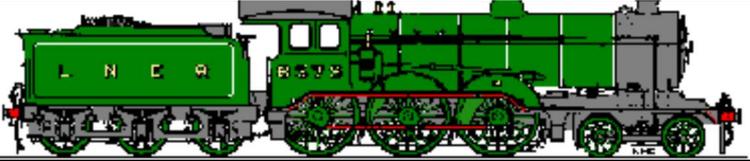


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Description

Hunters Drove was the last layout built by the late Gerry Greenwood who was president of the Colchester & District MRC and a familiar face at exhibitions around East Anglia. Hed was always happy to talk about his models and the LNER but left most of the operating to two club members, Adrian Tatum and Alan Pittard. Hunters Drove was the last layout he built, it was found in a poor state of repair partly dismantled in a damp garage.

Gerry never kept a layout too long, he would dismantle it and move on to the next one, so we were surprised to find Hunters Drove tatty but still fairly complete. His daughter Susan kindly gave the layout to the club so that we could restore it and exhibit it again.

Although the track was still intact much of the scenery was in a poor state and many of the buildings were missing. Most of the missing buildings were found in various boxes of bits and pieces that came with the layout and by studying photographs of the layout, were repaired and put back in place. One of the larger missing buildings, the gas works, was found by Kim at Mankim Models, he had bought it from Gerry for use on his own layout. Kim donated this and two large greenhouses (possibly also the originals off the layout) to the project. The original church tower was missing but a replacement has been made by club member Mick Allen, to match the original as closely as possible. Most of Gerry's original stock is still being run on Hunters Drove. Odd items from the layout still turn up, Ken at John Dutfield model railway shop recently donated a carriage that was from Gerry's collection.

Here is how Gerry described Hunters Drove when he first exhibited the layout.

"It has for some time been my intention to build a layout that incorporates the type of scenery typical of the Stour Valley on the Essex/Suffolk border.

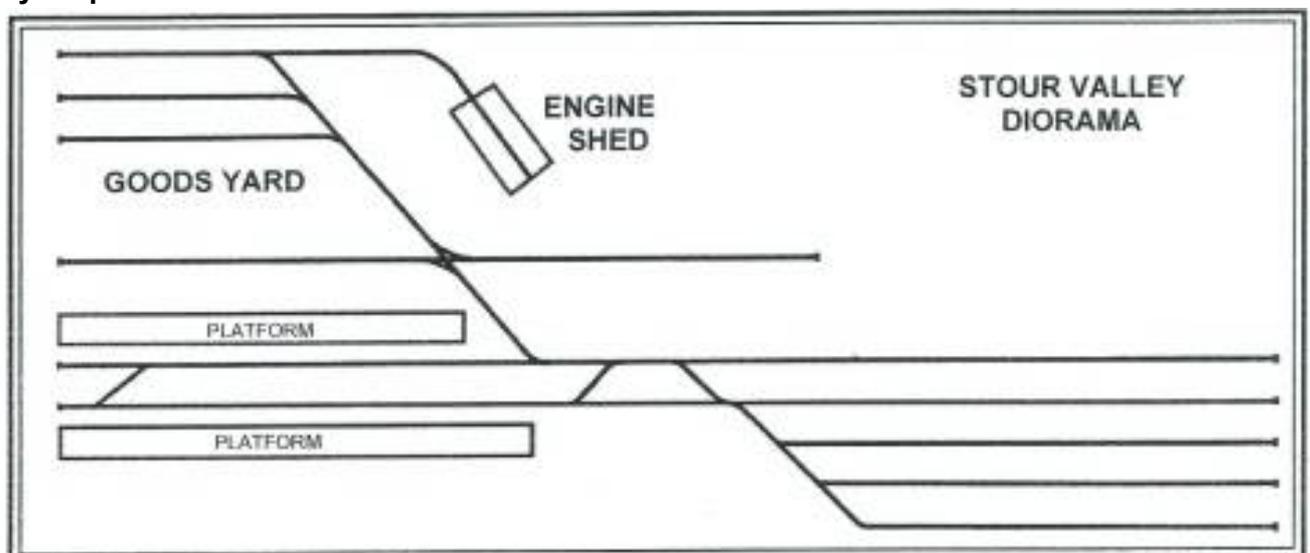
The layout falls into two parts. Firstly, we have a typical Great Eastern terminal station, with the buildings based on Lavenham and Thaxted, and secondly a diorama of a rural Stour Valley Scene.

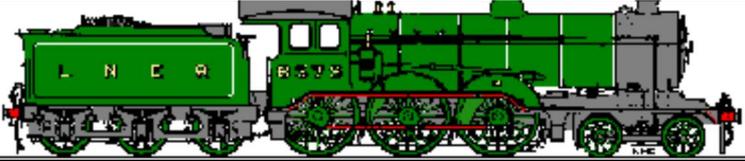
All the buildings on the layout are scratch built, and the rolling stock is also scratch built or severely modified to suit the prototype."

Layout plan

8 foot

2 foot



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Size	
Exact size of baseboard. - Maximum length (Diameter)	8 ' 2"
Exact size of baseboard. -Maximum width	2' 2"
Where is the fiddle yard from viewing side	Left hand side
Requirements	
Steel Barriers	If possible
Stock table	1
Chairs for operators	2
Power requirements	One mains socket, 0.5 A current draw maximum
Layout summary	
Prototype	Essex Suffolk border
Period	1946
Gauge	Standard Gauge
Scale	N gauge
Insurance Value	£1000 inc stock
Exhibition Information	
Number of operators	
For a 1 day show	3
For a 2 day show	3
Access	
Transport	1 car

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