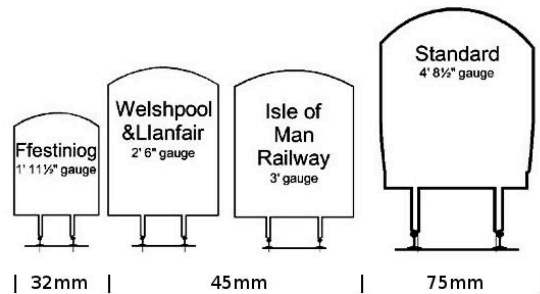


Size & Scale

Our trains are models of those that run on narrow gauge (width) track. They vary in size but are generally much smaller.



Questions

Please do feel free to come and ask questions and find answers by chatting to members running on the railway. We are always happy to help.

Find out more

You can also find more information on our website which has links to our social media.

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



Membership

Benefits

Being a member of our association has many benefits, as well as somewhere to run trains, it's being part of a bigger social group, we share information, help with projects, future ideas and get experienced advice.

A club room to sit, make a drink, and socialise and access to the track at anytime. So why not come and join us we get the most out of it by being with like-minded others.

We meet on Sundays, every other Wednesday, but some midweek evening runs occur in the summer as well as special events.

Subscription.

Annual Subscription is £27, in addition there is a one off £5 key charge.

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Butterley Garden Railway Association

A model railway that runs round a beautiful garden. Locomotives are operated by steam, fired from gas, real coal and methylated sprit, but also battery and AC power.

What is a Garden Railway?

A lot of people have owned or know people that have had a model railway, most commonly 'Hornby' but in recent years different models and sizes have become common place. There is however a special attraction in the larger scale model trains like ours that can be pulled by real steam locomotives, and in a garden.



Of course not everyone wants to run steam locos, we have members that also run locomotives that represent diesel types seen on narrow gauge railways, these are actually battery powered. We have both 32mm and 45mm gauge track for our members to run trains with locomotives carriages and wagons.

Our Garden

Our track remains in place outside no matter what the weather, as our name implies, we are a **Garden Railway**.



Our trains can be run in rain and even some snow, but we would never leave them out. Some garden railways run at ground level, some raised, or at waist level like ours.

Our railway runs in a garden to represent the countryside through which the real thing would run. We have a Garden Manager who oversees all the plants and shrubs, and we all support with gardening tasks to ensure the garden does not grow untidy, and we choose plants and shrubs that do not grow too big. We run trains all through the year, so plants are selected to provide foliage throughout the seasons.

The Track

Lower Level

Our trains get a good run on a large 100yd / 91.5m loop laid in 32mm gauge, and steam (Gas, Coal and Methylated spirit) and diesel (battery) trains can be run.

Upper Level

An inner loop is 32mm gauge rail, the same as the lower loop. The outer loop is 45mm gauge rail, and can also be powered to enable the popular LGB train to be run.

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).

Modern Technology now allows small locos to be controlled via our mobile phones. Every member has their own preferred choice of operating our many different trains.