



## Layout Information Sheet

Layout Name : Bere Banks

Scale : 4mm

Gauge: 16.5mm

Era : 1970s

Size : 18' x 8'

Description : Bere Banks is based on the small country station Bere Alston in Devon. Situated just over halfway, on the ex BR Southern Region route, between Exeter and Plymouth via Okehampton and the Meldon Quarries on Dartmoor.

The station is the junction for a branch line to Gunnislake, which crosses into Cornwall over the river Tamar on the Calstock Viaduct. You can visit today by travelling on the Tamar Valley line from Plymouth, you should be able to recognise where the train reverses before continuing to Gunnislake!

Although the through route to Meldon actually closed in May 1968 at Bere Alston, the layout is set in the late 60's to early 80's imagining that history took a few different turns as a modellers licence allows. The route over Dartmoor from Exeter to Plymouth was maintained as a secondary route. Passenger traffic thrives as commuters & tourists travel into Plymouth and the winding lanes of Devon and Cornwall still create plenty of opportunities for freight.

The trains you see will range from the heyday of the hydraulics to HST's, probably on diversion from the coastal route via Dawlish. Freight traffic can be seen moving fruit, china clay and MOD supplies in the sidings and along the branch.



