

Dear Member,

WEST WYCOMBE 00 PROJECT December 2022

Since the update in August there has been further good progress on the West Wycombe 00-gauge layout – see below. If any members wish to join in and help with this great project now would be a good time. Just contact the team or come along on Mondays and/or Wednesdays.

Progress to date

- legs and braces cut and assembled
- the legs slot into pockets on the underside of the boards and are held in place with a split-pin mechanism
- boards 2 to 5 of the fiddle yard (see diagram below) are erected and levelled in the club room behind the Cariboo layout.
- wiring colour 'scheme' designed
- track laid and screwed down
- holes drilled for point motor tie bars
- copper clad strips fitted and track soldered down
- droppers for copper clad mostly fitted and soldered
- droppers for points fitted and soldered
- trestles built to enable boards to be turned on their sides for underside work



Board Numbering						
		<u>Fiddle yard</u>				
	2	3	4	5	6	7
	1					8 <u>Hinged hatch</u>
	14	13	12	11	10	9
		<u>Scenic</u>				

Next steps Winter 2023

- Reposition the holes for the connecting plugs & sockets in sides of boards
- fit protective plywood barrier on the inside of fiddle yard boards as track is close to the edge
- build the wooden separators for stacking the fiddle yard when not in use and for transportation
- connect up DCC bus
- fit point motors and control gear

Slightly further ahead

- build the 'gate' at the right-hand end of the layout
- build the front left corner board which has more complex land levels to contend with
- stack the completed fiddle yard and start erecting the scenic section



Research

- Our photo collection and records of locos, trains and the immediate vicinity of West Wycombe station continues to expand, alongside contact with former BR staff, trainspotters etc from the 1955-65 period.
- a folding display stand is in place next to West Wycombe in the clubroom
- various information posters on display capture this research element of the project
- logos for The High Wycombe Community Board who are providing funding are on display
- we are installing a monitor so that information and photos can be projected from a laptop

Do talk to Tony, Giles or Francis on Monday or Wednesday evenings if you would like be part of this exciting club project.