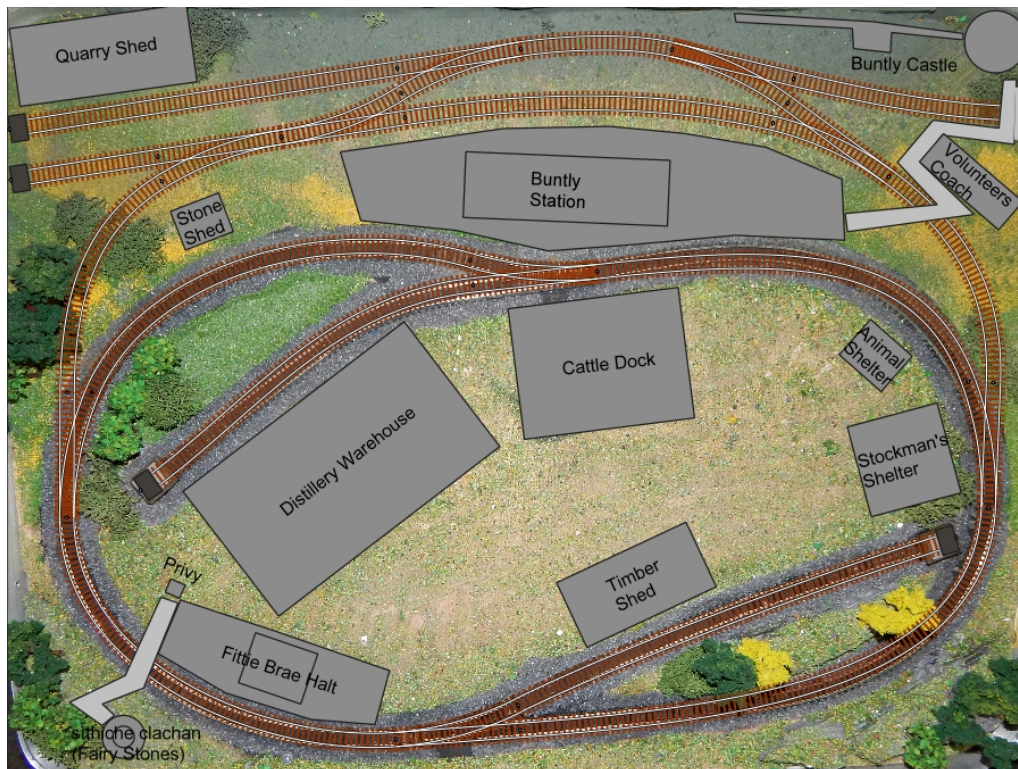


# STRATHBOGLE

Freelance Narrow Gauge: 009/H0e; 4mm/3.5mm to the foot; 1:76/1:87

It is surmised that early in the 1930's somewhere to the northwest of Aberdeen in Scotland there was a narrow gauge railway that serviced a local whisky distillery, a stone quarry and a country estate. It provided transport for livestock, timber and workers and also carried tourists to the historic monument of Buntly Castle and the beauty spot at Fittie Brae. Unfortunately road transport arrived and the railway no longer had a purpose and closed down until it was rescued in the late 1990's. Now it's got a new life as a tourist line serving an industrial museum.

A range of 0-4-0 and 0-6-0 tank and diesel locos have been preserved and are scheduled to operate coaching stock, mineral wagons, whisky crate wagons and other mixed freight including sheep & horses. There are railbuses and specials for the tourists. Most of the rolling stock has been rescued from other railways and so is an eclectic mix with no particular livery.



## The models:

The model locos are from Egger-Bahn, Liliput, Minitrains & Roco plus 3D-printed kits and also brass kits from A1 Models. The kits all run on KATO tram chassis. Coaches and wagons are from Egger-Bahn, Minitrains, PECO & Roco plus some Parkside Dundas & Colin Ashby kits.

Buildings are modified Scalerscenes downloaded printed kits with some Faller and other continental makers' additions. Buntly Castle is from the Medieval Castle kit by Richard Barton (And7Barton).

The layout uses PECO Code 80 Flex and modified ST-5/6 points which are operated by DCC using SEEP motors.

## Operation:

Control is DCC using Hornby Railmaster on a Windows 10 laptop and an eLink interface or, on occasion, with a Hornby Select controller. Points are controlled by Hornby R8247 accessory decoders with SEEP PM2 motors. Most locos are fitted with LaisDCC decoders with "keep alive" capacitors.

The trains in use are selected by a computer program which picks the stock to run, starting point and destination. This results in different and interesting scenarios.

## STRATHBOGLE LOCOS

No.	Type	Name	Colour	Usual Duties	Chassis	DCC Decoder
0	Steam 0-6-2	George	Black	(Dummy*)	Liliput	(None)
1	Steam 0-6-0	Duke	Black	Tourism	Roco	LaisDCC
2	Steam 0-4-0	Mary	Black	Mixed	Egger-Bahn	CT DCX77L
3	3D printed Sentinel-type tram 0-4-0	Peter	Indian Red	Freight	KATO 11-103	LaisDCC + KA
4	Diesel 0-4-0	Bodger	Black & Brown	Maintenance	Egger-Bahn	LaisDCC + KA
5	Steam 0-4-0	Olive	Green	Tourism	Egger-Bahn	LaisDCC
6	Diesel 0-6-0	Megan	Black	Quarrying	Roco	LaisDCC + KA
7	Freelance brass Diesel 0-4-0	Tom	Blue	Distilling	KATO 11-103	LaisDCC + KA
8	Freelance brass Box-cab 0-4-0	Tiggy	Green	Quarrying	KATO 11-103	LaisDCC + KA
9	Freelance brass diesel-electric 0-4-0	Brindi	Red & White	Farming	KATO 11-103	LaisDCC + KA
10	Railbus	Sam	Blue & Cream	Commuting	Egger-Bahn	LaisDCC + KA
11	Freelance Plasticard double-end Bo-Bo	Floss	Green	Mixed	Life Like Bo-Bo	LaisDCC + KA
12	Freelance 3D printed Steam Tram	Rufus	Indian Red	Timber	KATO 11-103	LaisDCC + KA
13	Freelance Shay-type	Ephraim	Black	Freight	Tomy TM-03	LaisDCC
14	Kerr Stuart "Skylark" White Metal body	Skylark	Blue	Tourism	KATO 11-103	LaisDCC + KA
15	Decauville cabless	Steatite	Green	Timber	KATO 11-103	LaisDCC + KA
16	Fiery Elias	Elias	Green	Mixed	KATO 11-103	LaisDCC
17	Centre-cab Diesel	David	Green	Tourism	KATO 11-103	LaisDCC + KA
18	Railcar	Joe	Green	Tourism	KATO 11-105	LaisDCC + KA
19	Open centre-cab Diesel	Kirsty	Red	Mixed	KATO 11-103	LaisDCC + KA

Commercial (Egger-Bahn, Liliput & Roco), 3D-printed & white metal bodied locos were sourced from eBay. Freelance brass kits (7, 8 & 9) are by A1 Models and built by the owner. Freelance Plasticard model railbus (18) was cut on a Silhouette Portrait cutter/plotter using Silhouette Studio software and built by the owner. DCC decoders for 2, 13 & 18 were fitted by Coastal DCC. The rest were fitted by the owner.

Loco 0 (George) never had a motor and is used as a dummy double-header on occasion.

KA = Keep-Alive

**Not all models are shown at every exhibition. Running today are:**

**1, 6, 12, 13 & 18**

**Postscript:**

In case you were wondering, yes, the sheep are a long way from home (they're Suffolks) and they're all named "Dolly"!