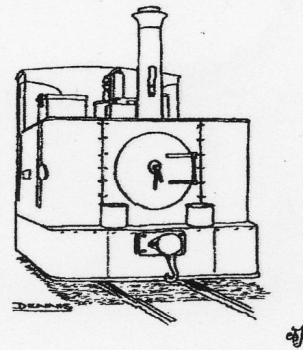


Withington Narrow Gauge Modellers

Guidelines for Safe Running

To ensure enjoyable safe running, please observe the following Guidelines.



General

All Members and Visitors should complete the Attendance Register on their entry to the premises. The Register may be found on the table, in the main entrance lobby.

Members who wish to run their locomotives should complete the details, as required on the Running Rosters. The Rosters may be found on the preparation tables, located within the operating area. Potential conflicts, e.g. Radio Control frequencies should be avoided, by inspection of the previously booked running slots. In fairness to other Members, no more than a maximum of two consecutive slots may be reserved by any one Member, providing other members are not waiting for an opportunity to run.

Responsible Running

Members should endeavour to run their trains in a responsible manner, keeping a good lookout for any other traffic.

All runners should maintain good communication at all times.

The preparation tables, running lines and the floor within the operating area should be kept clear. Only runners of locomotives should enter the operating area of the layout.

Locomotives should be properly prepared on the tables provided to minimise disruption to traffic using the running lines. Please use the appropriate area for preparation, and keep methylated sprits away from gas.

Ensure that locomotives and stock held in loops or sidings do not foul the running lines. If large or suspected 'out of gauge' locomotives are going to be run, please check available clearances, prior to running. Before exiting from any loop or siding, Members should ensure that the line is clear to do so. Remember to reset any crossovers to through routes.

When sharing a track, agree on the line speed with the other runners. It should be noted that the direction of traffic using the outer circuit is clockwise and the inner circuit is used for anticlockwise running, as viewed from the operating area. If a train is stopped for any reason, or derailed, notify all other runners immediately.

Members should remove their stock promptly after running; locomotives may be left in the sidings to cool after use.

Gas Fired Locomotives

Locomotives should be serviced away from the running lines; to minimise any risk of ignition from the passage of externally fired models. Exceptionally, if refuelling becomes necessary, the model should be moved to a loop or a siding, at the rear of the layout and the burner extinguished. Before any refuelling is undertaken, other users must be notified and an exclusion zone of approximately 1.5m radius should be established around the locomotive being refuelled.

Spirit Fired Locomotives

To avoid any confusion with water, please do not use colourless spirits. Methylated sprits, used on or about the layout, should be kept in a small, sealable, stable, suitably labelled container. Spillage should be avoided and may be minimised by the use of a syringe, or valvespout bottle. Refuelling may be undertaken in a loop or a siding at the rear of the layout, having notified all other runners. A 1.5m radius, exclusion zone, should be maintained whilst refuelling, and if any spillage occurs, this should be removed before other locomotives are allowed to pass. It is recommended that non-asbestos wicks be used.

Monitoring and Observation

Runners will be observed by All Members to ensure safe practice, in addition to the Committee Members acting as Track Marshals. If there is any cause for concern between members, please discuss informally, at a personal level. Failing a suitable solution being agreed, please inform a Committee Member.