



# Bournemouth & District Society of Model Engineers

## Code of Safe Practice

1. All steam locomotives and other models in steam **must** have a current, approved, Boiler Certificate. No model is to be steamed without a current Boiler Certificate, unless undergoing a Boiler Test under the supervision of a Boiler Inspector.
2. No steam locomotive or other model in steam is to be left unattended.
3. All preparation, lighting and disposal of locomotives steam locomotives **must** be carried out **only** in the steaming bays. Drivers of steam locomotives when blowing down the boiler **must** only carry out this operation in the Steaming Bays and **must** warn anybody in the vicinity of their intention to open the blowdown valves..
4. All preparation, fuelling and disposal of locomotives with petrol engines **must** be carried out **only** in the steaming bays and **only** when the engine is cold. If such a locomotive runs out of fuel on the track it **must** be taken back to the steaming bays.
5. All locomotives used by Society Members on the track **must** be fitted with, and use, bar type couplings conforming at least to the dimensions shown in the Recommended Couplings drawing. Coupling pins **must** have a safety latch or pin fitted. Other types of coupling may be used on locomotives owned by visitors to the track, subject to the approval of a Committee Member. The maximum number of carriages permitted on any train, including the one on which the driver is seated, is **two**. All carriages **must** have the removable backrests fitted and the removable infills between the carriages **must** be fitted.
6. All solid fuel fired steam locomotives **must** be fitted with a spark arrester and an ashpan with a bottom plate capable of retaining all ash and cinders from the fire.
7. All locomotives or Drivers **must** carry a working audible warning device.
8. The Driver of any train carrying members of the public, whether fare paying or not, shall be over the age of sixteen years and a Member of the Society or a member of another model engineering society.
9. A Member of the Society under the age of sixteen years may drive a train carrying Members of the Society, members of his/her own family or members of other model engineering societies provided that he/she is supervised at all times by a Member of the Society over the age of sixteen years riding on the train. A Member of the Society over the age of fourteen years may drive an electric locomotive provided that no passengers are carried on the train.
10. A person who is not a Member of the Society may, with permission, drive a locomotive owned by a Member of the Society provided that he/she is supervised at all times by the owner of the locomotive or by a Member of the Society over the age of eighteen riding on the train. Such trains may carry as passengers only Members of the Society and members of other model engineering societies.
11. The Driver, or if he/she is being supervised the supervisor, of a train is solely responsible for its safe operation.
12. All trains **must** be fitted with brakes adequate for the load carried.
13. Where a train is composed of more than the locomotive and the vehicle on which the Driver is riding, and if any other person is carried, save on the vehicle on which the Driver is riding, a Guard shall ride at the rear of the train and be in a position to be able to operate the train's brakes as necessary. The Guard **must** be a Member of the Society.
14. It is the responsibility of the Driver of any train having used the Bendy Beam to ensure that it is locked in the normal running position (main line connected and the spurs away from the main line) and that he/she informs the Driver of any other train running when he/she intends to leave the track and before operating the Bendy Beam.
15. The signals **must** be in place and confirmed to be working, all safety signage **must** be in place, the track inspected and the track Inspection Log Sheet signed before any train is allowed to run.
16. All Drivers, Guards and Passengers **must** sit astride the driving/riding trolleys, facing in a forward direction.
17. All Drivers **must** obey any Speed Restrictions, permanent or temporary. Extra care **must** be taken in the Station Area including the Bendy Beam.
18. The Gate prohibiting access to the Steaming Bays **must** be in place at the start of any operating session.
19. The Bendy Beam, Steaming Bay Traverser and any removable track section **must** be locked in place before any movement is made over them.
20. Extra care **must** be taken when driving any motor vehicle on the Littledown site and when exiting onto the road.
21. If requested, any Member of the Society **must** agree to participate in the Society's Assessment Procedure.

This document has been agreed by the Committee to be relevant and current to the activities of the Society, and is hereby signed by the Safety Officer.

Signed .....

Name .....

Date .....