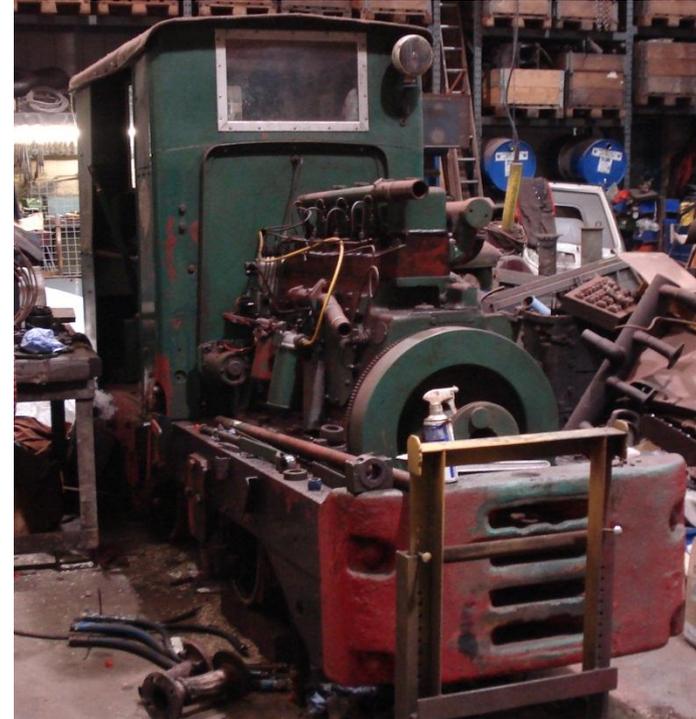


Snapper –ex Lynton & Barnstaple

"SNAPPER" became the first engine to move on the Lynton & Barnstaple Railway at Woody Bay since the demolition train back in 1936.

The locomotive is a Ruston and Hornsby 48DL number 283871, built at the Boultham Works in Lincoln in late 1949, part of lot number 16, it has the original VRH 4 cylinder 48 horsepower engine fitted and is one of 1127 locomotives in its class. The locomotive worked for a number of years at Sturry Quarry, near Canterbury for Brett Gravel Co. and was numbered No. 9 in their fleet, she was disposed of by 1989 and acquired by Charles Summers for the fledgling Lynton & Barnstable revival group.



The engine, gearbox and fuel system have had a thorough overhaul with new cylinder liners and pistons fitted. The loco will require further work to the bodywork and new horn and lights to be fitted, but at present it is in running order. It is the same model of locomotive as once could be seen crossing the A351 and Skew Bridge in the 1950's and 60's