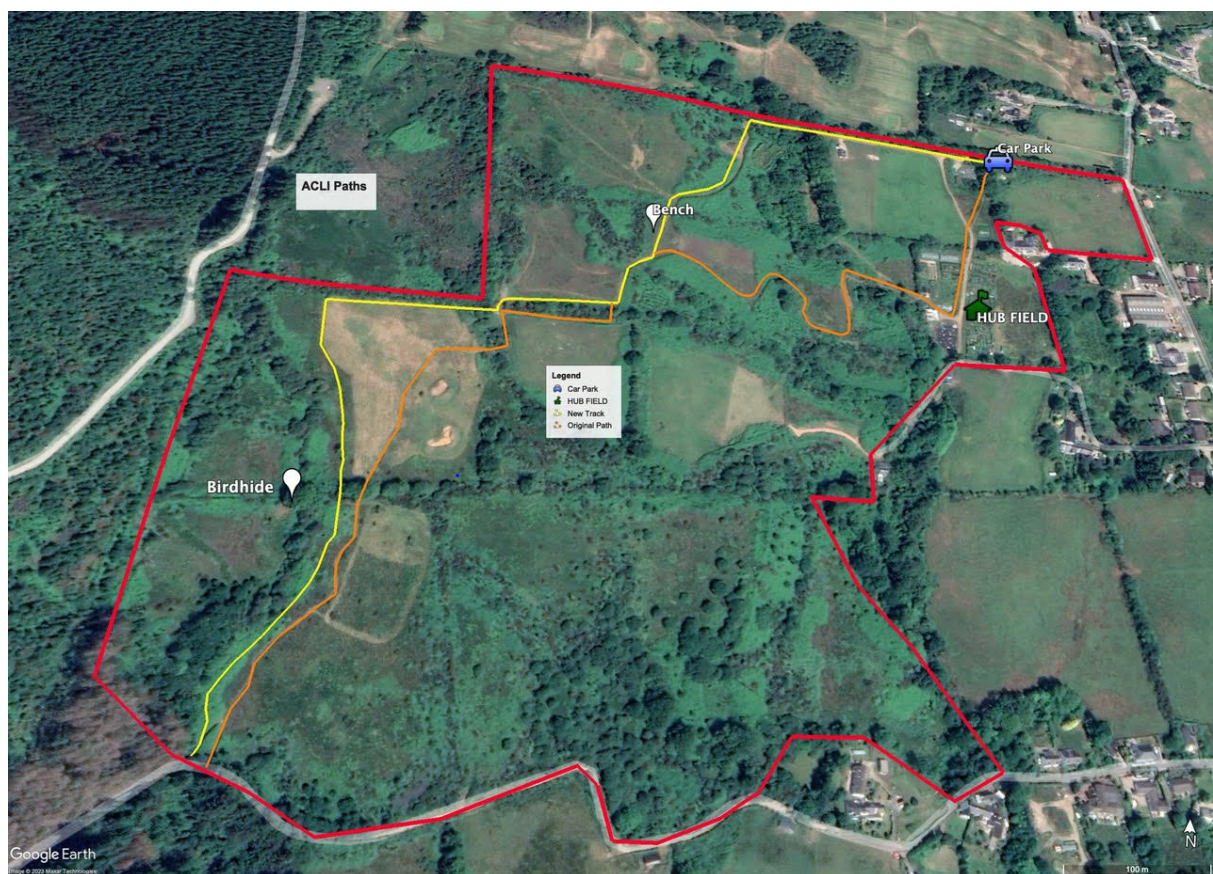


The **Arran Community Land Initiative ('ACLI')** was established in 2012 as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO SC043886) to purchase an 80 acre area of disused farmland above Whiting Bay on Arran. The charity's main objectives-as per our constitution-are to foster participation in land-based education, recreation and sport. The purpose of the land is to build a community space to develop well being and educate about food production and nature.

George Watson's College has been visiting the site and contributing each year to the ACLI efforts since 2016. The 2023 project group will continue to support ACLI with our efforts today and as part of our experience we are going to visit two separate environments and collect data. We will also do physical work to contribute to maintaining the land.



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Smells:

Other Senses:

Feelings:

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