



# MERG Warwickshire, North Oxfordshire Area Group

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## Contacting the Area Group



To send us a message,  
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## 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](http://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.

## Joining the Warwickshire, North Oxfordshire Group

To attend a Warwickshire, North Oxfordshire MERG Area Group Meeting, whether in normal times or the virtual meetings, you must be a MERG member.



[First Join MERG here](#)

Once you have signed up, make sure you join the Warwickshire, North Oxfordshire Area Group.

[Join the WNO Area Group](#)

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## 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](http://www.lwmrs.co.uk) or Contact Exhibition Manager - Email - [exhibition@lwmrs.co.uk](mailto: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
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## Past Meetings

Recent meetings include: -

Date	Event	Description	Location	Link
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## Past Activities of the Group





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