

West Wiltshire Model Railway Circle Report to Steeple Ashton Parish Council 2022

The club is now in its seventh year in the premises in Acreshort Lane, Steeple Ashton.

During “lockdown” in order to comply with Government requirements we increased our meetings from just Tuesday morning and Wednesday evening by the addition of Thursday mornings, initially to limit numbers at each meeting to six, but we have found it beneficial to continue with the new opening times.

This means that we have three dedicated teams working on specific projects in producing the new layouts. It also means that members who have difficulty in driving at night are still able to participate during the daytime sessions. As a result work has moved faster than expected.

The N gauge layout is now fully operational, with only minor enhancements taking place. The larger OO layout is progressing well and it is expected that it will be operational, but not complete, by the Jubilee Weekend. We are taking part in the weekend by having the clubhouse open on at least two days with at least two layouts being operational. This will still allow continued use of the the kitchen, electricity and toilet facilities to be available for events in the field by other groups.

Surprisingly, no damage to the building occurred during the storms earlier in the year.

The club has lost a few members during the year to long term illness and changing personal circumstances, but the facilities we have, unlike some other model railway clubs has meant that we have attracted several new members in the last 12 months.

We would like to thank the Parish Council for their continued support and trust that the service provided to other groups from our building meets their needs. Thanks are also due to the dedicated team who maintain the planted areas in the field and the commercial team who maintain the grass.

Ron Pybus,

Chairman