



# MERG Warwickshire, North Oxfordshire Area Group

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## Contacting the Area Group



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## Who are the leaders of the group?



Mike Plowman *Group Leader*  
Simon West *Group Technical Lead*  
Mike Collins *Zoom Meeting Moderator*

## Area Group Meetings



In Normal times, the WNO area group meet six times each year for a full day, generally

on a Saturday, at the club rooms of the Leamington and Warwick Model Railway Society [www.lwmrs.co.uk](http://www.lwmrs.co.uk), where MERG members are able to see the Society's three Exhibition Layouts that have MERG CBUS and MERG DCC installed.



Meetings generally comprise:

- A presentation on a subject previously requested by the members.
- Open workshops / discussions.
- Assistance for individuals and groups of members.

## GOVERNMENT RESTRICTIONS ON GATHERINGS AND TRAVEL

**Since April 2020, the group have been holding fortnightly Virtual Area Group meetings using Zoom.**



We are expecting to start physical meetings again on Saturday 18th September 2021 at the clubrooms of the Leamington & Warwick Model Railway Society. Numbers will be limited and a notice will be issued to registered members of the area group when tickets are released via Eventbrite. We expect to hold a midweek evening meeting via Zoom during the alternate months (October & December).

## Area Group Workshops

*Workshops are always held in the afternoon of bi-monthly meetings to assist the following:*



- Members bringing their own kits to assemble with help from others in the group where required
- Members bringing their built kit where they need assistance to get it working or need to share test equipment
- Members interconnecting working kits to learn how kits can work together to improve the operation of their model railway.

*Additionally, specialist workshops are run on an occasional basis. Most recent subjects have been:*

- Introduction to Arduino
- Building a CANMIO Kit.
- Configuring CBUS using FCU.

## Joining the Warwickshire, North Oxfordshire Group

To attend a Warwickshire, North Oxfordshire MERG Area Group Meeting, whether in normal times or the virtual meetings, you must be a MERG member.

[First Join MERG here](#)



Once you have signed up, make sure you join the Warwickshire, North Oxfordshire Area Group.

[Join the WNO Area Group](#)

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

## Exhibitions



The WNO Area Group actively support the **Leamington & Warwick Model Railway Society Show** which is normally scheduled for Saturday and Sunday of the first weekend in March.

The LWMRS Board have not yet made the decision to host an exhibition in 2022. Even if social distancing rules are relaxed there is no guarantee that visitor numbers will have recovered to pre Covid-19 levels to make the Society Exhibition viable.

Latest News at - [www.lwmrs.co.uk](http://www.lwmrs.co.uk) or Contact Exhibition Manager - Email - [exhibition@lwmrs.co.uk](mailto:exhibition@lwmrs.co.uk)

## Meeting Schedule



**You will need to opt into the Warwickshire, North Oxfordshire Area Group to ensure an emailed invite to any of the following meetings**

Date	Event	Description	Location	Link
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## Past Meetings

Recent meetings include: -

Date	Event	Description	Location	Link
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## Past Activities of the Group



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