

Gorpeton Blymee

Scale: 4mm:1ft; Gauge: 16.5mm (OO)

Brief Description

Gorpeton is our first layout, put together by one latent enthusiast and one Jonny-cum-Lately. Begun as a 7ft by 1ft 3in layout, it is currently approximately 14ft by 3ft. In brief, it is over-time, over-budget, over-complex and over-grassed!

Gorpeton represents a GWR branch line in the late 1940s to early 1950s period. Originally intended as a through line, it finished up as a somewhat inadequate branch terminus, but with a useful, busy goods yard.

The railway line was given a new lease of life in the early 1930s with the rapid expansion of the Wilgar & Edson Company. Their contracts are now exclusively with the M.O.D. All the work is hush-hush, and so secret that even we (its creators) have no idea what they make. However, good use is made of their factory sidings.

The recently established British Railways Board have plans to re-develop the station, and re-position it on the other side of the factory, where it will be closer to the town centre.

Chief Engineers: Gordon Edgar & Peter Wilson – April, 2003.

Details for Exhibition Managers

Description

End to end layout with a branch line station, adjacent goods yard, and factory area with sidings. Trains enter scenic area from one of two fiddle yards. Both fiddle yards are located at the same end of the layout, and both work on the cassette system.

Size of Layout

Approximate overall size – 14' × 3'.

This asymmetrical layout is operated both from the front and the back, and requires a total working ground space of 17' × 7'.

Number of operators required: minimum 2, optimum 3.

Power requirements: 13 amp sockets, two (2) off.

Exhibition Costs

Transport cost to show for two cars and a trailer from the Bournemouth area. For two day shows – overnight B&B if exhibition is too far to return to the Bournemouth area.

Co-owners

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