

# THE TORNADO TELEGRAPH



Welcome to the latest issue of The Tornado Telegraph with an update on Tornado's overhaul and the construction of the Trust's new home in Darlington.

Since the last issue of TTT, all supporters will have received a letter outlining the new plan for *Tornado's* extended overhaul. Whilst we are all disappointed not to see the locomotive back in steam this autumn, we hope that you understand the reasoning for this.

That being said, the engineers in both Loughborough and Darlington are working hard to get the locomotive back into working order. We were delighted to receive the driving wheel sets from South Devon this week, and the team at LMS is now focusing on getting them cleaned up, painted and reunited with the frames. The refurbished boiler is due to be inspected later this month, with delivery shortly after.

In Darlington, the superheater header has been tested, the smoke box door needle-gunned, prepped and painted, and many other components have seen attention, keeping both staff and volunteers busy! And just adjacent to DLW, the new building that we are due to call home in 2023 is rising from the ground.

We are thankful to all of Tornado's supporters for their continued patience and patronage though this

major overhaul. As *Tornado* faces another 6 months away from main line duties, all contributions are gratefully received.

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CONVENTION 2023  
SAVE THE DATE - Saturday 22nd October  
Blackwell Grange Hotel, Darlington  
Invitations to follow

## WHEEL SETS DELIVERED



Although a little later than originally expected, the delivery of the re-tired driving wheels at the beginning of the week was a welcome sight! One of the larger ticket items of this overhaul, this is the



first time that Tornado's wheels have received new tyres since steaming in 2008. For further detail, click the link below.

[Wheels delivered to LMS](#)

## DLW2 - A New Home For The Trust



The new home for the Trust is going up at great pace. The 'end box' is the admin office on the top floor. The plant room and meeting room on the middle floor then the ground floor is the stores nearest to the camera and showers & changing etc beyond. The 'stick' out to the left will be the engineering office and the public gallery. They both cantilever over the workshop 7.5m out.

The steel framed structure is going up rapidly, with the roof less than a month away from installation. Because of the pace of the build, we have a dedicated article in our news section of the website which is updated - almost daily at the moment! - with the latest from the build.

To make the new building work for our locomotives, we need to contribute towards the onsite facilities, including a vital main line rail connection and short running line. Fundraising for the track will begin next week and we would be delighted if you would consider making a donation to help future proof the activity of the Trust in Darlington.

Watch this space for updates!

[DLW2 Updates](#)



# THIS WEEK IN DARLINGTON

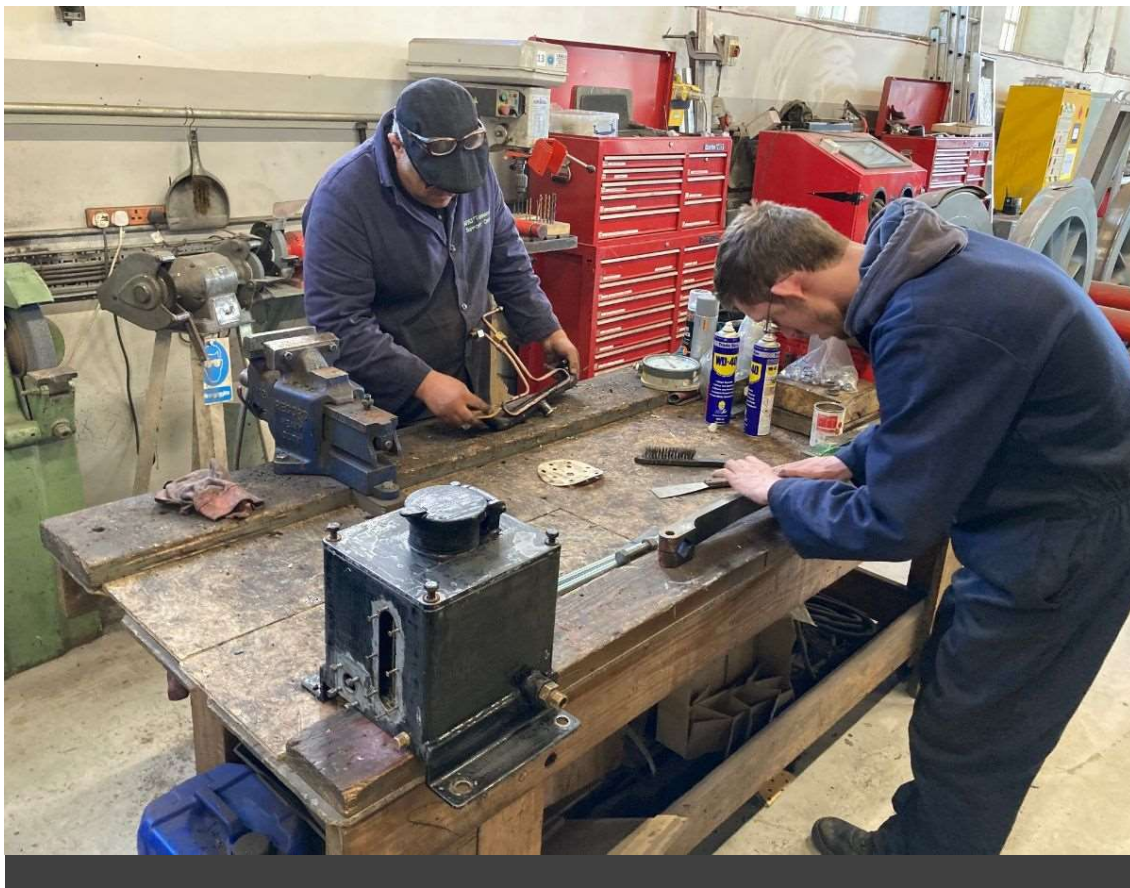


The paid engineering staff and contractors work closely with volunteers to deliver testing and refurbishment of components for *Tornado*. From work on the smoke box door to the hydraulic testing of the superheater header (pictured above), the team are working hard on Tornado's overhaul. [Read more here.](#)

Activity in Darlington

## THE OVERHAUL CLUB





As you will now have read, we are spending more time and money on *Tornado's* overhaul than initially planned. The hard work by the teams in both Darlington and Loughborough will ensure that *Tornado* returns to the tracks as good as new ready for years of operations.

Your contributions are more important than ever in the light of changes to the scope of work on the boiler and other challenges stopping the locomotive earning money on trains this year. If you have not yet signed up but would like to make a donation towards the overhaul, please find out more [here](#).

The Overhaul Club

## WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU

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* this Spring by joining The Overhaul Club. 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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