

BULLEID SOCIETY

LATEST NEWS

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No. 96 Normandy

The frames have been painted up to top coat and some of the basic pipe work runs have been installed. The new lower sections of the cab are now in place and painted. Preparations are underway for the boring of the cylinders using the ex Eastleigh equipment owned by the Bulleid Society. It is planned to send one of the driving wheel sets to South Devon Railway Engineering so that the journals can be skimmed.

Work has now started to replace the platework on the two side tanks where corrosion has occurred. The junction of the top of the tank with its vertical outside face is covered with beading of unusual profile, which is being carefully removed from the original tanks for reuse. Fittings on the tender tank tops are being removed, cleaned, painted and put into storage for reinstatement on the new tank tops. Much of the 1893 vintage tank platework is of riveted construction – welding was in its infancy when No 96 was built in 1893 – but where not visible replacement materials will be welded.



Normandy's side tanks.



Wasted tank section cut out waiting for a replacement plate to be welded in.



Cab back paint to top coat.