

NORTHAMPTON SOCIETY OF MODEL ENGINEERS LTD

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name..... (block letters please)

Address.....

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Tel No..... Mobile No.....

E-mail.....

Are you prepared to receive Society communication by e-mail? Yes/No

Occupation.....Date of Birth.....

What models do you own or are building?.....

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I agree to abide by the rules of the Society and enclose a subscription payment plus £2 to cover the joining fee and share certificates (£1 for Junior Associates as non-shareholders).
Subscriptions are due June 1 each year. Pro-rata per month for part year
Current subscription rates are:-

Full member 18-75	£40.00 (£3.25 per month)
Full member over 75	£30.00 (£2.50 per month)
Student member 18-25	£30.00 (£2.50 per month)
Junior Associate under 18 (Non-Shareholder)	£15.00 (£1.25 per month)

Signature.....

Date.....

Share Certificate No.....

Date issued.....

Information for prospective members

The Society's aims are to;

- bring together persons interested in the construction of models of all kinds
- promote lectures on model engineering and kindred subjects.
- provide facilities for the construction and running of model road and rail locomotives, boats, cars and other models
- attend exhibitions for the purpose of competition with other Clubs and Societies.

The main focus of the Society's equipment at the Delapre site is for 3½", 5" and 7¼" gauge railways. There is also a workshop equipped with a lathe, milling machine, sheet metal guillotine, folding rollers and welding equipment, for use by members.

Membership

Full membership is open to anyone age 18 or over, who has an interest in any of the many fields of model engineering. The interests of our current membership include railway locomotives (steam, petrol or battery powered), clocks, workshop tools, traction, fairground and stationary engines, electronics, boats, the list is extensive!

It is not a requirement to have a fully equipped workshop or even a working model to be a member. There are many everyday tasks that the society needs to undertake to maintain and operate the site, such as painting, grass cutting and gardening, so while you are thinking about, learning the skills or building your model you can contribute to the upkeep of the Society premises.

If your interest is in either 5" or 7¼" gauge railways, the Society has its own locomotives which can be made available for members to learn the skills associated with their safe operation.

Membership for under 18s

The prospective member and their family need to be aware of legislative requirements and insurance company restrictions applicable to anyone under 18 years old.

Consequently membership for under 18s is at the discretion of the Management Committee following discussion with parent(s) or guardian(s) (as appropriate) on the relevant aspects of the Safeguarding of Vulnerable Groups Act, 2006.

We do not have members with Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) clearance for working at our premises with children, and therefore cannot undertake the care or supervision (as defined in the Act) of under 18s. It is our policy (a copy of which is available on request to the Society Secretary) not to undertake any of the regulated activities stipulated in the act.

Secondly, our Insurance Policy restricts those under 16 in regard to their involvement with operating the railway. Driving a locomotive or acting as a guard on a train is restricted to trains carrying society members or the family of the under 16 year old on club running events. Assisting with general duties such as ticket clipping, the turntable or coupling and uncoupling trains at public running events are not age restricted.

Meetings

We meet at the Society's site in Lower Delapre Park, throughout the year, on Sunday mornings from 10.00 to 13.00, and on Tuesdays from 09.30 until 16.00, and from 19.00 to 21.00. The Tuesday daytime meeting is a working session to progress the current development programme. In the May to October period, we open the railways to the public on one day each month, and generally have one club running day or evening each month also. For further information please go to our website at www.nsme.co.uk or speak to a committee member.