



## **TUCKING MILL**

### **North Somerset light Railway**

The North Somerset Light Railway was opened under the auspices of the Light Railway Act in 1905 to serve the coal mines of the Cam Valley, its route for the most part following that of the Somerset Coal Canal. The eastern terminus, set in the beautiful Horsecombe Vale, served the tiny hamlet of Tucking Mill.

The former flock mill, adjacent to the rapidly silting up canal, now served the Fullers Earth works whose products were sent out all over the country. Timber, for use in the local collieries, was also despatched from the station.

The gated private siding led to a wharf where high quality oolitic limestone was loaded, being brought down by tramway from the quarries on Combe Down. Bath stone for buildings was in great demand in London and elsewhere.

The model sets out to depict the station as it might have looked in the 1920s. Freight receipts are just about sufficient to keep the railway in profit although the meagre passenger service is hanging on by its fingernails. It is built to the finescale standards of the 2mm scale Association with almost everything being either kit or scratchbuilt. If you have any questions about the layout or 2mm modelling in general then please don't hesitate to ask.

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