

61662 APPEAL



(photos KL Collection)

Despite poor weather in the last few weeks, the first two sections of steel for No 61662's front footplate have been cut and shaped and trial fitted above the bufferbeam. We have no crane on site so to save on hire costs, a 'ski slope' was built from planks and scaffolding and the smokebox saddle was then hoisted into position using the sheer muscle power of some of the Mizens younger and fitter members ! There is obviously a long long way to go but the resultant ensemble is starting to look like the front of a steam loco.



Tom and Richard are seen above making light work of hoisting the saddle more than eight feet off the ground to position it on the display plinth. Our next target is to construct the smokebox itself and fit it to the saddle. We already have the smokebox door on site at the Mizens so please help us to move this project forward with a small donation if you can. Details on : <http://www.engine61662appeal.co.uk/help.html>