

# Eyestrain, Bonus 1215 Edition

You no doubt saw the pics showing some signs of paint distress on 1215, taken by Martyn, in a recent Eyestrain. A "Paint Squad" was therefore summoned, and this team went to Apedale on Wednesday, armed with sandpaper, wire wool, paint and paint brushes.....but NO BISCUITS!!

The team: John Padgett, Dave Griggs, Mike Hawley, and me, Richard Smith. We spent our time there cleaning, de-rusting, cleaning a bit more, and finally painting...It appears that the sealing compound between the chimney and smoke box has cracked, allowing steam to ooze out, causing the rust. So, with the smoke box, chimney, cab end of the fire box and handrails all treated, we all packed away, cleaned up, and headed off home.

It was also great to meet up with the Apedale Wednesday Workers Crew, who were all busy in another part of the site...they have been making some superb benches, as well as the 'normal' loco stuff!.





*Mike working on the firebox*



*Padge and Dave working on the smokebox*



*I wire-woolled and cleaned the sliding bars, and the smokebox door handles*



*The chimney looks great with its new paint*



***And finally: all cleaned up, and ready for a busy season, all being well.....***



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