



**CONFLICT MANAGEMENT OF
WOODLAND BOUNDARIES**



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THE JOURNEY TO SAVE TEUCHEEN WOOD

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TEUCHEEN WOOD AT RISK

May 2019 - Contact from residents concerned about Teucheen Wood being proposed for sale on the open market - putting it at considerable risk.



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COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER

Fear of losing our much-loved woodland coupled with annoyance over the lack of consultation brought our village community together and urged us to act.

It took 3 weeks to find the contact person who would halt the land auction and speak to our community about a possible private land sale.



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FUNDING, FEASIBILITY & PLANNING

After officially establishing IDT as a community not-for-profit organisation in April 2020, we received amazing support from DTAS, the Scottish Land Fund, Community Land Scotland, Community Woodland Association and our local Councillor Iain Nicolson, to help with consultation, funding, feasibility and planning.

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INCHINNAN DEVELOPMENT TRUST IS FORMED

Our Community Council was tasked with figuring out the buying process - Renfrewshire Council directed us to Iain at Engage Renfrewshire, who sent us to Isla at Development Trust Association Scotland, and then passed us on to Tony at Highlands & Islands Enterprise for the Scottish Land Fund.

We phoned here, there, and everywhere, and within a few months we had started paperwork to create Inchinnan Development Trust - a business with the right structure to buy land.



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COMMUNITY BUY-OUT

In December 2021, Inchinnan Development Trust was successful in the purchase of Teucheen Wood for community ownership - ensuring its on-going preservation and protection for generations to come!



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CELEBRATING OUR ACHIEVEMENT!

The final step in our buying process? A village party to celebrate our success and to thank the community for its support and all those who helped us along the way!

With Teucheen Wood now in safe hands, IDT can focus on its management and preservation - and we have now set our sights on other at-risk greenspaces and woodlands within our community!



**TEUCHEEN
WOODLAND
BOUNDARY
24/08/2021**

Photo: Maggie Morrison





CONFLICT BETWEEN WOODLAND AND HOUSES

*The Earth is not a platform
for human life. It's a living
being. We're not on it but
part of it. Its health is our
health.*

- Thomas Moore

AIM FOR PEACE & HARMONY

- Engage with neighbours
- Information
- Education
- Social media
- Local and nation press
- Leaflets and signage
- Face to face meetings
- You will never please everyone





If you go down to the woods . . . watch out for the mystery ‘tree killer’

First there was a chainsaw attack at Teucheen Wood near Erskine, Renfrewshire, and now four trees appear to have been poisoned — police are investigating



David Barker, lead volunteer for Inchinnan Development Trust and a member of Inchinnan Community Council, and Maggie Morrison, the trust’s development officer

Twisted sycamore trees reach towards the sky offering shelter to bats and foxes in Teucheen Wood, a centuries-old woodland on the outskirts of Erskine in Renfrewshire, beloved by the community as a tranquil haven for walks and woodland crafts.

Now, though, the six-acre site, which is surrounded by Inchinnan village on one side and a new housing development on the other, is plagued by a mysterious serial tree killer. “It’s like a homemade murder plot,” Maggie Morrison, the development officer for Inchinnan Development Trust, which owns the woodland, said.

**PICK YOUR
BATTLES,
BEFORE THEY
PICK YOU.**

TEUCHEEN WOOD

THE HIGHS:

- Community spirit.
- The help we have received.
- The friends we have made.
- The difference we have made.
- Free training and support

THE LOWS:

- Neighbours want trees doctored.
- TPO legislation open to interpretation.
- Endless paperwork and applications.

