

Press release – York Show 2021 & 2022

The show will go on... just not in 2021.

It is with sadness that the organisers of one of the country's largest, and longest standing, model railway shows, The York Model Railway Show, has been cancelled in 2021 due to the ongoing Covid pandemic.

Held at Easter each year, the Show normally attracts more than 7,000 visitors each year, and with around 130 trade stands, exhibitors, society stands, normally makes the Racecourse venue in York a busy venue for each of the three days of the show.

Recognising the ongoing situation, Mal Scrimshaw, Show Manager, explained some of the reasons for the early decision. "We know that we have a hugely popular and busy show each year, but with many of us in the hobby having been touched by Covid in some way, we have regrettably had to take the decision to cancel next year's show.

"We know that many people look forward to the show, and it marks a point in the year where they meet friends and family, both inside and outside of the hobby. But until this virus is under control and we can all lead lives a little closer to normal, meet friends and be part of crowds, the only responsible decision is to cancel to preserve the show for future years."

Work is already starting on the planning for the 2022 show at Easter on 16-18 April.

If you have bought advance tickets for the 2020 or 2021 show, these will still be valid for the 2022 Show. However, should you wish to receive a refund, organisers of the show are sorting out a practical way. Details of how to apply for a refund will be published on the website in the coming months.

"We are incredibly sad to have cancelled both the 2020 and 2021 shows," continued Mal. "A lot of work goes on behind the scenes to put shows like this on, all done with the good will of a fantastic group of volunteers. We know it is frustrating for all concerned, but we have received lots of messages of support for the decision already.

"I hope that you are still enjoying the hobby and creating wonderful models. I'd like to take the time to wish you all the very best for 2021 and I look forward to seeing you all at the Show in 2022."

For details about the York Model Railway Show, visit www.yorkshow.org.uk.