

# Christchurch Model Railway Exhibition Society

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The year has started, the committee has meet and already applications are rolling in for the 2023 exhibitions. At our first committee meeting we asked the normal questions of things we did right and things we did wrong last year. Over all we were pleased with our outcomes. After two cancellations we were concerned that we may well have been forgotten and with a change of venue, what would our numbers be? The results were obvious to anyone who attended. Even with the increase in door prices there was an increase of attendance. The change of venue also acted to our advantage with stadium hire less than previous and greater parking facilities. These positive results make it hard for us to improve but do not deter us from trying.

Firstly, the overall appearance of the show was excellent. Layouts where beautifully presented and our concern about spacing did not happen. This did not happen by accident. A lot of effort was put into floor design to accommodate everybody. We therefore ask you consider size of layouts as you strive to make improvements in readiness for this years show. Because of fixed wall space for stalls we also ask that vendors understand our problem of fitting you all in. You are very important to us and we will do everything possible to fit you in. We therefore ask that you get your bookings in as soon as possible to allow us to fit everybody in.

So how can we build on what we achieved last year? This year we would like to introduce a display of static model railway models.

Buildings you have made for your own layout, structures like bridges and your favorite locomotive. We are not considering this to be a competition of any sort but rather an opportunity to show the public the great variety of skills in the hobby. We should be able to show that this is a hobby not limited by skill or age but one that provides lifelong pleasure. This is an opportunity for those who do not have a layout to show be more actively involved.

One of our most difficult tasks is finding people to help with advertising, setting up, staffing, ticket sale and door management. If you can help in any way with these activities, please contact us. The more we advertise the more we make so thanks for any help you can give us.

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