



Good progress has been made with the replica cab for No. 61662 'Manchester United' and these photos, taken at the Mizens Railway on 15th November show it starting to take shape. Interestingly enough, part of our Dubs Tank can be seen through the trees in the background - revealing a sharp contrast in shades of green ! We are now looking for an expert painter to finish the cab livery with some BR orange and black passenger lining. If you may be able to help us with this task, please contact Ken by email or by telephone.

The trial fit of an original set of LNER cab windows also took place on the day showing them to be a snug fit. Three of the windows, believed to be ex B1 61121, have now been restored and re-glazed leaving just the fourth one to be worked on. In the meantime, more than 7,000 'hits' have now been recorded on the 61662 Appeal website : www.engine61662appeal.co.uk showing an encouraging level of interest in the project.



Many thanks to everyone who has donated towards the purchase of No. 61662's tender. Around a quarter of the funds that will initially be needed to acquire and move the tender are now in hand. As mentioned in our October Newsletter, we have only a few months left to raise the outstanding money as the tender's present owner wishes to clear his yard. It would be a sad loss to preservation if an original 1930's LNER 4,200 gallons tender were to go for scrap after surviving for so long since the end of steam. Especially as once restored, it would be a perfect match for the new No. 61662 'Manchester United' ! All contributions, no matter how small, will be very gratefully received and will be acknowledged in writing. Please use the form at the end of this Newsletter if you are able to help in any way. Thank you all for your support.