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NEW SPECIAL COMMISSION LIMITED EDITION WAGON

The Middy Trading Company, the fund raising arm of the Mid-Suffolk Light Railway Museum, is pleased to announce that their Eleventh Special Commission Limited Edition 'OO' wagon is now available, specially made for us by Dapol Ltd. A batch of 196 of this design has been made and we guarantee no more will be released by us. Our wagons depict those that could have run on the Mid-Suffolk Light Railway between Haughley and Laxfield, as well as elsewhere in East Anglia.

The livery is based on that of a 7-plank 1911 coal wagon owned by M. M. Mitchell, coal merchant, of Ipswich, Suffolk. In 1909, Mitchell had offices in Museum Street, Ipswich and a railway served yard alongside Commercial Road, Ipswich. In 1933 they were registered as M. M. Mitchell (1931) Ltd., coal factors and merchants, with offices at 11, Northgate Street Ipswich, and depots at Princes Street and Ipswich Docks. They survived as such until 1963.



Livery: Red Oxide with white letters, shaded black

Although the livery is based on an authentic wagon, the use of a mass-produced standard 7-plank wagon means that the model is a compromise between true authenticity and the need to keep costs down. The dummy coal load can be removed if not required.

Each wagon is provided with a numbered certificate, with the above details printed on the other side. A reproduction advertisement from a 1934 Trade Directory is included in the box. The wagon is marketed solely by the Middy Trading Company to raise funds for the Mid-Suffolk Light Railway Museum.

With rising costs and VAT, this Limited Edition wagon is priced at **£10.00**. If you would like a wagon, please send a cheque to my Bramford, Ipswich address, payable to **'Middy Trading Company'**. Postage rate is £1.50 for 1 or 2 wagons; £2 for 3 wagons. **The cost including postage/packing is therefore: One £11.50; Two £21.50; Three £32.00.**

As usual, sample wagons have been sent to the main railway modelling magazines and we have asked them to print a review of the wagon. All of our past wagons have been subject to a strong demand and all have sold out. We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

David Chappell (MTC Board Member)