



B1 NEWS *flash*

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Wheelsets returned to Grosmont



A very welcome sight indeed showing the fully repaired wheelsets back from Ian Riley & Sons and in the process of being painted. Photo courtesy of A.Dennis / Grosmont MPD.

Virtually a year after the problem with cracks in the wheels was first identified, our wheelsets were returned to Grosmont MPD on Tuesday 21st June. Since then there has been a concerted effort to complete the remaining works so that they can be refitted and the loco returned to traffic as soon as possible.

Work started initially on the leading wheelset to enable it to be fitted first, thereby allowing the bogie to be removed and sent away for tyre turning. This is required in order to ensure the tyre profile and diameters are correct for mainline running and correctly match the driving wheels which had already been turned at Rileys. As the NYMR does not have a wheel lathe available this work will have to be done by a third party.



When the wheelsets were returned to Grosmont they were still covered in the white dye penetrant spray, used to check for cracks.



*Adrian Dennis starts shotblasting the wheels to remove any rust and residual paint.
Photo courtesy A. Dennis / Grosmont MPD.*



*With preparation works completed John Furness commences painting.
Photo courtesy A. Dennis / Grosmont MPD.*



An audience watches with anticipation as the leading wheelset is prepared for installation on the Grosmont wheel (ex-Hull Dairycoates depot). Photo courtesy of Dave Wellington.



A significant milestone is reached with the leading wheelset back in place. Photo courtesy of Dave Wellington.

As you can see, progress is now being made to get 61264 back on the road again. Thanks must go to the NYMR for their commitment in helping us to achieve this and for our own engineering team for their dedicated work. As you will see from the attached form, all this work has been at considerable financial cost to the Trust and we hope you will be able to help in some way to recoup some of these costs to ensure our loco continues to have a secure future.

THE BIG WHEEL APPEAL



June 21st 2016 marked a significant date for the TBLT when, after some considerable time, the repaired driving wheels for 61264 were returned to Grosmont. To get to this stage has been a long and drawn out process and there is still a little way to go before the loco is fully operational again. It has also been an expensive undertaking for the Trust bearing in mind that, apart from the cost of the repairs, a year's income in running fees has been lost.

Right from the time when the cracks in the wheels were first discovered, there has been a continuing demand on our resources to investigate, organise and carry out repairs. None of this has been a straightforward process and it has taken painstaking and meticulous work to grind out and infill the cracks. It was critical that this work was carried out carefully to ensure that the wheels were repaired to industry approved standards to help prevent future problems occurring.

Understandably this has been an expensive operation which has been funded not only by the Trust but also by generous loans provided by certain directors. The cost to date of the wheel repairs is nearly £68,000 and there are still outstanding works to be completed.

All this has depleted our reserves and it is essential that the loco returns to revenue earning service in order that loans can be repaid and we can replenish our reserves.

We are therefore asking in the meantime for donations from members to help fund the final works and start to repay our debts. Anything you can give, however small, is very welcome. If you are a UK taxpayer, we can also reclaim the tax you have paid on any donation you make which would help considerably.

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