

## Planting trio's treemendous work



LOCHWINNOCH conservationists are leading the way to protect an endangered species. Members of community conservation group BULB, Peter Livingstone, Andy Harkison and Clare Darlaston, have been working hard

collecting Aspen tree cuttings in their village. The uniquely beautiful trees are extremely rare in Scotland with only three in the whole of Ayrshire. To make sure Renfrewshire does its bit to help protect the trees, the dedicated

nature fans took up the challenge. They have collected nearly 1,000 saplings for their nursery and hope to extend the trees population across Scotland. Pictured L-R: Peter, Andy and Clare take a break from all that hard work.

# Dog in cou 'horror

**A WOMAN** watched in horror as an out-of-control dog grabbed her pet Yorkshire terrier by the throat and killed it.

Eleanor Boyle could not bear to watch and had to turn away as others tried desperately to save her pet dog Finlay.

Marc McKenzie's Staffordshire/boxer cross escaped from a neighbour's house, ran next door and sank its teeth into the Yorkie's throat.

Paisley Sheriff Court heard how the little Yorkie had been in its own back garden in Shaw Place, Linwood last May when the frenzied attack took place.

McKenzie tried to pull his dog away but minutes later, the other pet was dead.

McKenzie could give no reasonable explanation

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why his dog Finlay.

He said the dog had been abused and animal welfare never acted in that manner before.

McKenzie's Road, Eldersburg court that his dog was

Defence Gellanagh. The dog was always owned by the full family.

The lawyer had always a lead which had been suddenly snatched during the attack.

He asked Murphy to

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