

# THE TORNADO TELEGRAPH



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New Steam for the Main Line



Welcome to the latest issue of *The Tornado Telegraph*.

It seems like every other update we send you brings another wave of obstacles and difficulties delaying *Tornado's* return to steam. Following the jubilation on the repatriation of the A1's refurbished boiler, it was hoped that a hydraulic and steam test would go smoothly and it would be reunited with the frames soon after. Alas, this has not been the case.

On arrival in the U.K., and following inspection by British Engineering Services, there has been a concern around the quality and installation of the small tubes in *Tornado's* boiler. At present we are not able to confirm if this is a material or welding issue so all parties (A1SLT, DB Meiningen and BES) have agreed that the most expeditious action is to replace the small tubes whilst we investigate the issue. This approach will not only ensure continued quality and reliability but will be the fastest route to complete the boiler ready for installation on the frames.

Whilst we are obviously disappointed that there is additional work required in this area, we are working hard to return *Tornado* to the rails as soon as possible. Our focus now is on completing the locomotive ahead of its planned visit to the North Norfolk Railway, ETCS testing at RIDC (near Melton Mowbray) and we remain committed to running the

first of the Aberdonian trains on 20th July 2023.

The re-tubing itself will be covered by the boiler's warranty, however *Tornado* has been away from the main line longer than anticipated, which is having an impact on our earning capability. If you are able to help us at this time by making a donation, it will go directly towards the wider overhaul, returning *Tornado* to the rails in top condition.

**Make a Donation to the Overhaul**

## TORNADO ON TOUR

We are working with our industry partners to confirm all trains for *Tornado* in 2023. We will be running some of our own tours promoted by [21st Century Steam Ltd](#), and it is likely that we will also participate in a number of third party tours. Our own tours will give new dates to postponed trains, and also introduce a couple of new routes, seeing *Tornado* visit even more of the country. We expect to have these dates confirmed and on sale in the coming weeks.

Our 'Aberdonian' trains are selling well, with 'Premier Dining' already sold out on the first train; always a popular way to travel, Dining tickets are likely to sell out across the programme, so book early to avoid disappointment. First Class on passengers on 'The Aberdonian' take their seats in a compartment, making for a superb alternative to Premier Dining. The offer in Tourist Class is also improved this year, and we look forward to welcoming many familiar faces back on board.

To book your tickets on along this scenic Scottish route, please click [here](#).



**WHERE TO TRAVEL**



# VISITING THE NORTH NORFOLK



Following the overhaul, the first planned public access to *Tornado* will be during her time at the North Norfolk railway 27<sup>th</sup> May to 4<sup>th</sup> June.

Special trains hauled by *Tornado* will depart from Sheringham Station at 10.00, 11.40, 13.20, 15.00 and 16.40 each day. Tickets will include a reserved seat for a trip from Sheringham to Holt and return with time at Holt Station to take photographs of the express engine. *Tornado* will also haul 'The North Norfolkman' dining train on Saturday 3 June - advance booking is essential.

Fares for advance bookings vary from £19 to £21 for adults and £13.00 and £14.50 for children.

[BOOK NNR TICKETS HERE](#)

## NEW WORKS



As more of the 'action' takes place within the building, our spectacular aerial drone photography will no longer show significant activity occurring daily at the new works. However, from our vantage point across the field, we can still see the steady progress being made at the new site. Here we can see the contractors on the blue platform fitting the external cladding, whilst inside they are doing the electrical and plumbing installation. All works will be complete by summer, and our Office staff are already working hard to ensure the move goes smoothly. Our P-Way Gang campaign is well underway, with over 60 sign ups taking us well over half way to our target £75,000. Will you join us?

### ABOUT THE P-WAY GANG

## ETCS UPDATE



If you missed this week's update on the progress of the ETCS equipment being fitted onto *Tornado*, with the first components finding their home in the new locker in the tender,



## VOLUNTEER WITH THE TRUST



Calling on his chef skills from time out on *Tornado's* support crew, Martin Bairstow helps keep hunger at bay for the volunteers, staff and contractors working in Darlington, proving once again just how vital our volunteers are to all that we do.

We are always on the look out for new volunteers; whether hands on in the workshop, manning the stand at events, welcoming visitors on open days, helping keep passengers safe on trains or lending a hand with admin, the list is endless.

Not all roles involve being at DLW: many of our volunteers do their work from home, while others enjoy the social aspect of meeting others around the country at events and on trains.

So, if you would like to get involved, please contact [volunteers@a1steam.com](mailto:volunteers@a1steam.com) and let us know how your skills can help keep *Tornado* steaming!

## HOW TO SUPPORT TORNADO

We couldn't do any of this without you, and remain hugely grateful for each and every contribution to *Tornado*. Your support as Covenantors, Donors and Volunteers remains vital as we navigate the overhaul, and mean all the more at this time.

Here are some of the ways people choose to support us:

**DONATIONS** - We continue to encourage donations of all shapes and sizes (every pound counts). To make a donation, please click [here](#).

**COVENANTORS** - We always welcome new Covenantors as we have overhauls, maintenance and repairs to fund. The Covenantors are the backbone of all we do at The

A1 Steam Locomotive Trust. To become a Covenantor for the price of a pint a week, learn more [here](#).

**JOIN THE CLUB** - Help us to fund the engineering maintenance on Tornado by joining The Overhaul Club. Find out more [here](#).

**THE P-WAY GANG** - Raising funds for our new purpose built engineering facility, the P-Way Gang seeks donations to cover the cost of laying the track around the site. Find out more [here](#).

**VOLUNTEERS** - Do you have skills that could help the Trust? We can always use extra pairs of hands. If you enjoy meeting people, please consider joining our merchandising team at events and on tours. If your talents involve engineering, locomotive cleaning, or administrative work, we can always find something for you to do! Contact [volunteer@a1steam.com](mailto:volunteer@a1steam.com) for more details.

**LEGACY PROGRAMME** - Help us to continue our work long into the future. Learn more about how to leave a gift to Tornado [here](#).

Alternatively, if you would like to speak with someone directly, please contact the office on [01325460163](tel:01325460163) or email your details to [enquiries@a1steam.com](mailto:enquiries@a1steam.com) and someone will get back to you.

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