



LANCASTER & MORECAMBE MODEL ENGINEERING SOCIETY

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History of LMMES LTD

It all began in November 1979 when a gentleman called Karl Latimer put up posters around the local area inviting like-minded people, interested in model engineering, to attend a meeting in Poulton.

Approximately 20 people turned up and decided to form Lancaster & Morecambe Model Engineering Society.



Karl Latimer

For three years the founder members met monthly and had exhibitions of their models.

In 1982, the Society was offered the use of a field at Steamtown in Carnforth. Where they built a ground level miniature railway. The track opened in 1985 on which the Society members could operate their own locomotives and rolling stock, allowing visitors of Steamtown the opportunity to enjoy this added attraction.

In 1995, Steamtown closed to the public when the ownership was changed and the Society was forced to abandon their site. We moved to our present location at Cinderbarrow alongside the picnic site in 1996. The site used to be a quarry and took ingenuity and great effort from about 20 of the members to get the site to the condition it is now. They set to with picks and shovels in all kinds of weather to prepare the ground ready to lay the track.

We had to bring water and electricity to the site, laying several hundred yards of underground pipes. For many months during the site's development the clubhouse was a converted chicken hut – basic but cosy.



Track Laying at Cinderbarrow

The track took 4,000 sleepers and 10,000 feet of rail to complete it. This involved an

excessive amount of cutting, slotting and welding. Members also constructed; stone walls, a station area, signal box & signalling system, fences, passenger trucks and the carriage shed, to name but a few. The clubhouse shell is the only part of the site that has not been engineered by Society members!

After three years, in 1999, Cinderbarrow Miniature Railway was ready and opened to the public. Providing in excess of 12,000 train rides over the first six months.

The society has emerged stronger than ever with more than eighty members interested in building all manner of models, such as; steam & electric locomotives, stationary barn engines, clocks, radio controlled steam boats and sailing yachts, tanks, traction engines, motor engines and scale railway wagons and carriages.

Lancaster and Morecambe Model Engineering Society is a reflection of dedication shown by members past and present.

A Who's Who Guide

To Our Club

OUR COMMITTEE OFFICERS

Chairman



Geoff Martell

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ORDINARY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Andrew Dunn	Society Newsletter Editor	editor@lmmes.co.uk
Tony Marshall	Membership Secretary	membership@lmmes.co.uk
Janet Hirst	Advertising	advertising@lmmes.co.uk
Malcolm Ford		
Adrian Dixon		
Peter Webster		

Roles Of Non - Committee Members

Mike Glegg	Party Bookings Organiser	bookings@lmmes.co.uk
Stan Jackson	Boiler Inspector	
Bob Sumner	Boiler Inspector	

Who to contact when

➤ Membership Renewal by December	Tony Marshall
➤ Boiler Inspections	Geoff Martell, Stan Jackson or Bob Sumner
➤ Financial Matters	Bevis Mulholland (Treasurer)
➤ Health & safety concerns	Geoff Martell (Chairman)
➤ Complaints	Geoff Martell (Chairman)
➤ Training Co-ordinator	Peter Webster
➤ Events Administration	Janet Hirst
➤ All other Matters	David Wilson (Secretary)

Membership Guidelines

- Full Members will have voting rights and can transport the public round the Miniature Railway after training has been completed.
- Partners & Students have no voting rights but can also transport the public round the Miniature Railway after training has been completed.
- Juniors must be supervised at all times. Their operating roles for the Miniature Railway are limited (see Operating Superintendent).

Useful Information

Signing In

Every visit to the Cinderbarrow site should be recorded by each member by signing the Members book in the clubhouse vestibule. All visitors must also sign the Visitors book.

The Clubhouse

Our clubhouse has a small kitchen, male and female toilets, a communal area and a library, where policies, Company Rules, Company Minutes, Health and Safety and risk assessments documents are held.

Members bring their own food and milk, though tea & coffee are provided. All members are expected to clean up after themselves. The clubhouse is accessible to all members at all times.

Meetings

Committee & two informal meetings are held once a month here. We also have Guest Speakers once a month. Further details available on our website.

Working Parties

The clubhouse is open every Tuesday by our working parties who maintain the whole site and provide development work to the railway between the hours of 9.30am and 3.30pm. All help is welcomed even if it is to put the kettle on!

Public Running

When the Railway is open to the public (Sundays & Bank Holidays), members have use of the clubhouse. Groups who have booked the Miniature Railway for private rides on Non-public running days also have access to the clubhouse.

Miniature Railway

Cinderbarrow Miniature Railway operates every Sunday and Bank Holiday from Easter until September. Members interested in locomotives (steam or electric) convey the public round our two tracks using their own locos. To do this safely at least five members are required to fulfil the roles involved. The roles are:

1. Operating Superintendent

This person is in full control of the railway site, to ensure the smooth running of the locos, and is the first point of contact for members attending a public running day.

2. Station Master

Responsible for the safety of all passengers embarking and disembarking the carriages.

3. Driver

Conveying the public on Steam or Electric Locomotives.

4. Guard

Responsible for the safety of all passengers when the train is in motion.

5. Crossing Keeper

Responsible for the crossing.

6. Signal Man (if necessary)

Controlling the steady flow of the locomotives with the use of signals.

Training is required before any member will be considered to carry out any of the above roles.

Please refer to your membership handbook for the running and site rules for Cinderbarrow Miniature Railway.