

Ayton Heritage scio

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Ivy Cutting

We have employed Alan Hogarth Gardening Services to cut ivy at the higher parts of the ruin. The clearing up of the cut ivy and roots has been done by volunteers contributing almost 100 people-days of effort. Scottish Borders Council (SBC) has supported us very well by providing a skip and disposing of the cuttings.

When all the voluntary work is translated into saved costs, it comes to approximately £8000 which is a huge contribution to in-kind donations. Thank you everyone who has contributed.

Pictures are better than words so here is a sample of the difference we have made to the look of the St Dionysius ruin. Please visit if you can and have a look.

Bill Black



A surprise opening in the south side of the bell tower



At last, we can see the top of the bell tower



Part of the south wall with two windows visible



The Skene burial aisle with the arched window in the east wall of the north transept



Some of the volunteers who were grateful to Sandy Mole for providing his Jimny to assist transport of cuttings to the skip