

# "TAR, SWEAT and STEAM"

## EXHIBITION

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**As January begins, so our preparation time rapidly diminishes! However much has been done over the past few months, putting the exhibition team in a very good position to finish bang on time and ready for the April 9th Grand Opening day. The three principle vehicles (living van, steam roller, water cart) are already fully prepared and await the doors to be open to the public. They are all displayed in their 'working clothes' so rather than the gleaming paint work and immaculate finishes often seen in museums, we see them in the duller more realistic look, that the team thinks will be well received by the visitors and enthusiasts alike.**

Supporting the three vehicles there are several cameo displays, along with a realistic 'Sundry Stores', which is stuffed full of equipment to help keep any steam outfit on the road and working for a living. The storeroom includes a realistic grumpy storeman, who will probably deny all requests for any wanted items as per usual! It now awaits a final visit by our electrical contractor, who will be installing an interactive which will help to identify some exhibits in a pigeon hole arrangement on one wall.

Inevitably there is still much to be completed, including the manufacture of some of the story boards and other signage, although work on these are well in hand. Two VU screens will form part of the exhibition and a specially made film entitled "The Living Van way of Life" also awaits its final installation.

Every effort has been made to try and engage the public in this unusual exhibition and one of its aims is to complete the transport theme at the museum, by telling the history of road making up to the motorway age. We do hope you will try to visit us in the coming season and we look forward to showing you our first example of a publicly funded enterprise at our museum. Please see opening dates and times elsewhere on this site.