

Dundee Model Railway Club (SC046333)

Future Plans 2020/21

Within the club we are in the process of building two layouts.

One based on Lochee (Dundee) Railway Station. There is ongoing extensive research to build an accurate scale model of the station, goods yard and surrounding buildings. To this end, we have visited the old station site to take measurements and photographs. In the process we have also made contact with local residents, receiving anecdotal and additional pictorial information. Building layouts with recognisable scenes of local interest has proved popular with the general public in the past. Realistically, due to the Covid-19 restrictions, this project will take a further year to complete.

A second, fictional layout is also under construction, loosely based on the siege of Sevastopol, where the Schewerer Gustav rail mounted canon was used in WWII.

During 2020/21 we plan to stage our annual exhibition at the Ardler Community Centre, Turnberry Ave, Dundee, Covid-19 permitting.

For the foreseeable future we will also be attending 5 annual exhibitions, organised by other model railway clubs around Scotland, at venues as per the following list – Covid-19 depending.

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| January | Kilmarnock MRC (at Irvine) |
| May | Glenrothes MRC, Kyle MRC (at Troon) |
| June | Perth MRC |
| July | Cupar MRC |

As part of the focus to do more in the local community we plan to show some of our endeavours twice a year, during March & September, at the local Overgate Shopping Centre.

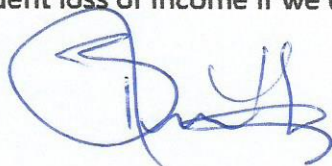
We have also exhibited a layout in the foyer of Ninewell's Hospital. Further visits are in the pipeline, depending on the lifting of the Covid-19 restrictions.

As a club we also make regular monthly contributions towards the Guide Dogs for the Blind 'Sponsor a Puppy' training scheme.

All club officers have completed the necessary criminal checks for the implementation of our Child Protection Policy.

As in our previous 'Future Plans' document - The Club is looking to upgrade the club room facilities, with a plan to refurbish the toilet, to improve access and ease of use for wheelchair users.

The Covid-19 outbreak has had major implications for the future plans of the Club. The premises were, on Government advice, closed from early March 2020, and therefore no work has been possible on any of our projects, including the toilet upgrade. Another serious implication is whether we will be able to hold our Exhibition this year, with the subsequent loss of income if we cannot.



Paul Smith (Chairman / Trustee) 18th May 2020