

## **Press Release - York Show Cancellation – 2022**

It is with deep regret that the directors of York Model Railway Show Ltd have been forced to announce the cancellation of the 2022 Show.

Although lingering Covid hesitancy has been a factor in our decision the primary reason is that because of a number of circumstances, account validation processes have still not been completed by our bank. This problem has affected much of the “not for profit” sector including many clubs, societies and preservation organisations and has been widely covered in the national press.

Unfortunately, this has meant that we could not guarantee that key deposits to secure assets and infrastructure, such as the hotels, would have been able to be paid in time.

We have been assured that the accounts will be up an running “soon”, but without a firm commitment to the account status and timeline, we feel that to keep local businesses, on which we rely, on hold any further would be not only unfair, but irresponsible.

A lot of hard work has gone into creating the show in the background, and we are thankful for everyone that has continued to offer support to the show, whether as a volunteer, trade support, offers of layouts and much, much more.

We expect to return at “full steam” in 2023 for which planning has already begun and we look forward to discussing our plans with the hobby throughout the remainder of this year.

**Advance tickets:** Existing, unused, Advance tickets will be honoured in 2023; a further announcement will be made in due course regarding a process for issuing requests for refunds for any Advance tickets currently held.

York Show Directors – 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022