



61662 APPEAL

(photos KL Collection)

As promised by the suppliers, No 61662's new smokebox arrived on site at the Mizens Railway at the end of September and Ken & Ian got straight to work on it. The first job was to give the smokebox a couple of good coats of Red Oxide Primer to protect it from the elements and this was helped no end by the unseasonably warm October weather. As soon as the paint was dry the first 60 odd rivet holes, where the boiler will eventually fit, were successfully marked out and drilled. As seen in the final photograph below, a dozen rivets were trial fitted.



The smokebox is of course just a shell at the moment but we do have an original LNER smokebox door stored on site. We intend to get the smokebox lifted into position on the saddle next and then get the front ring made so the door can be fitted. Contributions towards the cost of the ring will be gratefully appreciated and these can be made by cheque, credit transfer or by Paypal. Full details of how you can help can be found on our website at : <http://www.engine61662appeal.co.uk/help.html>