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# MERG Croydon Area Group



The Croydon Area Group was created in April 2022 and meets monthly at the Croydon Model Railway Society (CMRS) at its club house in South Croydon.

The format of meetings varies but include the following elements: -

- presentations on a variety of topics, recent presentations include DCC+, Sensors
- Demonstrations including mimic panels and automated shuttles
- beginners sessions
- sharing experience and skills
- assistance to members with kit construction issues
- implementing automated signals
- construction of a coal tipler
- learning about the application of JMRI and CBUS to automate layouts.

CMRS makes a number of test layouts available to allow experimentation and encourages participation in the application of electronics to club layouts.



The club is accessible on the following bus routes.

Number	Route	Via Stations
60	Streatham Station to Old Coulsdon	Coulsdon South Coulsdon Town West Croydon
166	West Croydon to Caterham	Coulsdon Town West Croydon
312	Norwood Junction to South Croydon Bus Garage	
407	Sutton Town Centre to Caterham Valley	West Croydon Whyteleafe South
466	Addington Village to Caterham-on-the-Hill	East Croydon

The following stations are nearby: -

- Purley Oaks (Walk to Brighton Road and take buses 60, 166, 407, 466. Be aware that not all trains between South Croydon and Purley, stop at Purley Oaks!)



- Sanderstead (15 minute walk)
- South Croydon (Walk to Swan and Sugar Loaf and take 60, 166, 312, 407, 60)

### How do I contact the Area Group



Please indicate Croydon Area Group in your message [Contact MERG](#)

### Who are the leader of the group?



Allan Geekie

### Would you like to join today?

Not a member? then

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and sign up to this Area Group. If you are already a member

[Join the Croydon Area Group](#)

Select **Croydon Area Group** from the drop down list in **Other Area Groups** and press the **Subscribe to Area Group** button.

### How do you meet?



The group will meet on the second Friday on each month at 19:00 at Croydon Model Railway Society in South Croydon.

### And the Next Meeting?

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Link</b>
12:30 03-Apr	Croydon AG: Lunchtime Meeting	We will meet in a pub / restaurant in Central Croydon. Bring along a model railway object that we can discuss. Further details will be sent out by email.	Central Croydon	
14:00 10-Apr	Croydon Area Group: Afternoon Workshop	Help is available on: * SMD module testing, * Kit building, * Kit repair, * ATC, * CBUS, * JMRI, * Raspberry Pi layout control, * Tablet and mobile phone throttles and point operation.	CMRS Clubhouse, South Croydon	
19:00 11-Apr	Croydon AG Meeting: Look - No Signal Box	Look - No Signal Box This presentation / discussion will consider how signalling can be added to a layout. In most cases the signalling will function without operator intervention. Three signalling types will be considered: train triggered, point switching and absolute block. The focus will mostly be on MERG solutions but a number of commercial alternatives will also be discussed.	CMRS Clubhouse, South Croydon	
14:00 17-Apr	Croydon Area Group: Afternoon Workshop	Help is available on: * SMD module testing, * Kit building, * Kit repair, * ATC, * CBUS, * JMRI, * Raspberry Pi layout control, * Tablet and mobile phone throttles and point operation.	CMRS Clubhouse, South Croydon	
14:00 24-Apr	Croydon Area Group: Afternoon Workshop	Help is available on: * SMD module testing, * Kit building, * Kit repair, * ATC, * CBUS, * JMRI, * Raspberry Pi layout control, * Tablet and mobile phone throttles and point operation.	CMRS Clubhouse, South Croydon	
12:30 01-May	Croydon AG: Lunchtime Meeting	We will meet in a pub / restaurant in Central Croydon. Bring along a model railway object that we can discuss. Further details will be sent out by email.	Central Croydon	
14:00 08-May	Croydon Area Group: Afternoon Workshop	Help is available on: * SMD module testing, * Kit building, * Kit repair, * ATC, * CBUS, * JMRI, * Raspberry Pi layout control, * Tablet and mobile phone throttles and point operation.	CMRS Clubhouse, South Croydon	
19:00 09-May	Croydon AG Meeting	Topics to be agreed	CMRS Clubhouse, South Croydon	
14:00 15-May	Croydon Area Group: Afternoon Workshop	Help is available on: * SMD module testing, * Kit building, * Kit repair, * ATC, * CBUS, * JMRI, * Raspberry Pi layout control, * Tablet and mobile phone throttles and point operation.	CMRS Clubhouse, South Croydon	
14:00 22-May	Croydon Area Group: Afternoon Workshop	Help is available on: * SMD module testing, * Kit building, * Kit repair, * ATC, * CBUS, * JMRI, * Raspberry Pi layout control, * Tablet and mobile phone throttles and point operation.	CMRS Clubhouse, South Croydon	

Date	Event	Description	Location	Link
14:00 29-May	Croydon Area Group: Afternoon Workshop	Help is available on: * SMD module testing, * Kit building, * Kit repair, * ATC, * CBUS, * JMRI, * Raspberry Pi layout control, * Tablet and mobile phone throttles and point operation.	CMRS Clubhouse, South Croydon	
12:30 05-Jun	Croydon AG: Lunchtime Meeting	We will meet in a pub / restaurant in Central Croydon. Bring along a model railway object that we can discuss. Further details will be sent out by email.	Central Croydon	
14:00 12-Jun	Croydon Area Group: Afternoon Workshop	Help is available on: * SMD module testing, * Kit building, * Kit repair, * ATC, * CBUS, * JMRI, * Raspberry Pi layout control, * Tablet and mobile phone throttles and point operation.	CMRS Clubhouse, South Croydon	
19:00 13-Jun	Croydon AG Meeting	Topics to be agreed	CMRS Clubhouse, South Croydon	
14:00 19-Jun	Croydon Area Group: Afternoon Workshop	Help is available on: * SMD module testing, * Kit building, * Kit repair, * ATC, * CBUS, * JMRI, * Raspberry Pi layout control, * Tablet and mobile phone throttles and point operation.	CMRS Clubhouse, South Croydon	
14:00 26-Jun	Croydon Area Group: Afternoon Workshop	Help is available on: * SMD module testing, * Kit building, * Kit repair, * ATC, * CBUS, * JMRI, * Raspberry Pi layout control, * Tablet and mobile phone throttles and point operation.	CMRS Clubhouse, South Croydon	

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