. where MERG members are able to see the Society's three Exhibition Layouts that have MERG CBUS and MERG DCC installed.

Meetings generally comprise:

• A presentation on a subject previously requested by the members.

- Open workshops / discussions.
- Assistance for individuals and groups of members.

GOVERNMENT RESTRICTIONS ON GATHERINGS AND TRAVEL Since April 2020, the group have been holding fortnightly Virtual Area Group meetings using Zoom.

#### Area Group Workshops

Workshops are always held in the afternoon of bi-monthly meetings to assist the following:

- Members bringing their own kits to assemble with help from others in the group where required
- Members bringing their built kit where they need assistance to get it working or need to share test equipment
- Members interconnecting working kits to learn how kits can work together to improve the operation of their model railway.

Additionally, specialist workshops are run on an occasional basis. Most recent subjects have been:

- Introduction to Arduino
- Building a CANMIO Kit.
- Configuring CBUS using FCU.

#### Exhibitions

The WNO Area Group actively support the **Leamington & Warwick Model Railway Society Show** which is scheduled for Saturday 6th March and Sunday 7th March 2021. Due to the COVID-19 situation the viability of running an exhibition in 2021 is currently under review. Latest News at - www.lwmrs.co.uk or Contact Exhibition Manager - Email - exhibition@lwmrs.co.uk

## **Meetings Coming Up**

You will need to opt into the Warwickshire, North Oxfordshire Area Group to ensure an emailed invite to any of the following meetings

**Date Event Description Location Link** 

#### **Past Meeetings**

Recent meetings include: -

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#### Past Activities of the Group











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