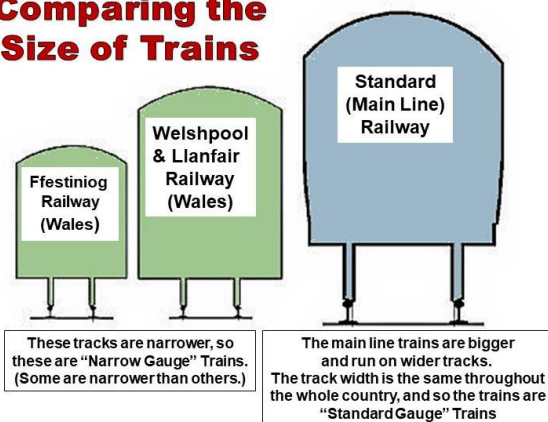


SIZE & SCALE

A comparison between the full-size versions of one of our little engines and a 'normal' steam engine:



Comparing the Size of Trains



Our garden layout has two main running tracks modelling narrow gauge railways. The lower level gives our locos a good run round a 100-yard loop, laid in 32mm gauge rail. We are currently redesigning our upper level, and when complete later in 2022, will have a loop of 32mm gauge track, plus another loop of 45mm gauge. The wider, 45mm gauge track can be powered to enable those with the popular LGB trains to run when they are track-powered, rather than battery-powered.

Find out More



We're more than happy to answer any questions, but if you want to know more, why not take a look at our website, or look at our Facebook page:

<http://bgra.16mm.org.uk/>

www.facebook.com/ButterleyGardenRailway

Come and Join Us!

Garden Railway is like any other hobby, and we get most out of it by meeting with like-minded others. So consider joining us. Club members meet here most weekends, especially Sundays (though we can't guarantee it!) and from about 11.00am on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month during the summer. We gain information, encouragement and advice from each other. There are also occasional social events. As Members, you can use our track at any time you wish, and gain access to our clubhouse with its drink-making facilities.

Annual subscription rate is: £25

In addition, there is a one-off

key charge of £5

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REAL SMOKE & REAL STEAM

Yes, many of our model engines work by steam, produced by burning methylated spirits, or often by gas burners, or sometimes by a small coal-fire, just like the real thing!

A lot of people have had a model railway of some kind – mostly one of the small-scale *Hornby*-type trains, but there's a special attraction of seeing large-scale trains, pulled by real steam engines.

Of course, not everyone wants their engines hot and oily, and so many have diesel-type trains (actually battery-powered).



CONTROLLING OUR TRAINS



Some of our models are operated manually, which means we have to be near the locomotive to adjust a control, or add gas or water etc. However, many of our models have radio control, which can start, stop and control the speed of our trains (though we still have to add water or gas manually, if they are live steam models).

What happens when it rains? Do we take everything indoors?

No, we are a **Garden Railway** club and our track stays outside no matter what the weather. Whilst our trains can be run in rain (and snow), we would not leave them out. Some garden railways run at ground level, and some are just railway tracks on waist-level boards, with no scenery. Our railway runs in a **garden**, to represent the countryside through which the real thing would run. We have a Garden Manager to make sure we don't allow the garden to grow untidy and choose plants and shrubs that don't grow too big.

