



Taking full advantage of the recent spell of good weather, our painting team have rubbed down No 61662's tender and cab paintwork and applied a final layer of green undercoat. As we worked, the difference in colour between the cab front and the newly painted sides became quite apparent – especially as both paints were described as Brunswick Green. Some research was therefore carried out into the actual paint colour used by British Railways on their express passenger locomotives. It would appear that the term Brunswick Green was not in fact used on the BR painting drawings, the colour used was simply stated as Dark Green !

In the International Colour System, there are three shades of Brunswick Green listed, these being Light, Mid and Dark. This could explain why there is such variance in the colour of preserved BR Green steam locos ! After checking with several preserved railways, consensus of opinion was that their BR passenger locos were painted in Dark Brunswick Green so we now await another spell of good weather to complete the job.