

Gaelic Life Ulster Club

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CLG Cheathrú Aodha Dhuibh



# NEWSLETTER

Summer Edition

June – August 2024

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# CLG Cheathrú Aodha Dhuibh

Activity Update : June 2024 to August 2024

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## *Dia daoibh a chairde*

*It's been another packed season of activity. With much still to play for, we have already enjoyed a number of successes.*

*In this quarter our Senior ladies have taken the league title and our Minors have won the County Championship. We were also very proud to witness our Senior male footballers in contention for a back-to-back county league win. In a hard-fought battle on a wet August evening, we were very unlucky to lose the title to Kilcoo in the last game of the season.*

*Despite the disappointment we were pleased to end the league campaign just one point shy of the holders, which will undoubtedly stand to us as we enter the championship with our eyes firmly secured on that prize.*

*Meanwhile, our minor hurlers offered yet more cause for celebration when they took home the silverware in the Division 2 league final.*

*At the underage level, leagues and championships continue and our coaches are observing the very real development of our players as the season unfolds.*

*Our u15 ladies footballers - who represented Down in the All-Ireland Féile - and their camogie counterparts who reached the Regional Féile Finals, were excellent ambassadors for the club in June.*

*It is thanks to the pool of 228 dedicated volunteer coaches that our children can continue to enjoy these experiences, win, lose, or draw, and we are grateful to all parents who recognise and support their efforts - aware that without them we could not exist. And it is to them too that we owe gratitude for our successful series of summer camps - more details of which you'll see inside these pages.*

*A special shout out also goes to those who coach our GAA All Stars. These coaches have equipped themselves with enthusiasm to support members with additional needs who wish to enjoy our games. Due to the success of our pilot programme, we are delighted that this initiative will now be embedded into our club more permanently.*

*We would encourage all our members to attend as many of our matches as possible - as we have seen at the highest levels, our combined support might just make the difference!*

*Last but not least -we enjoyed a really valuable Members' Information Evening at the Iuanhoe on September 7th, where we delivered some exciting news about our future plans for the club including our most recent funding success stories - all is revealed on the next page*



**Breandán Ó Sluáin**  
Cathaoirleach  
Chairperson

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It's good news!

- We have successfully secured our largest ever grant from Lisburn and Castlereagh Council of up to £290,000
- We can utilise a generous £115,000 via Eastwoods & the Landfill Communities Fund, to help offset the 50% match funding requirement
- With club surpluses of £40,000 in 2023 and the same predicted for 2024, we can add a further £80,000
- This will leave a funding gap of £95,000 the total amount we need to raise to reap the benefits of the £580,000 Development Plan outlined below

Community Investment Fund – L&CCC  
**GOOD NEWS**

Successfully secured approval 'in principle' for up to £290,000 grant offered with 50% match funding to enable a development Programme totalling £580,000

This capital funding stream supports projects located within the Lisburn and Castlereagh area that are not owned or managed by the council

Successful schemes were required to:

- Address community and/or sports benefits for a community led regeneration project
- Align with the council's Corporate, Investment and Community Plans
- Show how they would secure match funding of no less than 50% within 12 months of a 'letter of offer in principle' being issued.

Provision of year-round safe, accessible and inclusive outdoor playing and training facilities

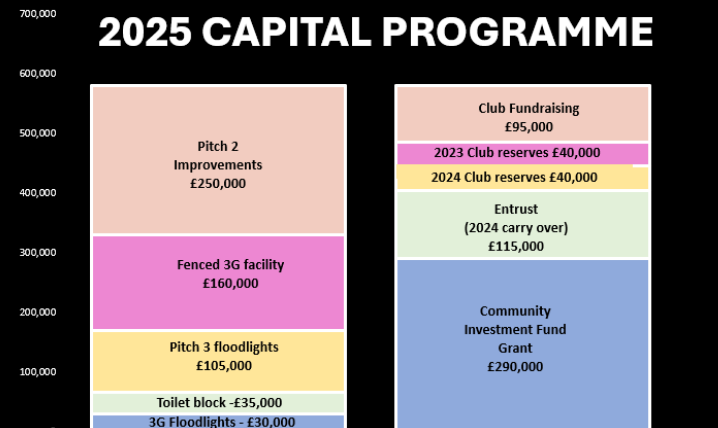
Pitch 2 Improvements	£250,000
3G Fenced Facility	£160,000
Junior Pitch Floodlights	£105,000
Additional Toilet/Changing Block	£35,000
3G Floodlights	£30,000
<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>£580,000</b>

Total Additional Fundraising Required

**In Further Good News**

In last 12 months we also received a further £115,000 through Eastwood Envirowaste and the Landfill Communities Fund

2025 CAPITAL PROGRAMME



£95k

# Our Development Journey

## 2003/2024 Activities

1. Purchase and install LED lights for 4 lighting columns on Pitch 2

**STATUS - COMPLETE**



2. Purchase and install benches and bins around the walkway and new bicycle pods on the grounds

**STATUS - COMPLETE**



3. Design and develop Pitch 3 (junior pitch) with the aim of it being playable for at least 9 months of the year

**STATUS - COMPLETE**



4. Utilise additional £40k provided for through Eastwoods and the LC Fund to complete site works at the south side of Pitch 3

**STATUS - COMPLETE**



## 2024/2025 Activities

1. Develop a Master Plan for best use of remaining site space

**STATUS - COMPLETE**



2. Host a Members' engagement evening to inform membership about upcoming plans

**STATUS - COMPLETE**



3. Await outcome of planning applications submitted in relation to Masterplan

**STATUS - PENDING**



4. Identify and secure funding sources to support Masterplan

**STATUS - PENDING - 50% of funding sourced**



### Site Masterplan – Phase 1 Completed

Works completed up to June 2024 will be referred to as Phase 1 works  
This includes completion of the walkway and pitch 3 development

### Site Masterplan – Phase 2 In development

Development Sub-Committee has produced a high-level plan – approved by the EC - to address the club's training and playing needs in the immediate future. These include:

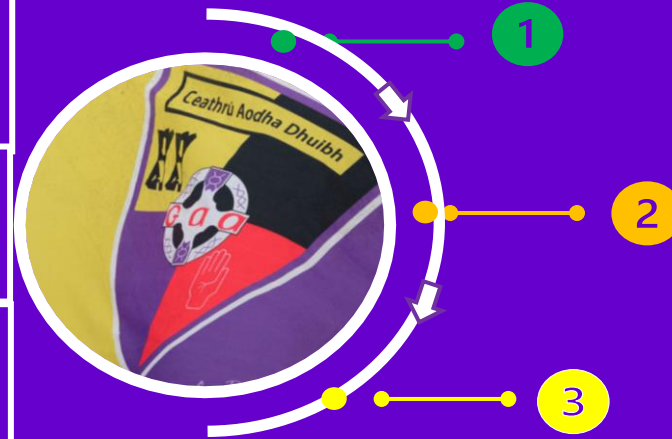
- Floodlights at Pitch 3
- Fencing at Pitch 2
- Surface Improvements at Pitch 2
- New additional 3G facility at top end of Pitch 3

### Site Masterplan - Phase 3 To be Agreed

On completion of Phase 2 remaining site needs will be reviewed by the Development Sub-Committee and proposals submitted to Executive Committee for approval

At the same time, we will continue to identify additional funding sources to complete these and other works.

This will include plans and planning approval for a new club house for which specific funding opportunities will need to be identified



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## Phase 2 Developments



You can view our development plans and a 3D model in more detail at the Hub.

## Launch of Club Strategic Plan\*

We understand the importance of being ready for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead

We spent the last 18 months ‘taking the temperature’ of the organisation – we watched, listened and learned

We developed our Strategic Plan to plot our direction of travel up to 2028

Our Vision for Carryduff GAC is for

**Success on and off the field of play through the provision of high-quality coaching at well-maintained facilities and a strong sense of community cohesion, belonging and pride.**

The four strategic goals that will help us deliver our vision are:



- One** Build our reputation to be a ‘best in class’ club in all its aspects
- Two** Deliver excellence in coaching and player development
- Three** Offer quality cultural, social and health related community activities
- Four** Provide facilities that reflect membership numbers and needs

\* A copy of our Club Strategic Plan and Club Prospectus will be emailed to members.

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## Ladies Senior Football - Division A League Winners 2024

## PLAYER ACTIVITY

**Congratulations to our Senior ladies who clinched the Down Division A League Title at the end of July – and good luck in the Championship.**



**The following players were involved in Division One league this year:**

**Senior Ladies Players:** Susie Baxter, Cara Cassin, Ashling Connolly, Shauna Cooney, Ashling Cull, Lara Deegan, Meghan Doherty, Cara Donnelly, Sara Ella, Amy Foy, Katie Foy, Riona Hinds, Sophie Kerr, Rebecca Laverty, Caoimhe Laverty, Grace Loughran, Molly Lyons, Michelle Magee, Hannah McCabe, Maria McCann, Ciara McCullough, Ciara McGeough, Emer McKay, Kate McKay, Clare McKnight, Ciara McLornan, Maria McLornan, Eimear McReynolds, Niamh Meehan, Claire Milburn, Maura Moran, Eimear Napier, Maebh Napier, Niamh Napier, Orla Napier, Les Nixon, Beth O'Neill, Sian O'Neill, Hollie Penman, Catherine Price, Ciara Price, Niamh Price, Erin Robinson, Ellie Sergeant, Laura Sharvin, Caoimhe Sherry, Fiona Smith, Dearbhla Smyth, Ashling Wojcieszak and Rhianna Wojcieszak

**Senior Ladies Management Team:** Noel Napier (Head Coach), Shane Donnelly, Paula Gibney, Stephen McArdle, Maura Moran and Gerard Sergeant

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## Male Senior Football - Division A League Runners Up 2024

## PLAYER ACTIVITY

Congratulations to  
our Senior male  
footballers who  
finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the  
Down Division A  
league – and good  
luck in the  
Championship



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## PLAYER ACTIVITY

### Ladies Minor Football – Division A Championship Winners 2024

Congratulations  
to our Minor  
ladies who won  
the Down  
Division A  
Championship  
on July 26<sup>th</sup>



**Above:** Captain  
Maebh Napier  
**Left:** Player of  
the Match, Anna  
McArdle with her  
parents,  
Stephen and  
Norín

**Back Row:** Hannah Cassin, Eimear Napier, Eimear McReynolds, Caoimhe Sherry, Cara Cassin, Rose Horisk, Orla Hughes, Sophie Kerr, Niamh Napier, Grace Loughran, Cara Connolly, Shauna Cooney, Eve Bradshaw, Elyesea Brennan, Siofra Goodwin  
**Front Row:** Anna McArdle, Isa McCarron, Rebecca McDonnell, Ciara McLornan, Maria McLornan, Ellie Sergeant, Maebh Napier, Cara Donnelly, Orla McCaul, Lara Deegan, (mascot Caolan Moran)  
**Management Team:** Gerard Sergeant, Stephen McArdle, Paula Gibney, Noel Napier





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Congratulations to our  
Minor hurlers who won  
the Down Division 2  
League Final in early  
August



**Above:** Minor Hurling Captain Matthew Loftus receives the cup from Liam Quinn, CCC

Minor Hurlers – Division B  
League Winners 2024



**Back Row:** Finbarr McMeel (Head Coach), Cillian Teague, Ronan Kelly, Matthew Loftus, Darragh McMeel, Jamie Rice, Cillian Ennis, Oisín McAteer, Liam Blaney, Joe McAllister, Declan O'Donnell (Coach)

**Front Row:** Tomas O'Connor, Rory Keenan, Sean Young, Aodan Young, Tom Hickson, Rory O'Donnell, Sean Teague, Ruairi Fitzsimmons

**Management Team:** Finbarr McMeel and Declan O'Donnell

**PLAYER ACTIVITY**

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Well done to our  
U15 LGFA  
Division 1 Down  
Féile winners  
competed at the  
All- Ireland  
Competition in  
Mayo on  
Saturday June  
29<sup>th</sup>

## Ladies U15 Football Féile County Winners & National Contenders 2024

## PLAYER ACTIVITY



**Back Row:** Aoife McKeever, Caitlin Bradshaw, Abigail Hanvey, Aisling McCaul, Catriona Blaney, Hannah Cassin, Evie McHugh, Lucy Dummigan, Cara Holland, Rhea Fitzgerald, Niamh Napier, Emer Heverin  
**Front Row:** Niamh Collins, Orla McReynolds, Sophia Cunningham, Neala Moohan, Hannah Cooper, Evie Scott, Fiona O'Neill, Olivia Deane, Emira Rapalyte  
(missing from photo - Amelie Gormley, Coco Eastwood and Katie Napier)  
**Management Team:** Damian Horisk, Stevie Cassin, Paddy Tinnelly, Orla Meehan, Aidan Hughes, Nuala Bradshaw, Philip Cooper

The entire 2024 Féile 'journey' has been a great experience for the U15 girls. It's easy to forget that it isn't just about the one day out on the 29th June. The team first came together on the 2nd February and between then and the end of June they had eight training sessions, a pre- Féile tournament, challenge games, crowned County Féile Champions, Pizza Night, fundraising activities and represented their club and county in a National Féile.

In addition, as Division 1 County Champions, the girls were invited to the All-Ireland Club 7's Tournament held in Kilmacud on the 3rd August.

Thank you to all of our sponsors, all of those who helped with the fundraising, our parents, the whole coaching team and to girls themselves for being the superstars they all are!

Following their spectacular success in winning the Down Féile on May 6<sup>th</sup>, our U15 girls (a combined group from our U14s and U16s) travelled to Mayo to represent the County on June 29<sup>th</sup>. at the All-Ireland Competition (top division). Although pipped at the post we are extremely proud of this amazing team of players. Well done all on a wonderful achievement to reach the final and we hope you all enjoyed the fantastic opportunity it offered. Your club is very proud of you.

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After all the hard work on the training field and all the excitement of the build-up, the Carryduff Camógs made history – at their first ever Regional Féile Final which took place in glorious June sunshine under the backdrop of Slieve Gullian in Mullaghbane, Co. Armagh.

Meeting teams from Armagh, Wicklow and Tyrone along the way, our girls were narrowly beaten in extra time by the hosts after a thrilling Shield Semi-Final match.

We will be back!

## Camogie – Regional Féile

## PLAYER ACTIVITY



**Back Row:** Emily Dummigan, Evie Scott, Aoife Gray, Caitlin Ferguson, Aoibhe Warning, Katie Napier, Cara Holland, Fiona O'Neill, Lucy Dummigan, Caitríona Blaney, Caitlin Bradshaw, Orla McReynolds, Abigail Harvey

**Front Row:** Amelia Dean, Jessica Garvin, Ellie Cleland, Emma Hodkinson, Sophia Dummigan, Aoife McGary, Olivia Gallen, Eadaoin Napier, Erin Mulligan, Annie Lamont

**Missing from photo** - Caoimhe Daly

**Management Team:** Michael Holland, Nuala Bradshaw, Maeve Holland, Regina Gallen, Conor McGarry, Paul Hodkinson, Maria Gray

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## Season Snapshots Senior Football & Hurling



## PLAYER ACTIVITY



Our Premier Reserves, in their successful match against Mayobridge

## Male Senior Club Championship

Morgan Fuels Senior Football  
Championship Results to date

C'duff 1-08, Glenn 0-06  
Bredagh 0-06, C'duff 1-12

Morgan Fuels Senior Hurling  
Championship Results to date

C'duff 1-15, Liatroim 2-25  
Bredagh 0-15, C'duff 2-15  
Ballygalget 1-15, C'duff 1-12  
C'duff 1-11, Ballycran 2-24



## Senior Hurlers



Our senior men who competed at the Kilmacud 7s on July 27th

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## Ladies Club Championship

### Senior Group A

Carryduff, Castlewellan, RGU,  
Rostrevor

### Senior

#### Results to date

C'duff 4-18, RGU 1-04

C'duff 3-12, C'wellan 0-05

C'duff 6-11, Rostrevor 1-07

### Intermediate Group C

Carryduff, Clonduff, Dundrum

### Intermediate

#### Results to date

C'duff 2-09, Dundrum 6-06

C'duff 2-07, Clonduff 6-09

## Season Snapshots Senior Football (Ladies)

## PLAYER ACTIVITY



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## Season Snapshots Juvenile Football - Girls

### U15s @ Kilmacuds

A huge effort and some great team performances were on display in the prestigious Ladies Kilmacud 7's in August for our U15 group (below). With the finest selection of teams from across the country at this age group competing, this proved an invaluable experience for the girls and their coaches. Well done to all of them.



## PLAYER ACTIVITY

### U16s win William McErlean Cup



Our U16 girls (above) won the Willie McErlean Memorial Cup at Aodh Ruadh Dungannon on 20th July. The squad went unbeaten throughout the day, getting the better of Coalisland Fianna, Aghaloo O'Neills and then Emyvale of Monaghan before beating Clonoe O'Rahilly's in a great semi-final. In the final - a rematch against the Fianna Blues – our Carryduff girls powered home to victory. The future is bright.

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## Season Snapshots Juvenile - Camogie and Hurling

## PLAYER ACTIVITY



U10.5 and U8.5 Ballycran Blitz



Our U8.5 hurlers and camógs travelled to Ballygalget and Clonduff to compete in a day of blitzes



U14 Camógs at the Nicole Fegan 7s tournament



Senior Hurlers Conor McL, Conor C. Conor McA, Owen, Lorcan and Fearghal, gave a huge boost when they helped out with the U8.5s on August 11<sup>th</sup>

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**DOWN LGFA**

## County News

The Tailteann Cup final was played on 13 July 2024 at Croke Park in Dublin, between Down and Laois. Down won after defeating Laois 0-14 to 2-06, qualifying in the process for the group stage of the 2025 All-Ireland Senior Football Championship.

TAILTEANN CUP ROUND 3  
SUNDAY 2ND JUNE  
1.45PM KINGSPAN BREFFNI



- 1 JOHN O'HARE
- 2 FINN MURDOCK
- 3 PIERCE LAVERTY
- 4 PADDY MCCARTHY
- 5 GARETH MCKIBBEN
- 6 DANNY MAGILL
- 7 SHEALAN JOHNSTON
- 8 JAMES GUINNESS
- 9 JONNY FLYNN
- 10 RORY MASON
- 11 SHANE ANNETT
- 12 BEN MCCONVILLE
- 13 PAUL QUINN
- 14 CONOR MCCRICKARD
- 15 EAMON BROWN

Well done to club members Daniel Guinness, James Guinness, Pearce McCabe and Tom McCarroll



## PLAYER ACTIVITY



Carryduff hurlers Fionn Dougan and Tom Hickson represented Ulster U16s, beating Dublin in a series of games at Cloughan Centre of Excellence, Co. Monaghan



Congratulations to our U14 County Camógs, Caitriona Blaney & Cara Holland on helping Down win the shield competition against Westmeath



Our LGFA girls Aisling McCaul and Lucy Dumigan participated on the U16 County Player Development Programme



Carryduff U15 hurlers, Sean Young, Ben Neal and Rory Keenan playing for Down (missing from photo, Ethan Connolly)



### Armagh All-Ireland



Congratulations to our neighbours Armagh on their recent All-Ireland success.

Carryduff GAC is delighted for our many club members who hail from the Orchard County.



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Three Carryduff Camógs enjoyed a unique experience playing at half time in Pairc Esler with other girls from across the county. Not only did they get to hone their own skills, but they also had the opportunity to watch Cork v Down (Seniors) and Wicklow v Down (Juniors) Caoimhe Daly, Olivia Gallen and Erin Mulligan were looked after very well by everyone.



## MEMBER ACTIVITY

Our senior hurlers play in the Senior Hurling Championship for the first time this year. Pictured (left) are Carryduff captains, brothers Darragh and Ciaran Goodwin with referee John O'Connor and Liatroim captain Oisín Duggan



## Ulster GAA Go Games Day



L-R: Emma Hodkinson, Jessica Garvin, Eimear Rodgers, Eoin Neeson, Oran Green

Our Under 12 Camógs and Hurlers enjoyed the amazing experience playing on the pitch of one of the world's most iconic sporting arenas and representing the club at Croke Park at the **Ulster GAA Go Games Day**. Memories to last a lifetime!

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## Training Times

Dads and Lads Football  
- Saturday 5.30pm

Dads and Lads Hurling  
- Sunday 5pm

Gaelic for Mothers and Others G4MOs  
- Monday 8.00pm

Camogie for Mothers and Others C4MOs  
- Tuesday 8.15pm

\*Rounders (this cohort has now moved to be a Competitive Code)  
- Sunday 3.00pm

## Social Codes



Goodbye Social Code Ladies –  
Hello competitive code!

In only our second year of Rounders\*, Carryduff GAC's first ever Rounders Championship team (above) competed in the All-Ireland Junior Ladies competition. The new Carryduff side showed excellent fielding and didn't make it easy for Carrickmacross in the first ever competitive match. Following a series of other games throughout the summer Carryduff looks forward to showing an even stronger and more experienced side in 2025 as this group moves from social to competitive mode!



## PLAYER ACTIVITY

Carryduff G4MOs enjoyed a fantastic day out in unseasonably fabulous weather at the National Blitz on September 7<sup>th</sup>



Carryduff Camogie for Mothers & Others joined forces with their East Belfast counterparts for a brilliant training session with Micky Quigg of Derry County Camogie. Thanks also go to PJ Kirk for facilitating.



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Our female footballers enjoyed a wonderful day of sporting celebration on August 17<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the anniversary of our Ladies LGFA Code.

## LGFA Day Of Celebration

## MEMBER ACTIVITY



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*Seisiún  
Scéalaíochta*

Congratulations to everyone on the growing use of Irish across the club which we continue to encourage among players, parents and coaches. Registration for expression of interest for Irish Classes was launched in June with 30+ responses for a variety of class formats. Classes will be re-advertised and launched in September.

Meanwhile we awarded Gaeltacht Scholarships to 7 of our post primary members while a further three received scholarships from County.



We took the opportunity on World Environment day, 5th June, to thank all our volunteers for planting trees around our grounds and for looking after our facilities throughout the year.



Back in July a host of enthusiastic families gathered for our Seisiún Scéalaíochta at the Hub for storytelling, drama, arts and crafts provided by Suzanne and Suibhan from Smidiríni Theatre Company, sponsored by An Ciste Spreatha.

There were lots of enthralled children whose imaginations were thoroughly engaged throughout the afternoon



Our Book club continues to flourish with Colm Tóibín's Long Island, sequel to "Brooklyn" among our most recent reads.

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# MEMBER ACTIVITY

## Good News Stories – GAA accolades

### Ulster Young Leaders Programme



Club members Cara Cassin (LGFA Minor) and Oliver Burrows (Minor footballer and Hurler) completed the Ulster edition of the GAA's prestigious Young Leaders Programme. The six-month Programme helps to develop future volunteers for GAA clubs and counties. Participants must volunteer within their clubs for 12 weeks and be physically active in Gaelic Games throughout the same period.

On successful completion participants will receive the Sports Inspire award for their commitment to volunteering and skills development and the Joint Irish President's Gaisce/Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award.

Well done to Cara and Oliver – two excellent ambassadors for Carryduff GAC!



### Leading Ulster Females Programme

Club Secretary, Sandra Hughes was one of 104 women nationwide to graduate from the GAA's year-long 'Leading Provincial Females' programme in July.

Secured with support from Sport Ireland, this Programme is designed to identify and develop future female leaders across the GAA family.



### LGFA Talk Project Graduation

This project focuses on increasing the awareness of positive mental health of young members of the club and removing the stigma associated with Mental Health.

**Project team:** Kevina Collins, Regina Gallen, Maria Gray, Paula Lamont, Marius Mulligan, Suzanne Waring, Hilary White, Rhianna Wojcieszak

**Special thanks to:** Senior Ladies and management, Catherine Rocks, Smidiríní Theatre Company, and Rhianna Wojcieszak



Volunteering Officer Eamonn McKeever presents a 'Youth Volunteer' Certificate to club member Ronan McCullagh in recognition of his fundraising and general volunteering efforts for the club. Thank you, Ronan!



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## GAA for All - All Stars Pilot Programme

**HEALTHY CLUBS**

Ulster GAA recently delivered an 'Introduction to Gaelic Games Coaching' Award Course to 27 coaches from Carryduff GAC, Bredagh GAC & St Brigid's Belfast. All coaches have taken up volunteer roles to assist with the provision of the [#GAAforALL](#) All-Star initiative in their respective clubs



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# All-Stars On Tour

# HEALTHY CLUBS



All-Stars Croke Park day



Ulster GAA for All Blitz



Despite being only a few weeks into our All-Stars pilot scheme, our group made its way to Crossmaglen on Saturday 8th June to take part in the Ulster GAA for All Blitz.

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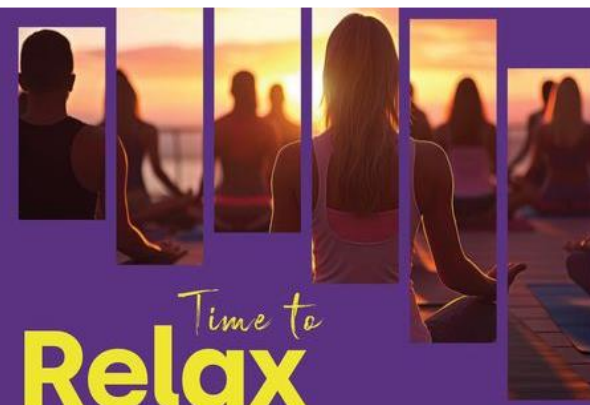
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## HEALTHY CLUBS

### Health Check Day



Yoga On the  
Pairc  
Thanks to the  
organisation of  
our C4MOs and  
G4MOs in June

**Lifeboats**

**If you're struggling in the water ...**

Tilt your head back with ears submerged

Relax and move your hands to help you stay afloat

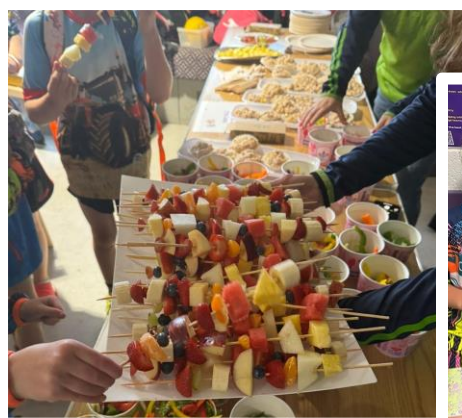
**FLOAT TO LIVE**

#RESPECTTHEWATER

### RNLI Water Safety Talk to our Summer Camp participants in August



### Healthy Eating Day





# 2024 SUMMER CAMPS

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### Busy Days!

220 children attended our Kellogg's Cúl Camp with a further 142 taking part in another mixed code camp and more still at our July Hurling and Camogie camps



### ELITE TEENAGE SUMMER CAMP

(12yrs-16yrs)

16th of JULY 2024  
2pm-5pm

AB COACHING

- CARRYDUFF/DOWN GAA  
- Inran Murdock -DOWN GAA  
- Garry - Tyrone GAA  
- Armley - Tyrone LGFA  
- top class coaches.

### SUMMER CAMP

22nd-26th July 2024

AGES(5yrs -11yrs)

with AB COACHING 10am-1pm

Bring water, light healthy snack(NUT FREE) & appropriate clothing for all weather conditions

water, light healthy snack(NUT FREE) and appropriate clothing for



2024 Cúl Camp Volunteers and Mentors – thank you so much to every single one of you!

# END OF SUMMER FUN



The pitches came alive on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September when our U10.5 boys and girls enjoyed their best day of the Summer at our Colour Run extravaganza!  
Thank you to all who volunteered and to all who made donations!



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## Wedding Belles



Wedding bells were busy ringing around the club with three weddings in August.

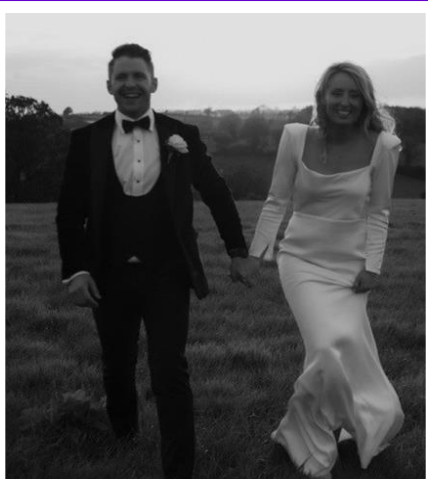
We wish all three couples every happiness in their future lives together



Senior Hurler Mark McConville with new wife Simone



Senior Ladies Footballer, Clare McKnight with new husband, Neil



Senior Ladies Footballer, Kate McKay with new husband, Lloyd

# NEWS

## Spreading their Wings - players abroad



Joseph Tolan-now playing for Gold Coast in Australia



Oonagh Lavery - winning San Diego 7's and Vancouver Senior Champions hip playing for ISSC in Vancouver, Canada



St Mike's Toronto - Daniel McCartan and Michael Keane

If you have a friend of family member playing with a GAA team abroad why not drop our PRO a photo of them in their club colours!

# NOTICE BOARD



## 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 currently stands at the maximum allowed - **£20,000!**

Since October 2023, the Club Lotto we've sold a total of 39,777 tickets with half of all the monies helping to support the running of the club. In that time match 3 winners have taken home £6,150

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](https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Carryduff_GAC/lotto)



Congratulations to Father Brian Watters, one of the club's most loyal supporters, on the recent 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination.



**Down Draw Winner  
£1,000**

**Congratulations to August winner, Michelle Murphy**

## Gym Membership

If you are 12+ and wish to join the gym please contact [seanmcg10@googlemail.com](mailto:seanmcg10@googlemail.com)

Membership options include

- i. £100 upfront annual payment or
- ii. £10 per month direct debit

Options can be found on [Klubfunder](#)

Opening times 6am-midnight

You will receive a fob to enable entry at your own convenience within those hours.



We are delighted to have **Wibble Web Design** – which specialises in high-end WordPress development – as the new sponsors of Carryduff Dads & Lads Football and Hurling teams.

## 2024 Club Membership

As of August 19<sup>th</sup>, the club membership is at its highest ever with 1,859 members registered. This reflects a growing local population but also a club with a strong and highly-respected reputation.

Application for Membership remains open all year - please visit our website for further information

<https://carryduffgac.com/2024-membership-is-open/>

Handball training resumes at the Parish Hall on **Sundays**  
**Primary Age: 3:30pm**  
**Secondary Age: 4.30pm**  
Newcomers welcome



Many thanks to Gareth & John from [Baize Craft](#) for providing us with an outdoor table tennis !!

Have a look at their website where you will find a great selection of indoor and outdoor tables and games  
<https://www.baizecraft.com/>

# WHAT'S COMING UP?

Gaelic Life Ulster Club

## ALL-STARS

2023

Club of the Year  
Carryduff GAC



Event	Date & Time	Location
Disco - organised by P3/P4 Hurlers and Camógs	Friday 13 September	Parish Hall
Community Dementia Awareness Talk	Thurs 19 September, 7pm	Hub
Coaches Appreciation Night	Friday 20 September, 7pm	Brackengarth
Car Wash – u12 boys	TBC	
Movember Ahead of the Game Mental Health Talk (U14 hurlers)	TBC	Hub
Family Footgolf	Sunday 6 October	Pitches
Halloween Disco (primary)	TBC	Parish Hall
St Alban Night of Music (see left)	Saturday 19 October	Ivanhoe Hotel
AGM	Thursday 7 November, time Tbc	Ivanhoe Hotel
U6.5 Sports kit sale	TBC	Hub

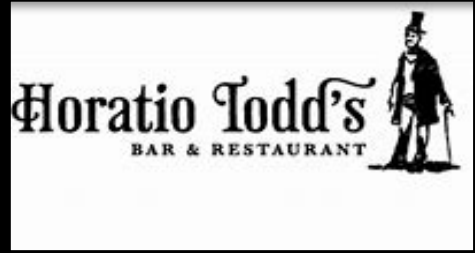
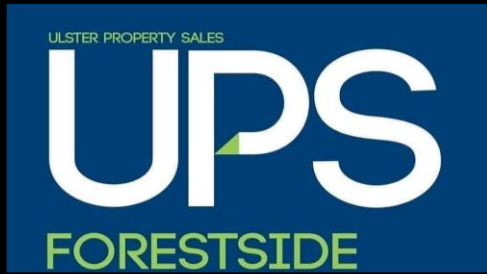


Join club member Peter McVeigh and Andy Dunlop (Travis guitarist) for an evening of music in the Ivanhoe hotel on Saturday 19th October. Doors open at 7:30pm and St Alban will be on stage at 8:00pm



## 2023/4 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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