

## FIELD NAME: CUSHIE WOOD

FIELD NAME CLASSIFICATION: WILDLIFE / LANDUSE

This field encloses Drummore Hill, (a name derived from the Gaelic *druim mòr* meaning big ridge), but the field is known as Cushie Wood. A hilltop copse is marked on old maps and is an example of a field-name identifying a historic landscape feature. The woodland appears to have been felled about 100 years ago.

*Cushat*, or *cushie-doo*, is a Scots word for a wood pigeon and in this field-name has been reduced to Cushie. Presumably the woodland was the haunt of this common wild bird that no doubt was a valuable ingredient for the farm kitchen.

Other field names referring to wildlife include Eel Park, Hare Field, Peewit Bog, Todholes and Weasel Wood Field.



Wood pigeons are an essential ingredient for pigeon pie. (Keith Kirk)

