

61662 UPDATE



(photo Phil Braithwaite)



Although our work parties have continued as usual at the Mizens this month, we don't have a great deal of photographable progress to show. Instead, here is a superb picture of one of No 61662's LNER cousins, North British B1 4-6-0 No 61327, inside Trafford Park locomotive sheds in Manchester ! Coded 9E by British Railways, Trafford Park locomotive shed was situated within earshot of Manchester United's Old Trafford Stadium and had an allocation of 73 steam locos in BR days. It remained open until 1968 becoming one of the last motive power depots to service steam locomotives in the UK.



On a practical front, the smokebox door hinge retaining bar has been made and fitted and new drawings have been prepared for the front footplate curves. The steel work for the front footplating has been ordered from our supplier and should be ready in a couple of weeks.

Social media interest continues to rise with more than 32,000 'hits' having now been recorded on our Engine 61662 Appeal website. Our most recent post on Facebook attracted 2,196 views and there are now almost 300 people following our Twitter Account. Please join us if you have not already done so to help keep the momentum flowing. The web page is : <http://www.engine61662appeal.co.uk/help.html>