

**“Paddock Hill” - British N Gauge Layout by Dave Benham  
Berkshire Area Group N Gauge Society**

"Paddock Hill is a layout that (almost) never left home. We persuaded Dave to bring it out for our Open Day in 2006, and the experience led him to undertake some changes to make it easier to repeat that. Ill health meant that progress was slow. The layout was donated to the Berkshire Area Group by Dave's family after he passed away, and is exhibited in his memory.

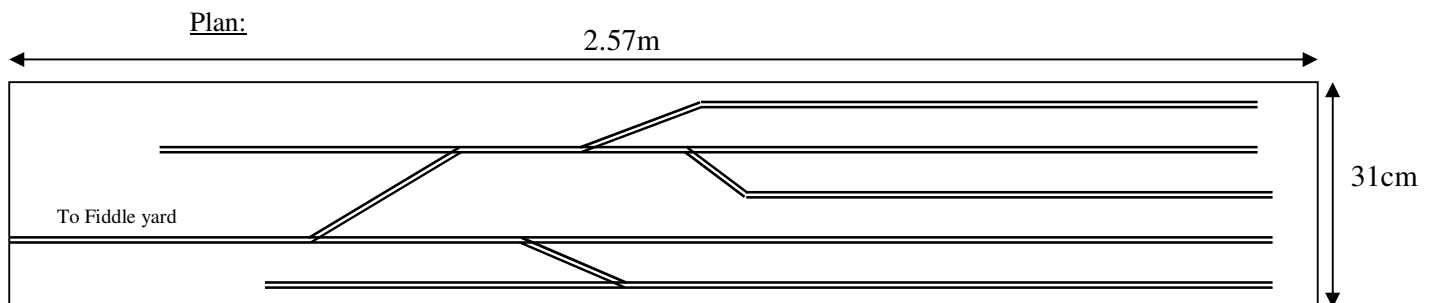
We have only updated the wiring to make it more robust for use on the exhibition circuit and finished some minor scenic details; other than that it is as Dave built it and, we hope, as he intended it.

The scene is set in the West Midlands; the present station dates from the 1960s when the original station and track bed gave way to the new ring road. A land-fill site nearby receives spoil and household waste carried in “binliner” trains. Dave made the masters for the “binliner” containers, and cast them himself.

We aim to run stock from the 60's to the present date, allowing a good range of stock to be viewed. Apart from the “binliners” which come from Dave's collection and are now owned by the club, we run an eclectic mix of stock owned by club members that might have visited the area. Dave was never a purist, and we know he would have approved.

Future plans for the layout are to develop a bigger fiddle yard, to cope better with the more intensive service that its new life on the exhibition circuit demands. We also know that Dave had planned an extension beyond the station throat, which we hope to complete for him if we can.

Size: 3.5m X 31cm + 1m behind for the operators



Requirements:

Power requirements: 1 X Mains socket

Operators: 3

Transport: 1 Car

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