

84030 Rebuild Project

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Now that we are back after Covid restrictions and to our regular Thursday's the working group have been concentrating on the overhaul of the gantry. Progress has been excellent resulting in it now being complete. We now await the visit of the inspector to issue it a working certificate before the gantry can be put to good use erecting the bunker amongst other lifting duties.



Final stage of assembly with the help of the workshop staff.

An area in front of the polytunnel has been created by moving the smokebox and rear pony truck reins forward to allow space for erecting the bunker within access of the gantry and the rear of the engine.

The first set of profiled plates for the bunker have now been delivered and as the assembly area is open to the elements the first job is to get a coating of protective paint on the plates.



Bunker profiled plates

Assembly of the bunker has now begun, the first part being the shovelling plate. The profiled holes in the plates used as a template for drilling the angle iron. The assembly is then temporarily bolted together for trial fitting in its final location before drilling/reaming for riveting.



Start of the shovelling plate assembly