



Devon Diesel Society

Owners and Operators of heritage locomotives Class 04 D2246, Class 37 D6737 and Class 50 D402

Working Party Report – Aug 16

All the working parties of August directed the majority of their efforts on D402



with various tasks undertaken and a general clean up and reorganisation of the PLOG also occurred. The bodywork repairs on D402 progressed well and No1 cab was completed and work at an advanced stage on No2 cab as the month closed. The photograph to the left is the driver's side of No1 cab and shows the level of work undertaken around the cab area and the amount of re-skinning work done, this was the same for all 4 corners of each cab. Volunteers had the weekend tasks of preparing the locomotive for further welding work whilst treating exposed areas of the locomotive that are not normally accessible to rust prevention coatings and painting in topcoat. The photograph below illustrates the levels of corrosion found on a 50-year-old locomotive and this was one of the better

ones! The worst area of all was on the roof just above the gutters where it curved around the cab front, a considerable amount of rotten metal was removed from these areas. After the contractors had finished the body side welding work our volunteers then did a little preparation of the bodywork before it was treated to a coat of base green primer.

