

Dorset / Poole BMSS Area Rep's report 2026

Here is the report for activities in 2025

I exhibit as part of Poole Vikings Model Club (PVMC) when attending shows on my own capacity on behalf of the BMSS. I continue to try and get to as many shows as I can but this has been curtailed by family commitments this year. I managed to get to shows at Bovington Tank Museum, Salisbury, Middle Wallop and Bristol Bugle Call. We also had a small display in Poole Dolphin Centre to demonstrate to the public what we do and also to advertise the upcoming PVMC Show.

As always, recruiting is a difficult problem as people seem reluctant to join a society when there is so much information to be gleaned from the internet – I guess that this is a perennial problem for all Area Reps.... However I still believe that attending a club meeting is more valuable, not only for advice and inspiration but for the social aspect.

In the past I have reported that due to the small numbers of BMSS members in the Dorset area that being part of a bigger general model club is the only way that a presence as BMSS can be made. I am not sure if this is a problem encountered by other branches. I think that distance apart from other members can create problems meeting up if you are at opposite ends of the county.

If any local members who cannot attend any of the meetings at Poole and have any concerns or issues that they would like to raise, either at a local or national level, I would be happy to hear from them. I can be contacted on 01202 699504 or email me at ian.groves.cfc@gmail.com. or write to me at 21 Abbotsbury Rd, Broadstone, Poole, Dorset BH18 9DA. If anybody is visiting the area and would like to come along to a club meeting we meet on the first Wednesday of each month from 7.30 pm. The address is the Royal British Legion, Tudor Road, Broadstone, Poole, Dorset BH18 8AW

A date for your calendar if you are visiting Dorset is the April show of the Poole Vikings / Dorset BMSS and IPMS Model Show on Saturday 11th April 2026 at Parkstone Grammar School for Girls, Sopers Lane, Poole, Dorset BH17 7EP from 10.00 to 16.00. Clubs, trade stands, competitions will be available. For further info contact me or look on the club website <https://poolevikingsblog.wordpress.com/annual-show/>

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