

# Engine 61662 News Updates

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We made some excellent progress on 'Manchester United's' new LNER tender towards the end of October. Contractors arrived on 24<sup>th</sup> October to carry out sandblasting work and they soon began to expose the bare metal. We were delighted to find that this was in extremely good condition despite the tender having spent more than 20 years in a scrapyard. The historians amongst us had calculated that the last time the tender was painted would have been in the early 1960's and it was quite incredible to see how easily the sandblasting equipment was able to sweep away 50 years of accumulated rust and grime!



We had investigated the possibility of carrying out the sandblasting work ourselves but in the end we left it to the professionals and we were delighted with the results they achieved. After around six hours hard work on their part, both sides of the tender, plus the back and the frames had been stripped back to bare metal.

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A few days after the sandblasting had been completed, Mizens Volunteer Liam Grant and I were able to start applying a good coat of red oxide primer to the first side. When we painted the back of the tender we were quite surprised to find that a thin layer of surface rust had already started to build up on the buffer beam. Liam soon had it looking shiny and new again though and by the end of the day, (top picture on Page 1) the tender was starting to look like Sir Nigel Gresley intended. We'd better get some Brunswick Green on there soon however, or people will think we are building an LMS engine .....



Seriously though, we still have the other side to do yet and the pace of our progress is entirely dictated by the rate of fund raising so please keep those donations coming in. You chaps are keeping us going and we're grateful for every penny received.

More photos and a short video clip of the sandblasting and restoration work can be found on our Facebook page :

<https://www.facebook.com/Engine61662ManchesterUnited>

And on our website : [www.engine61662appeal.co.uk](http://www.engine61662appeal.co.uk)