



The  
Cheltenham  
Society  
of  
Model  
Engineers

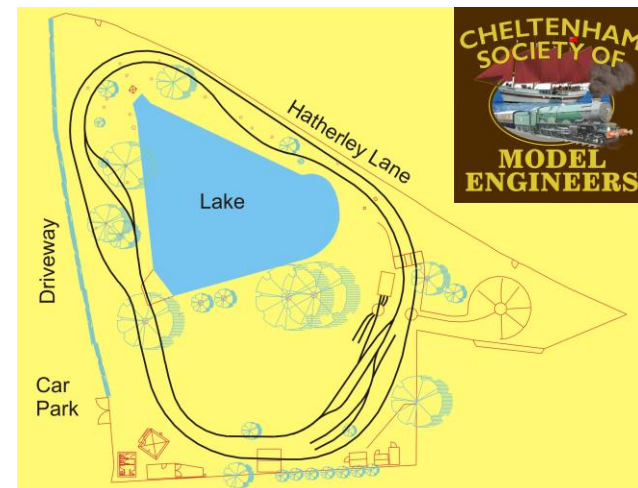
We are a friendly group of like-minded Model Engineers, who have interests in railways, trains, locomotives, boats or basically anything in the Model Engineering field.

Weather permitting, we meet on a regular basis; on Sunday mornings (throughout the year) and Monday evenings (April thru' September only) at the Society ground in Hatherley Lane, Cheltenham.

The Society ground is also open to the general public on several Sunday afternoons between May and October. A garden atmosphere prevails, with train rides, boating displays and a seemingly endless supply of refreshments, delightfully dispensed by the ladies in the canteen.

Full details on the CSME, plus up to date information on open afternoons may be found on the Society website:

[www.cheltsme.org.uk](http://www.cheltsme.org.uk)



Applications for membership are welcome from anyone aged 12 years or over. (Interested parties below this age should have a parent join.)

*The CSME is a Health & Safety conscious society*





If you're interested in becoming a member please come along to any meeting, or e-mail the Society at:

[enquiry@cheltsme.org.uk](mailto:enquiry@cheltsme.org.uk)



The Cheltenham Society of Model Engineers (CSME) was founded in 1938.

From those humble beginnings, with much member enthusiasm, the CSME has grown steadily over the years. In 1999 the Society took the opportunity to purchase the Society ground and for the new millennium it is now held freehold by the Society for all members - present and future.

The present multi-gauge 'elevated' railway track was completed in 1982 and is the third such construction since the Society occupied the site. The elevated railway can accommodate 2½", 3½" and 5" gauge locomotives and rolling stock.

In the mid-1990's construction was started on a 'ground level' railway track for 5" and 7¼" gauge locomotives and there is now a complete ground level railway within the existing elevated railway. However, owing to track radius limitations plus existing facilities/obstacles only short wheelbase 7¼" gauge locomotives can be accommodated. The ground level railway includes passing loops, sidings and a turntable which leads to a three-road carriage shed. Much fun can be enjoyed when doing real 'railroading'.

The elevated railway also has an imposing GWR style Station at 'Hatherley'. This was completed in 1988 and opened during the Society's Golden Jubilee celebrations.

The Society boasts a fine lake which exists as a splendid facility for the boating members. It even has a working Lighthouse and water feature!

After steaming an engine, or sailing a boat, one can make use of the Society Canteen which is equipped for the making of tea/coffee etc and also has limited cooking facilities. In addition, the Society has Ladies' and Gents' toilets.

Together the lake and grounds offer interest for all, including those with nature conservation in mind. Fish and Wildlife abound and all in protected sylvan surroundings.