

Jubilee Layout Challenge

Mark Tatlow introduces the new Society Jubilee Layout Challenge to celebrate upcoming anniversaries...

2026 will mark the 50th anniversary of the creation of the Scalefour Society and the 60th anniversary of the inauguration of the P4 standards. As part of its celebrations to mark these milestones, the Society will be running a layout building challenge to culminate at **Scaleforum** in September 2026.

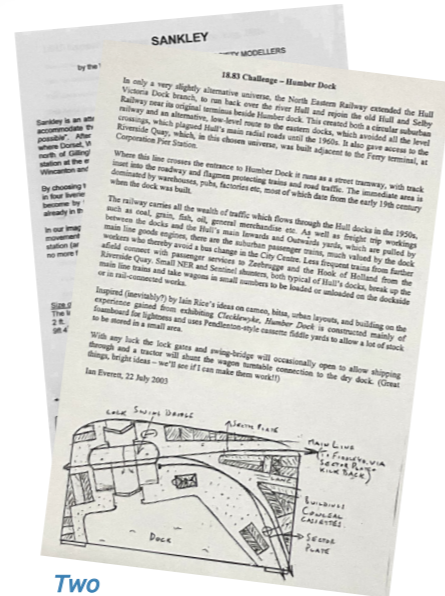
The key criteria for eligible layouts are that they are to be a scenic footprint of not more than 18.83sqft, built to P4/P87 or equivalent standards and only need the expenses of two people to exhibit it. There are no restrictions on era, locale, form of traction, nature of operation



Burttisland - the winner of the 1883 Challenge in 2005.

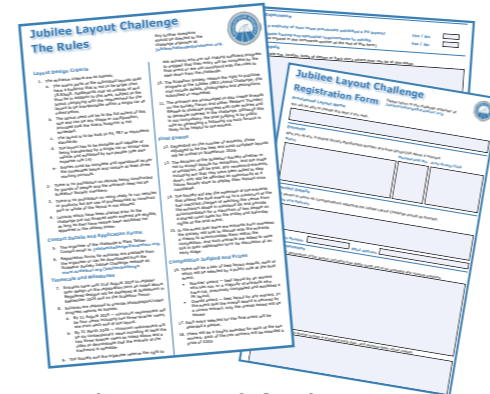


Portchullin - winner of the 2008 Diesel and Electric Layout Challenge.

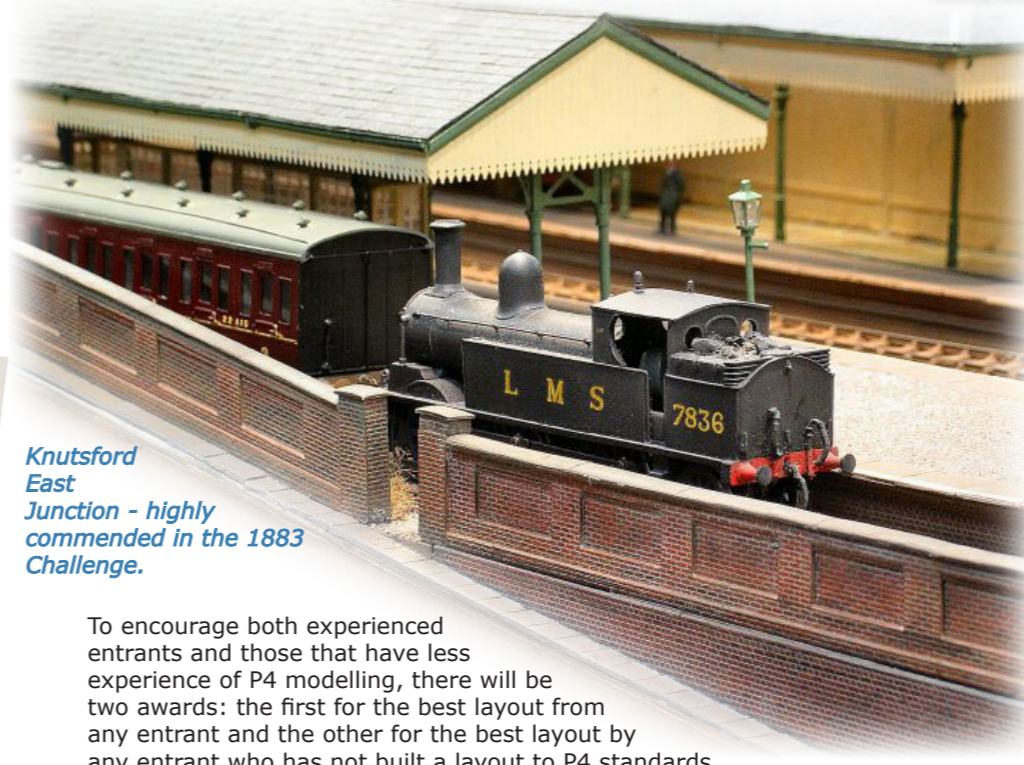


Two of the entrants for the 1883 Challenge in 2004.

Cheddar S&DJR - runner up in the 1883 Challenge.



The paperwork for the Jubilee Layout Challenge.



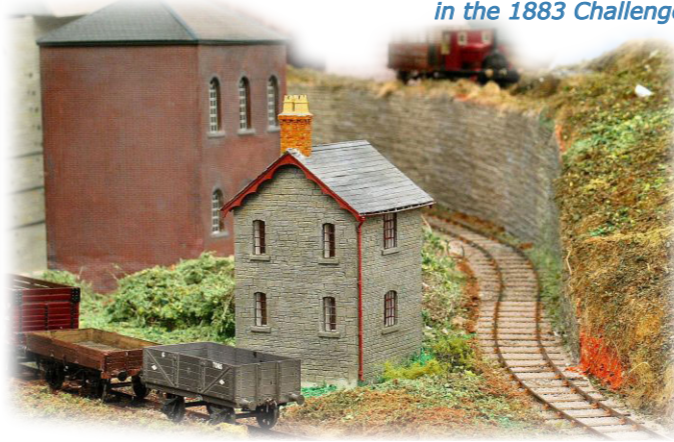
Knutsford East Junction - highly commended in the 1883 Challenge.

To encourage both experienced entrants and those that have less experience of P4 modelling, there will be two awards: the first for the best layout from any entrant and the other for the best layout by any entrant who has not built a layout to P4 standards previously. Each will be awarded a trophy and a prize of £200.

It is intended that the development of layouts being constructed as part of this challenge will be shown by the entrants on the society and other forums, plus within the pages of *Scalefour News* and other magazines.

The Society has organised a number of successful layout building challenges in the past with many of the entrant layouts subsequently becoming well-known on the exhibition circuit, forums and in hobby magazines. This challenge is intended to continue this to expand the number of exhibitable P4 layouts, promote P4 modelling and provide a stimulus to modellers to produce or finish layouts as well as to have some fun along the way!

Lower Soudley - highly commended in the 1883 Challenge.



Wheal Elizabeth - runner up in the 2008 Diesel and Electric Layout Challenge.

Persons or groups who are interested in knowing more about this challenge or submitting an entry should either go to www.scalefour.org/jubileechallenge or contact the organiser at jubileechallenge@scalefour.org



Entrants working hard on Burttisland.

or prototype gauge but the layout must include at least three turnouts.

To stimulate interest in P4 modelling and to allow a wide range of possible participants, the challenge will be open to members of the society, non-members and groups alike. Furthermore, there will be no restriction from using the presently available ready to run P4 locos or the newly introduced British Finescale P4 trackwork.

The winners of the challenge will be determined by a public vote to occur as part of **Scaleforum 2026**.



Humber Dock - another of the entrants in the 1883 Challenge.