

Ffuglen Station, Ffestiniog Railway

SM32 – Battery Powered

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Some narrow gauge enthusiasts may be wondering where Ffuglen Station is actually located on the Ffestiniog Railway. A Welsh-English dictionary should clarify. Ffuglen means "*fictional; invented*" as in "*an imaginative creation or a pretence that does not represent actuality, but has been invented*".

All the rolling stock is modelled from the Ffestiniog and Welsh Highland Railway. Very short trains have to be run as, it should be remembered, an average Ffestiniog train is over 16' long in this scale.

16mm scale on 32mm gauge track (2 foot narrow gauge) is normally considered more suitable running outside in the garden. This layout tries to show that 16mm modelling can also be taken indoors. All the working locomotives are battery powered, with no electricity through the rails. There is also an "Inglenook" shunting puzzle and the public can operate many special scenic effects.

16mm scale narrow gauge is for everyone - not just the rich. Of course it's possible to buy a ready-to-run steam loco for over a few thousand pounds, but it's also possible to make yourself a small battery operated loco for under five pounds - and that includes the batteries.

The operators of the layout all have their own garden line and so will only be too glad to answer questions and offer advice. You can also ask for a leaflet on the 16mm Narrow Gauge Modellers' Association. Membership not only puts you in touch with fellow minded railway buffs at various national events, it also provides valuable information to get you started.

Again, ask for details or visit us at www.timpdon.co.uk

- Scale:** 16mm/ft
- Gauge:** 32mm
- Dimensions:** 14' x 5'6" (including operator's area)
- Viewing:** Viewing is along one side (the longest). We have no objections to the sides being open if located on a corner, etc.
- Barriers:** There are buttons on the front of the layout for the public to press. We do not require barriers – but will not refuse them (as long as the public can reach the buttons).
- Live Steam:** There will be no live steam on the layout. All locomotives are battery powered.
- Electricity:** The layout requires mains supply for lighting and scenic special effects. One socket is adequate as the current is very low.
- Insurance** The layout and rolling stock (not the locomotives) are to be insured by the exhibition organisers at £1,000.
The locomotives are insured for theft and damage by the owner.
The event organisers should insure against public liability.
- Expenses:** The layout is transported within the owner's vehicle.
Reimbursement of fuel costs are required. A receipt will be provided for the journey to the exhibition. The return fuel costs will be estimated.
The layout needs one or two operators (number to be confirmed prior to event).
Accommodation must be provided for exhibitions beyond reasonable commuting distance.
We suggest an additional £10 per day voluntary contribution towards 'incidental expenses', covering consumables (batteries, bulbs, wear and tear, etc).
All expenses must be settled in full during the exhibition (and not several months later as was once the case). After all, we're only requesting reimbursement of our out-of-pocket expenses and not making a profit.

