

A proposal for re-use

Learning about a pile-up of paint pots in the Fine Art Department, I wondered if they could be re-used. Perhaps they might contribute to the proposed Campus Garden, an initiative of the university Greener Minds project.

Ivy could be a helpful part of this garden: it is an evergreen that flowers in winter when most students are around. Ivy is useful to other species too. In late December, I made a tour in the campus environs to find sites to take cuttings.



Tullie House Garden is one of the many places where ivy has been stripped.



Holly and Ivy were at that time making festive appearance in other buildings, but my hunt was lavishly rewarded nearby in the Cathedral precinct.



I took a jump and managed to pull strands of ivy out of the skip.



One of the paint pots came in handy to start propagating ivy.



With appreciative thanks to staff and students at the Department of Fine Art, University of Cumbria.

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