

## **PRESS RELEASE – For immediate publication**

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### **Historic Furness Railway train models to be on display at Kendal Model Railway Exhibition**

“The Furness – in red, white and blue – at Grange”, as the poet Gilbert Thomas recalled, has passed into history. However, its engines, carriages and wagons were faithfully and painstakingly recreated, over a period of 18 years, by Ross Pochin & Bill Shillcock - pioneer members of the Manchester Model Railway Club.

These exact scale model replicas of the heyday of the Furness Railway - four locomotives, five carriages and several wagons - will be on display to the public on **Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th January 2018 at the Kendal Model Railway Exhibition, Kendal Leisure Centre, Burton Road, Kendal, Cumbria LA9 7HX**, on the Cumbrian Railways Association stand.

Ross and Bill were pioneers in introducing 4 mm scale models which were all “scratch-built”, even down to the wheels themselves on the early model engines. They won many awards at the annual Manchester model railway exhibition competitions of the day.

In 2008 their collection was purchased by the Cumbrian Railways Association, and has now been displayed regularly at exhibitions throughout the North of England.

Philip Tuer, modelling coordinator and Chairman of the Cumbrian Railways Association said: “The standard of modelling is of the highest level and even today they are as good as, if not better than those current mainstream manufacturers are producing”.

**The Exhibition is open Saturday from 10am to 5pm and Sunday 10am to 4.30pm. Adults £6, Children (6 -16) £3. Children under 5 go free. Family tickets and concessions available.**

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#### **Notes for editors**

*The Cumbrian Railways Association is an educational charity founded in 1976 to promote interest in and knowledge of the very varied railway history of the county of Cumbria. The Association holds two conferences a year in the county for its members, complemented by a programme of outdoor visits. Membership currently numbers over 460, UK and world-wide*

*More information about the Association can be found on our website at [www.cumbrianrailways.org.uk](http://www.cumbrianrailways.org.uk) or please contact: Don Jary, CRA Publicity Officer at [publicity@cumbrianrailways.org.uk](mailto:publicity@cumbrianrailways.org.uk)*

