# ASTOLAT

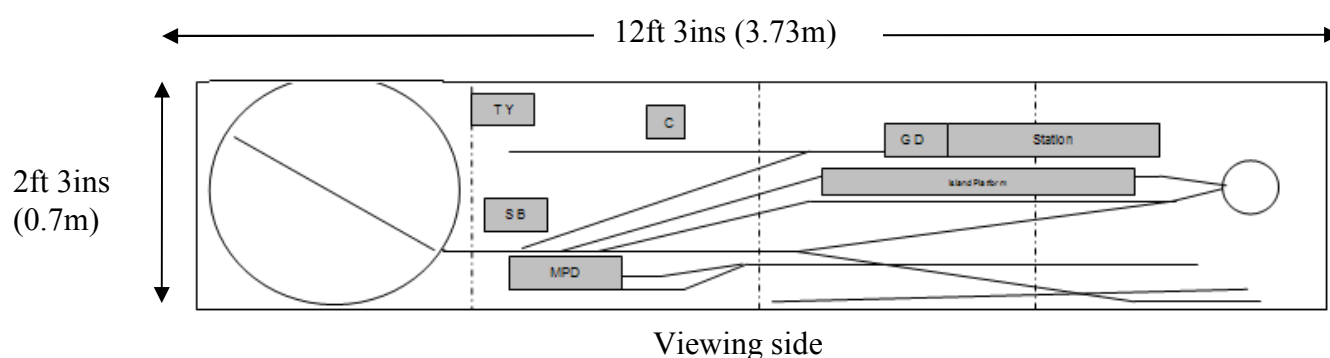**Model Railway Circle**

**Ventnor (00)**

The layout is based on Ventnor station on the Isle of Wight and set in the mid to late 1960s. The line from Shanklin to Ventnor was earmarked for closure in 1966 but considerable money was spent so that it could be used as a test bed for other lines that were marginally profitable. Instead of closing the line, the authorities decided to try 3rd rail electrification running 1938 LT underground stock, and redundant SR EMUs. To this end, the line from Ryde to Ventnor was electrified, a new motive power depot built and tunnels enlarged. As the changes were 'experimental' steam was still in occasional use as is the depot diesel shunter.

Locomotive control is by Digitrax DCC, with conventional DC point control via Cobalt slow action point motors.



12ft 3ins (3.73m)

2ft 3ins (0.7m)

Viewing side

*Key: TY = Timber Yard; C = Crane; SB = Signal Box; MPD = Motive Power Depot; GD = Goods Depot*

## Ownership

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Whilst Ventnor is privately owned it is operated under the guidance of Astolat MRC where the owner is Exhibition Manager. Details about Astolat MRC can be found on the club website www.astolatmrc.co.uk

## The layout

Ventnor is a 00 (4mm) layout based upon Ventnor on the Isle of Wight. It consists of four boards, three scenic and one fiddle yard (360° turntable with four roads).

## Space required

The overall layout is 12ft 3ins long by 27ins wide and is self-supporting. A minimum 3ft operating space is requested. Barriers are not required.

## Chairs and tables

One chair is required and one small table, if possible, for stock

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**Number of operators**
    Normally two

**Power requirements**
    1 x 240v/13A socket

**Value for insurance**
    Layout £3,000
    Stock £1,500 (no one item over £1,000)

**Expenses**
    Expenses are based upon mileage from Woking

**Dietary requirements**
    None, but a regular supply of tea is appreciated

**Photo Gallery**