



Knaphill saw some glorious weather at the start of November so our regular work party made a start on undercoating No. 61662's Tender to make it ready for painting green and give it more protection. Thanks to the good work done by the sandblasting team last year, we had a smooth surface to work on and, by the middle of last week one side had been completely undercoated. This work will continue as soon as we get another decent break in the weather.

In the meantime, we have received excellent news that the Mizens Railway Committee has very kindly approved our request to extend the track in front of our Tender to accommodate the locomotive itself. We now urgently need funds for rails and sleepers and any donations towards them will be greatly appreciated. Interest in our project continues to grow and the number of 'Likes' on our Facebook page increased by more than 100 last month to a new total of 737. With Colin Howard taking on management of this page from early December, we will hopefully achieve our next target of 1,000 'Likes' in the New Year.



At the end of October we received a welcome letter, applauding our project, from the Manchester United FC Supporters Club (Runcorn & Widnes Branch). This was accompanied by a kind donation and good wishes for our future success. Many thanks Guys (& Girls) your thoughts are greatly appreciated !

As a tailpiece to these notes (!) our latest acquisition for No. 61662 is a pair of original LNER steam locomotive headlamps. They will look great on the new buffer beam but for now they make a snug fit on the back of the tender. The BR train reporting code they currently show signifies a light engine movement.