

Consolidation of West Gable of Chapel on both sides of West Gable Entrance

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Following archaeological works by Dr Clare Ellis of Argyll Archaeology, Colin Rowan, Rowan Stoneworks carried out stabilisation work to the west gable, on both sides of the wall.

Vegetation was removed where required (minimal), by hand; loose stones removed and retained.



Internal face of west gable

It was found necessary to install 2 concrete lintols to support the inner face of the upper wall.



Concrete lintols below inner face



Evidence of window opening before creation of door

The archaeological dig exposed the opening (originally a window, later a door) to floor level. This allowed the entire opening to be pointed before being re-covered to existing ground level.



Door jambs and lintol, external face

St Astier lime/sand mix has been applied to the external face of the gable.



West gable external face

The internal face, above the opening has been rebuilt using fallen stones and pinnings. Joist dooks remain. Sand/lime mortar has been applied as required.



Joist dooks either side of opening internal face

The wallhead has been covered with a rough raking stone cap.