

## **EXHIBITION INFORMATION**

Name of Layout **Launceston Steam Railway**

Gauge: **9mm**

Scale: **4mm to 1 foot  
(009 Narrow Gauge)**

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Layout details: **Layout size is 12ft by 6ft in an L-shape – includes operating space at rear. (see plan overleaf)**

**The layout is free-standing with its own lighting.**

**Number of operators: 2 (or 3 for a large exhibition)**

**Insurance value : £4000**

**Power supply : 1 x 13amp socket (approximately 125 Watts)**

Travelling expenses: **Cost of diesel for a return trip from Shepton Mallet to exhibition venue. (If 3 operators – fuel for an extra car)**

Overnight accommodation **(if required) for two (or three) operators.**

Parking **Space required for one estate car (Space for 2 cars if 3 operators)**



Each baseboard measures 4ft by 2ft



Depth 6ft – including operating space  
Length of 'frontage' – 12 feet.

Operating space



The layout is designed to be viewed from this side only, but could also be viewed from the left side if the plan of the exhibition hall made this possible.

### Launceston Steam Railway (009)

The full-size Launceston Steam Railway in Cornwall is a delightful 2ft gauge line built, owned and operated by Nigel and Kay Bowman. Nigel and Kay have been extremely helpful allowing Richard generous access to the station site to take measurements and photos in preparation for the building of the layout and rolling stock. At Launceston there are four Quarry Hunslet locos – LILIAN, COVERTCOAT, VELINHELI and DOROTHEA. The four model steam locos have been built by adapting kits produced by Brian Madge. The electric motors are hidden inside the boiler/tank assemblies and the drive is by a rubber belt housed inside the firebox. This method of driving small chassis was developed by Nigel Lawton. The tenders for "LILIAN" and "COVERTCOAT" have been scratch-built in brass. Two coaches have been adapted from brass etches supplied by Allen Docherty of Worsley Works.

Another has been built using some of the parts from a kit supplied by Parkside Dundas with added scratch-built parts. The fourth coach has been adapted from a 3D printed Isle of Man carriage supplied by CWR Railways. Other items of rolling stock have been built from kits, including special members' kits supplied by the 009 Society. Track-work is by Peco and SEEP point motors were originally used throughout. However, most of the point motors have now been upgraded and Cobalt iP motors are now installed. Greenwich couplings have been added to all the stock, and automatic uncoupling has been achieved by using electromagnets supplied by Gaugemaster and mounted below the baseboards. The buildings have all been scratch-built using card, foamboard, plastic and Redutex sheets. A wide variety of ground cover and foliage has been used to create the scene, including items from Green Scene, Woodland Scenics, Noch, and Polak.

**LAUNCESTON' was awarded the David Glascott Trophy at the Warley National Model Railway Exhibition at the NEC in November 2017 for the 'Best Narrow Gauge Layout'. Launceston was also voted 'Best in Show' by the visitors who attended the East Anglian Model Railway Exhibition near Huntingdon over the weekend 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> March 2018, and the Mark Howe Award for the Best in Show at the Beds & Bucks NG Modellers' Open Day in May 2018. In September 2018 The layout was awarded The Derek Briars Memorial Shield for the best layout at the Weston-super-Mare Model Train Show, and in December 2018 the layout was voted 'Best in Show' at the Letchworth Model Railway Exhibition.**



Photos and a video of LAUNCESTON, and Richard's other exhibition layouts, can be found on the website :  
<http://richardholder.org.uk/>

Richard is a member of [The 009 Society](http://www.009society.com), the world's largest small scale narrow gauge modelling group.  
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