

TENDER APPEAL FOR No. 61662



We'd better state up front that this page is not for the faint hearted ! Some months back we mentioned that a suitable tender for the new 'Manchester United' steam locomotive had been located in a scrapyard and we were negotiating with the current owner to purchase it. As can be seen from the photos above and below, it is an original 4,200 gallons, LNER Group Standard Tender of the type that originally ran behind several classes of steam locomotives including the 'Footballers' and the B1's. Despite many years out of use in open storage it still retains many of its classic features such as the draw gear, coupling hooks and tool boxes etc. Much of the plate work will need to be repaired or replaced but overall it is in reasonable condition and, as one of the very last remaining examples of its type, it is well worthy of preservation.



The owner has recently indicated to us that, although he is sympathetic to our project, the price of scrap metal is very high at the moment and he wants to clear his yard fairly soon. Saving the tender is an important part of the 61662 Appeal which we cannot afford to miss so we urgently need to raise £4,000 to cover the purchase price of the tender and movement costs to our restoration base.

This could be one of the last opportunities to acquire an original LNER tender for the 'Manchester United' steam locomotive so please help us to move forward – either by making a donation or by purchasing one or more shares in the 'Engine 61662 Appeal'. Any donation of £5 or more will be acknowledged and all Share purchasers will receive an Engine 61662 Share Certificate. Please use the donation form below or go to the 61662 website page : <http://www.engine61662appeal.co.uk/help.html> for full details of how you can help.