

# Q Class 541 and Schools Class *Stowe*

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There are some significant developments with Schools class 928 '*Stowe*' and with Q class 541, which are going to be announced in the next [Maunsell Locomotive Society](#) Members' Newsletter – which is due out later this month. These will be covered in the November issue of *The Bluebell Times*.

Suffice to say that progress continues with the overhaul of Q class 541, both at Leaky Finders' premises in Devon and at Sheffield Park.

One development has been that the superheater header is due back shortly after repairs by a specialist contractor. Our volunteers have also got stuck in to the unglamorous task of cleaning and painting the inside of 541's new tender tank; they are already about two thirds the way through cleaning and painting in the first coat of primer.

We would like to thank the various workshop staff who have been working on the tender brake rigging and pipework, along with workshop volunteers who have been helping paint the underside and other components.



*Tender chassis (left) and brake cylinders (below).*

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