

The Gretton & Wenlock Railway

Presented by The Colehill Locomotives And Narrow Gauge Enthusiasts Railway Society
(C.L.A.N.G.E.R.S.)

Scale: 7mm/ft. Gauge: 0-16.5. Overall Size: 20' × 6'

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Period modelled:

Late 1940s up to closure in 1951

Insurance Value:

£3,000

Number of operators:

up to 8

Expenses:

Hired van required, plus fuel for one or two cars.

Specific requirements:

One table (for stock), two chairs (for operators), one power point & barriers, if available.

Layout details:

Viewed from entire 20' length, with info on side fiddle yard. scale working lights in the station/yard area. Layout to floor curtain supplied.

Description/Write up for programme:

The Gretton & Wenlock Railway in Shropshire opened during 1892 as a freight only 2' 3" narrow gauge line for the transfer of coal and slates. It ran from exchange sidings at its termini at both ends, Church Stretton in the west, and Much Wenlock in the east. The length of the line was 13 miles. Four tram engines formed the initial motive power, along with nearly 30 wagons.

A passenger service was introduced in 1899, when new coaching stock was delivered. At this time the wagon and steam locomotive fleet were also both expanded.

Two stations with passing sidings were provided along the route, and one of these, Gretton, is modelled here today. The scene also depicts the canal, with its associated warehouse, one the the main sources of revenue for the the railway. The loco shed was a later addition.

The period the model represents is the late 1940s, up to the line's closure in 1951. Stock consists entirely of kit built models. The buildings have all been scratchbuilt. Woodland Scenics scatter material has been used to create the foliage.

Please feel free to ask us any questions you have, and we will try to think of an answer!

