

CLG CEATHRÚ AODHA DHUIBH



Summer Update

June, July, August 2023

Dia daoibh a chairde,

Welcome to our Summer newsletter, and what a season it has been!

*Our Senior men made history on August 4th when they secured the **Division 1 league title** for the first time - the decider being the penultimate game against Loughinisland at home. The grounds came alive when up to a thousand supporters came along to enjoy the spectacle and we are immensely proud of the full team of players and management. We wish them continued success as they continue with their championship campaign.*

*We also had the unbelievable opportunity to watch no less than 5 of our Carryduff girls lift the **All Ireland Junior trophy** for Down at Croke Park on August 13th under the captaincy of Carryduff's very own Meghan Doherty. Many thanks to the girls for bringing the trophy to our grounds just two days later.*

*Success at senior level always bodes well for those coming behind, although our U15 boys don't appear to need any lessons in winning either, having competed successfully at the All-Ireland Féile in County Mayo on July 2nd to take home the **All Ireland Division 1 Shield**, our highest ever achievement in this competition.*

*On the same day, at our own grounds, our U15 girls also took home the **regional Féile title** in an exhilarating day where we hosted 8 other teams from across Ulster. It has been an amazing few months of success!*

You can find lots of photographs and more details of all of the above in the inside pages.

And in what is arguably the busiest time of year - when we all take every opportunity to get outdoors - it will be clear that there has been no shortage of opportunity at the club with activity happening daily at all levels and across all codes.

*You'll also have noticed the great strides we're taking in progressing Pitch 3. It is encouraging to see the pace of activity, despite the almost daily deluges of rain through July. Finally an early heads up about a big night out. We would genuinely love to see old and new faces gather together at our **Annual Club Dinner, sponsored by CSM, in the Europa Hotel on November 18th**. Ticket details on **page 21**.*

Thank you as always for your continued support,

Go raibh maith agaibh, is míse le meas,

Breandán Ó Sluáin

Cathaoirleach



PLAYER ACTIVITY THIS QUARTER

Senior Men : Down League Winners Division 1



Carryduff GAC made history when they sealed the Down ACFL Division One title on Friday August 4th with a 1-12 to 0-11 win over their nearest rivals in the table, Loughinisland. The final round of fixtures took place the following week, with a Carryduff visit to Warrenpoint where the silverware was officially handed over.

Well done boys!

History Makers

PLAYER ACTIVITY THIS QUARTER

Senior Men : Down League Winners Division 1



1. NIAL KANE
2. PATRICK MCCARTHY
3. PIERCE LAVERTY
4. ANTHONY DOHERTY
5. MICEAL ROONEY
6. CEILUM DOHERTY
7. DANNY MAGILL
8. DANIEL GUINNESS
9. ODHRAN MURDOCK
10. SHEALAN JOHNSTON
11. LIAM KERR
12. RORY MASON
13. EUGENE BRANAGAN
14. PAT HAVERN
15. RYAN JOHNSTON



Cill Chua
Boireann
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Tailteann Cup Final
Saturday, 15th July 2023
3pm Croke Park

EOS
IT SOLUTIONS

We were also very proud to watch Daniel Guinness represent his County in Croke Park in the Tailteann Cup final on July 15th.



PLAYER ACTIVITY THIS QUARTER

Carryduff's Contribution...

LGFA All Ireland Junior Champions—captained by Carryduff!

We could not be more proud of the five Carryduff women who represented Down at the All Ireland Junior Final in Croke Park in August. In a long road back from relegation from Intermediate football last season, the team went on to enjoy an undefeated run to the final, an exhilarating contest against a strong Limerick side, in which the Mourne girls came out on top with a 1-7 to 0-8 victory.

It was almost as exciting - just two days later - to have the girls visit the club with the cup, providing a wonderful example to our young players, male and female, who turned up in their droves to welcome them home.

At a Q&A session led by our youngest children in a packed Hub we learned - among other things - about the levels of dedication and commitment needed to perform at the highest level, the importance of sticking with the training through all weathers (and especially when you least want to go) and the half time words that motivate and get that little bit extra out of everyone!

We are fortunate and so honoured to have such outstanding and successful role models for our younger players.

Well done again girls!



PLAYER ACTIVITY THIS QUARTER

LGFA All Ireland Junior Champions 2023



PLAYER ACTIVITY THIS QUARTER

All Ireland Champions 2023 Féile

All Ireland Féile Peile na nÓg 2023

@ Connacht Centre of Excellence, Claremorris, Co. Mayo

Division 1, Group 1

Carryduff, Co. Down

St Mary's, Athenry, Co. Galway

Kilmacud Crokes, Co. Dublin

New York, USA

Division 1 Group 2

Westport, Co. Mayo

Glanmire, Co. Kildare

Laune Rangers, Co. Kerry



In the shield final of this exciting competition - after a morning of highs and lows - the Carryduff boys faced their second match of the day against New York.

A confident and self-assured Carryduff team showed the New Yorkers what Down football is all about – with quality points from Fintan McArdle, Owen McHugh and a crucial goal coming from the boot of Rory Armstrong. Solid defending, dogged 'backs-to-the-wall' football and encouragement from the Carryduff crowd helped the boys over the line. When the whistle to signal the end of the 2023 Féile Shield Final (with a winning score of 1-2 to 0-4), the joy, emotion and realisation of what this team had achieved for themselves, their families and their club began to sink in.

This was an amazingly proud day for our Club.
Well done to each and every member of the Panel and management team.

Full article and
more photos
available on Club
website



PLAYER ACTIVITY THIS QUARTER

All Ireland Champions 2023 Féile



Back Row (L -R)

Aodhan McEvoy; Owen McHugh; Michael Boyle; Oisín Lyons; Conal Vaugh; Sean Teague; Fionn Dougan; Joe Kerr; John Moohan; Oisín McEvoy; Rory Keenan; Eoin Cunningham

Middle Row (L-R)

Tom Hickson; Ethan Connolly; Oisín Illand; Cal McClean; Ciaran O'Neill; Niall McReynolds; Danny Knight; Daire O'Neill; Gabriel McGowan; Joseph Murchan

Front Row (L-R)

Nathan Fearon; Rory Armstrong; Fintan McArdle; Oliver White; Senan McQuillan; Sean Duffy; Rory McConnell; Owen Daly.



Rowan Lyons

Damian Connolly

Manager: Michael McGrath

Paul Dougan

Stephen McConnell

Paul Hickson

PLAYER ACTIVITY THIS QUARTER

Regional Féile Winners—
U15 Carryduff Girls!

LGFA Regional Féile 2023



Back Row (L-R)

Paddy Tinnelly, Gerard Sergeant, Ellen Farrell, Aisling McCaul, Anna McArdle, Isa McCarron, Sophie McCusker, Niamh Lamont, Mia Kelly, Lily Meehan, Niamh Rogers, Orla Hughes, Anna Tinnelly, Erin Tunney, Aoife McKeever, Aoife McMullan, Damian Horisk, Noel Napier

Front Row (L-R)

Orla Meehan, Eilish Rose Hagan, Aoibhín Loughran, Sarah Lawson, Cara Connolly, Orla Cooney, Niamh Napier, Emma Quinn, Orlaigh McMahon, Evie McHugh, Rebecca McDonnell, Rose Horisk, Hannah Cassin, Anna Quinn, Aidan Hughes.



Paving the way - last year's Féile
All-Ireland Champions



2 July 2022: Carryduff, Co Down, captains Ellie Sergeant, left, and Eimear Napier, lift the cup as their team-mates celebrate after the Cup Final between Carryduff, Co Down and Mullahoran, Co Cavan, at the John West National Football Féile 2022 event at Kildare GAA Centre in Hawkfield, Kildare



PLAYER ACTIVITY THIS QUARTER

The LGFA's Player Development Programme or PDP has been designed to equip players with the knowledge, skills, and attitude to be the best they can be and to foster a love for our national sport.

This is an inclusive programme for players in-between the County Team age bands that focuses on various stages of development, providing an opportunity for players to develop individually and to play with different teammates while also enabling coaches to monitor players' participation and development over its duration.

By focusing on coach development and coaching structures and methods it also exposes players to high quality coaching experiences that are in line with all the technical, tactical, physical, and social demands of our game and contributes to strong County and Club relationships.

The Programme is offered at U13, U15 and U17 levels and this year's Carryduff participants are pictured to the right.

LGFA Player Development Programmes — County Development Squads



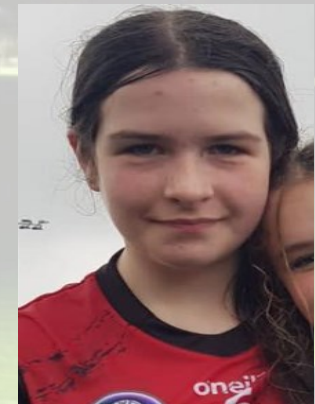
U15 Down Development Squad: Carryduff's

Rebecca McDonnell, Orla Hughes, Rose Horisk, Ellen Farrell and Aisling McCaul



U17 Down Development Squad:

Carryduff's Maria McLornan, Imogen Sloan and Cara Cassin



U13 Down

Development Squad:

Carryduff's
Catriona Blaney

PLAYER ACTIVITY THIS QUARTER



A Well-Rounded Offering

Carryduff enjoyed its maiden Rounders victory (13:10) at an action-packed, fun-filled debut match against Wolfe Tone's GAC at the Valley Leisure Centre on July 16th.

If you would like to get involved in this latest edition to our sporting menu please contact Head of Rounders, Mark McCartan



U15B male footballers who secured the Division 4 League title with an excellent victory (3:12 to 0-11) in tough conditions against St. Michael's Magheralin. Well done to all players and coaches



Carryduff U15s who helped take Down to victory over Tyrone in the Brian McLernon cup final in August. Danny Knight, Owen McHugh and Joseph Kerr



Rounders Team – LJ Collins, Emma Swail, Caroline Morgan, Erin Marsh, Niamh McGuire, Naomh Gallagher, Lisa McGovern, Michael Drysdale, Brian Keenan, Stewart Long, Eamonn McKeever



Carryduff's Liam Blaney represented Ulster in Dublin

PLAYER ACTIVITY THIS QUARTER



Inaugural Primary School Schools Camogie Day August 5th 2023

Teams from Bredagh, Liatroim, Kilcoo, Ballela, Dromara, Clonduff, Darragh Cross, Castlewellan, Portaferry and Ballycran joined us for a fun and skill packed day on August 5th as we hosted our first ever Primary Schools blitz.



Carryduff submitted an impressive four of the 22 teams at the P2/P3 age group alone. A further 15 teams entered at the P4/P5 level displayed great determination and the growing skill and confidence was even more apparent among the 11 P6/P7 teams taking part.



As a relatively new code we are delighted to see Camogie go from strength to strength in our club and we are always ready to welcome new players.

The ever-improving skills and confidence of the girls is testament to the time and effort they and their coaches devote to the sport.

More photos from the day are available on our website:

<https://carryduffgac.com/inaugural-carryduff-gac-primary-school-blitz/>



SUMMER CAMPS 2023

Take 1: Hurling & Camogie summer camp

In July, 70 children from under 9s to under 14s enjoyed the opportunity to develop key Hurling & Camogie skills in a fun environment at the first of our Summer Camps.

We greatly appreciate all the coaches who gave up their time to help out with the Camp, and in particular Danny Toner and Conor McLornan who came along to carry out some new drills with the children.

The week was topped off with a special viewing of the All-Ireland Hurling Final in the Hub; and a big shout out to 'Love Pizza' for adding that little extra treat!



Take 2: AB Coaching Camp

In a response to the huge demand for summer camp places at Carryduff - which we couldn't hope to meet through our usual Kellogg's Cúl Camp experience - we commissioned AB Coaching who came to our facilities to deliver what proved to be a fun filled and highly professional 5 day experience for more than 85 of our youngest members in July.

Take 3: Kellogg's Cúl Camp

And finally, in one of the biggest Cúl Camp experiences in Ulster, we welcomed 300 children to our grounds over 5 days from August 14th-18th to experience Gaelic sports *en masse* with their peers.

With more than 30 coaches on hand - and 40 + young volunteers offering invaluable support - we were able to offer a unique and memorable experience for these 5-14 year olds which we know will have helped instil a life-long love of Gaelic games.



PLAYER ACTIVITY THIS QUARTER

Carryduff Hurling and Camogie Summer Camp July 2023



VOLUNTEERS

Young 2023 Cúl Camp Volunteers—Roll of Honour

*With one of the biggest
Cúl Camps in the
country there is no way
we could possibly
operate it without the
support and
participation of our
existing young players
aged 14-17 who -
under the stewardship
of our qualified
coaches - selflessly
gave up their time
(some up to 40 hours)
to teach our youngest
members some new
skills and instil a love
of Gaelic sports.*

*Our thanks go to each
and every one of them.
Go raibh mile maith
agaibh!*

*Aisling McCaul
Alice Hanna
Anna Finnelly
Aodhan McEvoy
Ben Neal
Ashling Wojejeszak
Caoimhe Sherry
Cara Cassin
Cara Connolly
Ciara McLornan
Cillian Teague
Conor Gilmore
Danny Knight
David Morrissey
Eimear Napier
Ellen Farrell
Ellie Sergeant
Emma Quinn
Eoin McKernan
Eve Bradshaw
Evie McHugh
Hannah Cassin*

*Imogen Sloan
Isa McCarron
Joseph Kerr
Liam Blaney
Lorcan Cooney
Luke Morris
Maebh Napier
Maria McLornan
Niamh Napier
Oisin O'Hare
Orla Cooney
Orla Hughes
Orla McCaul
Rebecca McDonnell
Ronan Kelly
Rory O'Donnell
Rose Horisk
Sarah Lawson
Shauna Cooney
Siofra Goodwin
Sophie Kerr
Sophie Whyte*

Thanks everyone!

DEVELOPMENT PLANS



Next Steps



The Development Sub-Committee has been busy all summer ensuring that our '3 for 2023' project continues to progress.

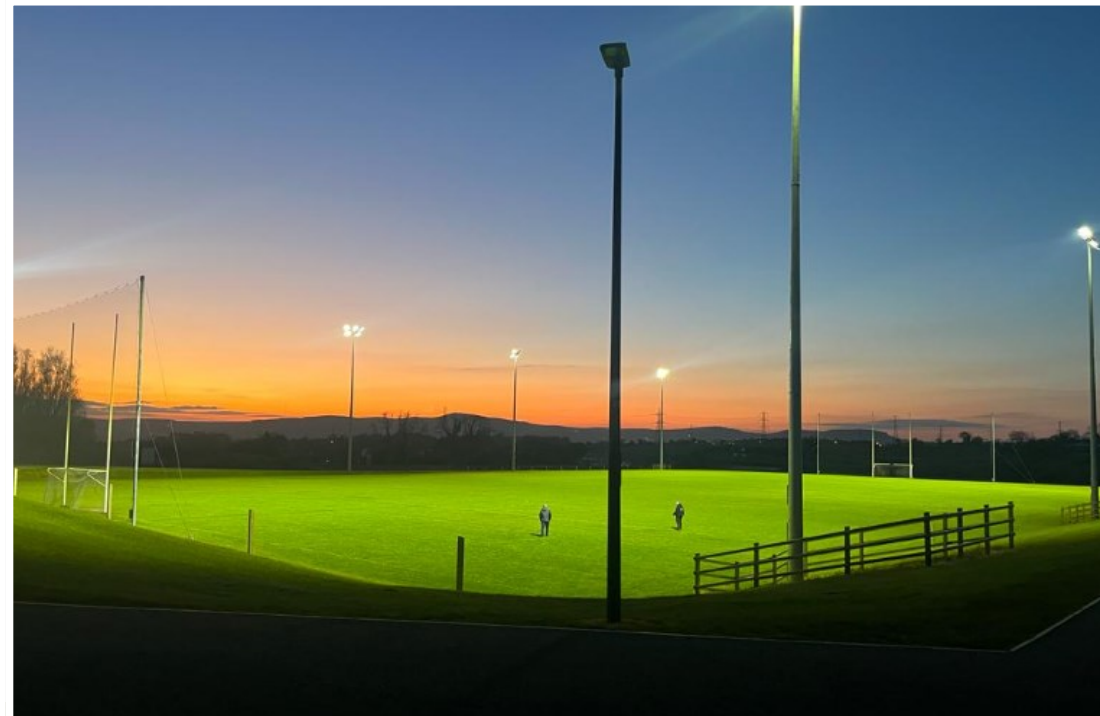
During the last few months the planned benches, bins and bike racks have all been installed and we have now completed the focusing of our floodlights on Pitch 2 - with a number of teams already availing of the additional lighting as the evenings begin to draw in.

The final part of this project will be the completion of Pitch 3 which remains on schedule, with drainage in place, top soil levelled and Lough Neagh sand dressing in place ready for sowing.

From here on we will be at the mercy of the weather and are hoping that if it remains in our favour you will see the pitch sown in September. After that, we hope for strong growth during the winter and spring of 2024. We'll provide an update in our next Newsletter.

Our 3 for 2023 project

1. Purchase and install LED lights for 4 lighting columns on Pitch 2 **STATUS - COMPLETE**
2. Purchase and install benches around and bins around the walkway and a new bicycle rack on the grounds **STATUS - COMPLETE**
3. Design and develop Pitch 3 with the aim of it being playable for at least 9 months of the year **STATUS - ONGOING**



SOCIAL ACTIVITY THIS QUARTER



Club Lotto

Many thanks to the hundreds of Club members who participate in our weekly Lotto Draw in the hope of winning up to £150 by matching 3 numbers, or of taking home the Jackpot - which has grown by more than £5,500 this year! Since December 2022 the Club Lotto has generated more than £18,000 in ticket sales, half of which is used to help with running costs while the remainder goes into the prize pot.

So far in 2023 match 3 winners have taken home £3,300 and our jackpot currently stands at £8,115.

If you don't already play the Lotto, why not start today by scanning in the QR code above or clicking on the link below

https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Carryduff_GAC/lotto

We've enjoyed a busy few months socially....

In a raucous event - appropriately organised by the parents of some of our younger teams - at our Pub Quiz on **June 9th**, the Chair's own team 'Cooking on Gas' came away with the win! Quiz master Conor Mackle can attest to the high levels of knowledge on display.

An impromptu night of celebration also took place at the Ivanhoe on Friday 5th August in celebration of our Senior Men's success that same evening.

And, on 25th August, our members enjoyed yet another night out, and 3 course meal, at Horatio Todd's in Ballyhackamore when our Head of Ladies Football, Stephen Magorrian, kindly donated the cost of the meal back to the club.

Thank you Stephen and all who attended!



Down Draw Winner

July Club Winner

**Lisa Foley—
£1,000**



Enjoying a night for past and present players and members on 16 June

Gaeltacht Scholarships 2023

County Grant Recipients

Aoibhe Waring
Catriona Blaney
Odhrán Marsh
Ronan McCullagh
Sean Hughes
Shay Spillane

Carryduff GAC Grant Recipients

Cara Holland
Declan Gilmore
Ella Coey
Emma Quinn
Evie Scott
Joseph Murchan
Odhrán Lynch
Orla McReynolds
Rory Armstrong
Sean Young
Tadhg Donnelly
Will Orr

Certificates to all of the above will be presented at our Pop-Up Gaeltacht weekend on September 23rd & 24th.

SOCIAL ACTIVITY THIS QUARTER

Representatives from Carryduff GAC Executive Committee and wider membership were delighted to attend the County Team's Tailteann Cup Big Breakfast fundraiser on July 4 at the Canal Court Hotel in Newry (photo below and to the right)



Representatives from Carryduff GAC Executive Committee and Coaching Teams also attended the LGFA Afternoon Tea Fundraiser for our County Team at Canal Court on August 6th (photo above and to the left)

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Social Camógs

For the 2023 Hurling Semi-Final, 70 parents and children from the U-11.5 and U-9.5 Hurling teams of Carryduff GAC embarked on a trip to Croke Park to enjoy an intense showdown between Clare and Kilkenny!



Congratulations to Carryduff's Sean Dolan who represented Ulster in the All Ireland Fleadh in Mullingar in August

Handball has returned

Sundays at Parish Hall

U12 4.30-5.30pm

12+ 5.30-6.30pm

Newcomers welcome

Contact Mark on 07708 097319 for more information



Saturday July 29th Dads and Lads' Inaugural Blitz

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Thank you to our latest Team Sponsors

Carryduff GAC

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Contact Brendan to discuss a team sponsorship to suit your business:

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We have over 1800 members and almost 40 teams in Mens and Ladies Gaelic Football, Hurling, Camogie, Handball and Rounders. Our facilities open all year round with visitors from all over Belfast, Down and Ulster.



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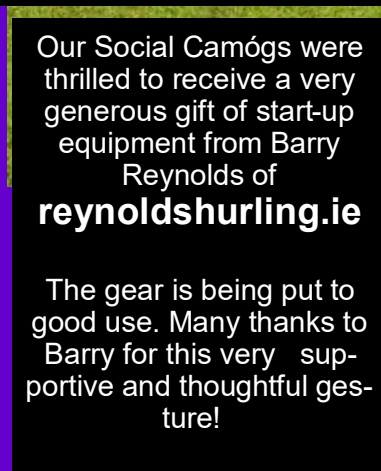


U16 ladies football team received their new playing jersey from new sponsor **Kingsbridge Private Hospital**



Our Social Camógs were thrilled to receive a very generous gift of start-up equipment from Barry Reynolds of **reynoldshurling.ie**

The gear is being put to good use. Many thanks to Barry for this very supportive and thoughtful gesture!



If you wish to advertise your business at our pitches or would be interested in sponsoring a team in one of our codes please get in touch.



Sloan's Gas Energy Centre sponsoring U14 County Footballer, Abigail Hanvey and County Camóg Cara Holland



Carryduff GAC Juvenile Players' Charter

(2023)



Juvenile Players' Behaviours

- ◆ Play fairly and strive to give your best.
- ◆ Take pride in representing Carryduff GAC.
- ◆ Respect fellow team members regardless of ability, cultural or ethnic origin, gender, sexual orientation or religious beliefs.
- ◆ Support and positively encourage all team members.
- ◆ Be gracious in defeat and modest in victory.
- ◆ Shake hands with opponents after every game.
- ◆ Take due care of Club equipment.
- ◆ Know that it is acceptable to talk to the Club's Children's Officer with any concerns or questions you may have.
- ◆ Always play by the rules.
- ◆ Respect all coaches, officials, team mates or opponents. Accept the decisions of referees and other officials.

In return you can expect to :

- ◆ Be safe and feel safe.
- ◆ Have fun and experience a sense of enjoyment and fulfilment.
- ◆ Be treated with respect dignity and sensitivity.
- ◆ Be free to comment and make suggestions in a constructive manner.
- ◆ Be listened to. Make your concerns known and have them dealt with in an appropriate manner.
- ◆ Participate in games and competitions at an appropriate level.
- ◆ Be afforded adequate and meaningful playing time to assist in the development of your playing skills, within your own age group and in accordance with Club Policy.

DON'T use social media to discuss team mates, opponents, coaches, match officials or other individuals.

DON'T use unacceptable language or racial or sectarian references to an opponent, a fellow player or official by words, deeds or gesture.

DON'T consume non-prescribed drugs or performance enhancing supplements

UPCOMING SOCIAL ACTIVITY

CARRYDUFF GAC Annual CELEBRATION DINNER

Buy your tickets here

Carryduff GAC



- ◆ Individual Tickets—£60 (may be paid in 2 x £30 instalments)
- ◆ Table of 10 to include sponsorship —£850
- ◆ Table of 10 without sponsorship—£600
- ◆ Table sponsorship (allowing for individual ticket purchase)—£250



Save the Dates

Event	Date & Time	Location
Cancer Fundraising Coffee Morning	TBC September	At the Hub
Coaches' Appreciation Night	Saturday 9th September	Brackengarth, BT8 8LP
Pop-Up Gaeltacht Weekend	Saturday & Sunday 23rd-24th September	At the Club
Halloween Primary School Disco	Saturday 21st October	Parish Hall
Annual Gala Dinner	Saturday 18th November	Europa Hotel
AGM	Thursday 23rd November	TBC

CARRYDUFF POP-UP GAELTACHT WEEKEND
23 & 24 SEPT, 2023

SATURDAY EVENTS

- Historical Walk & talk @ 10AM Sat
- Irish Mythology 4 children @ 2PM Sat
- Stone painting 4 children @ 2PM in Hub
- Celli 4 All Parish Hall @ 8PM

Curious about the Irish Language & want to find out more? Bring the whole family, enjoy the fun & you might even pick up a few phrases!

CARRYDUFF GAC, Knockbracken Drive

SUNDAY EVENTS

- Gaelic Games 4 ALL @ 10AM
- Conversation Circle @ 2PM in Hub
- Gaelic Songs @ 2PM in Hub
- Placenames Lecture @ 7PM in Hub

Curious about the Irish Language & want to find out more? Come along, enjoy interdenominational fun & you might even pick up a few phrases!

CARRYDUFF GAC, Knockbracken Drive

*We'd love to see you all at our
flagship event of the Year
Our Annual Celebration Dinner
takes place at the Europa Hotel on
Saturday 18th November 2023.
Tickets are expected to sell out so
you are advised to get yours early.
Over 18s only*

TICKETS ON SALE

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Annual
CELEBRATION DINNER



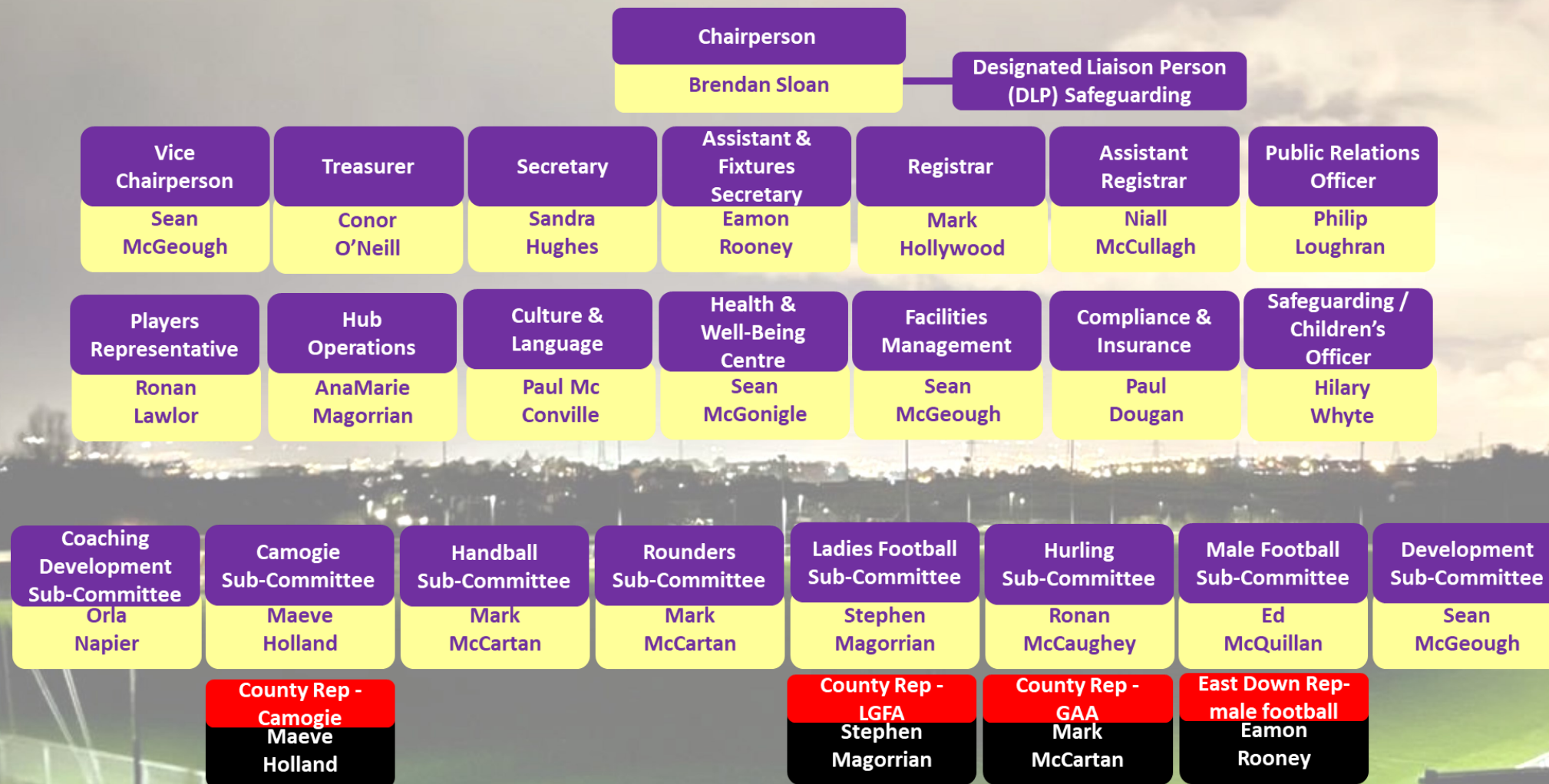
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GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

Committee Structure 2023



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