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**Round Towers Lusk- Secretary's Report for 2024 - Annual General Meeting- Monday 9th December 2024**

Uasdátaigh, 5ú Nollaig 2024

**Introduction**

This year the GAA marks it's 140<sup>th</sup> year. Where we all belong. The motto of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael is more prevalent than ever. A celebration of shared values for all those involved in GAA, for all those in involved with CLG Chloigthishe Lusca; we hope these shared values resonate among you. The years ahead continue with some uncertainty with the amalgamation with Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, Peil na mBan agus Camogie; it with an expectation that this will continue the growth of Gaelic games throughout this Island.

As this is my final report as An Rúnaí, I try to include and mention as many people as possible. If there is an omission, I apologise, but please know that without your support and dedication, the Club cannot function, thank you. I hope this will not to cross over to the other reports of 2024

I would like to begin by registering my thanks to the many people in the Dublin GAA County Board, Dublin LGFA and the Dublin Camogie County Board who provide us with the platform, supports and opportunities to develop as a club and a community. Congratulations to our players and members who linked up with Dublin squads or have begun their journey with the Dublin Development programme across all codes throughout the year. I would also like to extend my my thanks to Finbarr O'Mahony at Dublin County Board.

I would also like to thank our many local sponsors and members who provide the club and our teams with crucial support. As well as Fingal County Council, Department of Tourism, Culture and Sport, Sport Ireland and Fingal Leader for grant supports throughout the year. Our thanks to Dermot Mc Namara & Co for their advice and assistance during the year.

Thanks also to the outgoing Executive Committee for their work and contributions throughout the year. No GAA Club can function without volunteers, and this is essential for the Club to function. To those who are stepping down this year, thank you for all your contributions throughout this year and previous years.

Our Club would not be a Club if there were no coaches to develop our teams that take to the field and proudly don the jersey every week. Thanks to all the coaches and those who help with jerseys, goals and lifts to and from games. We have included more specific sub committees in 2024, Ladies, Adult Hurling and a refreshed Juvenile Committee. This is good to see direct organisation with specific codes, with all reporting and with oversight of the Club Executive Committee.

Without our playing pitches, Round Towers Lusk would not be fielding the players who each week want to play with their heart and soul to play at the best they can at every game. Thank you to Kevin O'Neill and his team for marking out the pitches and keeping the grass and surrounds in excellent condition. Kevin is stepping down from the tractor after many a year. Our gratitude for his dedication to maintaining our grass can not be truly expressed and for so many years helping in our Club, thank you.

Our post games chats, craic agus ceol along with our tea, coffee and mi-wadi would not be possible without the bar staff. Thanks to those behind the bar.

## **Gaelic Games (in no particular order)**

- **Adult Hurling**

2024 was a year of consolidation and building for the future of Adult Hurling. Our Junior team maintained their league and championship status under the steady stewardship of Naoise MacFheorais, Graham Barrett, Mark Condrón and Sean McGarry. We had some good performances and brought in a number of younger players. Our Minors were amalgamated with Naomh Maur as Ros Lucsa.

We reached the county quarter-finals after good victories over Erins Isle and Thomas Davis. Unfortunately, with dreadful conditions, this quarter final game v Naomh Barrog was lost. We are hugely proud of Darragh Kilduff and Evan Ferguson, two whom have represented County and Club this year at Minor. Many thanks to John McKenna, Neason Farry, Lusk and Pat Codd for their support. In 2024, an Adult Hurling Committee was formed to support and grow Adult Hurling and reach their true potential.

- **Handball**

The first steps to re-establish a handball club in Lusk began in April 2022 with a social media celebration of the handball alley built by local people, including Thomas Ashe, between 1913-1914 and an open call to all those interested in supporting this project to join a RTL Handball Committee. Contact was established with the GAA Handball Association at the same time and we are thankful for the advice, resources and support received since that initial contact.

Recognition and awareness of our handball heritage was further enhanced in August 2023 when we came together, with the support of the Adult Mens Football Committee, to celebrate our handball heritage with former mentors and players. On the evening John and Pat Kelly presented the club with a framed collage of photos from the 80's and a framed history of the old handball alley.

The promotion of handball took a significant step forward in autumn 2024 when we instigated a collaboration with Lusk Community College in the context of the GAA Future Leaders programme. The Handball Association provided a day of first-class training to circa 141 Transition Year students in the College in October 2024. Those 141 students have since been busy completing a training session and classroom session about handball to all 1st and 2nd year classes in the school (420 students in total). We are extremely grateful to TY teachers Hannah Jones and Cian Haddock, TY coordinator Cathy Peoples and Conor McElduff, Handball Regional Development Officer, for their support in bringing handball to a new generation of Lusk children.

Looking forward to 2025, we plan to build on the work completed to date and look forward to expanding the capacities of our handball committee. Our primary ambition will be to run a pilot project in the club for juvenile players in the new year.

- **Ladies Section**

2024 was another successful year for ladies games at the club with strong membership number across both Adult and Juveniles. Our juvenile teams continue to perform brilliantly on field, with success in both league and championship/cup competitions. The continued growth in the number of girls participating at nursery and the addition of an under 8s squad this year bodes well for the future.

Of particular note is our ladies minor team who with the support of the Under 15 and Under 14 girls won both the Camogie and Football Championships. With the majority of the 21 members of the squad in their first year at minor and the continued support of the teams below, we look forward to another successful year ahead.

For the adults ladies football squad the appointment of a new management team breathe new life into the squad. Particular mention to Noel Shields who took on the role of head coach. With up to 30 ladies regularly attending sessions over a long season, contributing to a very successful year with the ladies winning the Division 5 Cup and Go Ahead Junior C Shield, while narrowly missing out on the league title. The ladies won promotion and are looking forward to division 4 in 2025.

With strong numbers and the support of the minors the ladies committee are intent on establishing a ladies 2<sup>nd</sup> team to participate in 2025, and a recruitment process for a 2<sup>nd</sup> team manager and new first team coach having commenced. We also plan to establish an adult ladies camogie team for Championship in 2025.

Our under 15 girls despite challenging numbers had another successful year, the girls developed massively and were competitive in very challenging games in both league and championship. The grit and determination from a small group of committed players has ensured they retained Division 4 status in football.

The under 15 management and parents stepped up at short notice for a tremendous exhibition of Camogie at the club as they hosted the Division 2 Féile 2024 Group A and both Semi-Finals. Although the girls were unlucky not to progress it was a great day for the team and the club.

The under 14 girls had a slow start to the year, finishing mid table in Football League and struggling in Camogie, the second half of the year proving far more successful as the team went unbeaten to top their group and progress with home advantage to the Camogie Semi-final. The team also progressed to the Football Championship final running out winners in a hard fought match on home soil.

The club continues to be well represented at inter-county level, with Lile Tully being selected to represent the club at minor level for Dublin. The development of Camogie at the club is very evident with three players regularly tagging out for the Dublin Under 15 Development Panel and two more at Under 14 Level. In 2025 the club will be represented at Under 16, Under 15 and Under 14 in Camogie Development Panels. The future of Camogie at the club looks bright.

The growth of ladies games at the club has been phenomenal over the past few years and with numbers swelling at younger age groups there is a lot to look forward to as we move into 2025. We would like to extend our thanks to Noel Shields, Rod Mangan and Sandra Mangan for the contributions to the section over the last few years after they confirmed they will be stepping down from the Adult Ladies and Under 15 management teams respectively.

- **Adult Men's Football**

A summary from our Adult Men's Football

The AMFC would like to express their appreciation and thanks to the executive committee for all their support and guidance in 2024 in particular Naoise, Enda and a special mention to Andy who our is stepping down this year. Andy guided us through the formation and structure of the AMFC over the last three years.

## **2024 Season**

In 2024 it was decided by AMFC after a review of player numbers that it would be prudent to field two adult teams this season in AFL1 and AFL6, we would also field a minor and U21 team.

It was a tough season due to various mitigating factors which resulted in relegation from AFL1 and the Senior 2 championship.

The second team retained AFL6 and Junior 2 All County status.

Minors finished 4<sup>th</sup> in MFL 5 and were runners up in the Minor Championship.

A big thank you to all our management teams and players for the 2024 season.

AFL1: Conor Mortimer, Pdraig Howley, Richard Kelly, Declan Smyth, Ciaran O Connor

AFL6: Neal Sheppard, Noel Shields, Bernie Diaz

Minor: Adam Burns, Martin Doyle

U21: Adam Burns, Luke Caul, Rob Naughton

An end of season management review was held for our AFL1 and AFL6 teams, the review was an honest reflection of the season and the challenges that face the club.

Both management teams having completed their two-year term did not seek another term and AMFC are currently exploring management option.

Thank you to Pdraig Sheerin and the juvenile section for providing mini games at half time in an AFL1 home fixture.

### **Finances and Fundraising:**

The finances and fundraising continue to be a particular challenge and we welcome the set up of a finance/fundraising committee. The costs of running a senior adult football set up with up to five teams needs to be discussed at executive level. Thank you to Bernie Diaz and Enda McKenna for managing the payments on behalf of AMFC.

A big thank you to all our sponsors in particular the ongoing support of our main sponsor Liam Fitzgerald Local Solicitor.

2025:

We will again field two adult teams, minor and an U21 for the 2025 season. We estimate we will have 58 players for the 2025 season. We welcome the news of the club receiving grants for floodlights and look forward to seeing them installed.

- **Coaching and Player Development**

In 2024 there were 5 “coaches corner workshop” arranged by Rob Naughton and Gerry Seaver. This included football and hurling workshops delivered by internal club coaches, Adam Burns, Stephen Fee and Pat Codd. The U21 footballers were managed and coached by first team players Adam Burns and Luke Caul and assisted by Rob Naughton. AMFC would like to thank club GPO Gerry Seaver for his hard work and efforts in 2024.

### **Other areas:**

We continued our support of

- Juvenile section
- Allstars
- Retired members night
- Sponsors Appreciation Night

### **Challenges:**

- Progression of coaches from juvenile to adult teams
- Concern that the current level of juvenile teams is unlikely to sustain senior status
- Finances and facilities

- **Juvenile Nursery / CCC1 / CCC2**

2024 has been a very progressive year for the Juvenile Section, both on and off the pitch. A new Juvenile structure and committee was introduced for 2024 with a focus on attracting more boys and girls to play our sports and ensuring the children of Lusk experience the joy of playing football, hurling and camogie. A special thanks to all of the parents and guardians who arrange travel to and from training and matches and are always willing to support the Club in many ways including fundraising and refreshments for blitzes, Feile etc.

### **Towers Óga**

Our nursery section was renamed Towers Óga as part of a relaunch in April this year. This included the introduction of the Towers Tiger who is already an infamous member of the Club! The numbers attending each Saturday continue to grow and through our ongoing fundraising efforts we were able to provide a Round Towers Lusk training top, shorts and socks to every girl and boy during the period of our relaunch. For the first time, we hosted a joint session with our friends from Lusk United FC and plan a follow up session in the New Year. New Towers Óga signage was installed at Rush and Lusk train station (with the support of Neary Motors), at Thomas Ashe Park and a portable sign for use at various locations around the village. Many thanks to Claire Myers, Kevin Niall and Gerry Seaver for a fantastic year of Towers Oga. Thanks also to our team of juvenile and adult coaches who add so much to the children’s enjoyment every Saturday. A special thanks to Noel Shields for all his help, not just with Towers Óga, but with coaching and developing many of our juvenile girls and boys teams.

### **Club Camps**

Our Games Promotion Officer (GPO), Gerry Seaver continues to work tirelessly to promote the playing of our games through his work at Towers Oga, club camps and our local primary and secondary schools. Our Easter camp had 150

attendees, Cul Camps had 180, our Club Camp 165 and our Advanced Camp 53. In total 62 coaches and helpers made each camp a fun, memorable and development experience for all involved and we appreciate the time and enthusiasm everyone gives to their role. Our Advanced Camp included a number of County players as guest coaches including Sean Bugler, Daniel St Ledger, Matthew Costello, Paddy Small, Laura Carolan, Alan O'Neill, Paddy Doyle and Brian Lennon.

### **Schools**

As well as his regular attendance in schools to run training and movement sessions, Gerry also organised a number of local and inter-school blitzes. In May, more than 350 pupils from Lusk primary schools attended blitzes at Thomas Ashe Park. The annual Martin Finnegan football tournament included 22 girls and boys teams from schools across North Dublin. A schools hurling tournament was introduced this year with 4 schools participating in the Thomas Ashe tournament for the first time. The Sam Maguire trophy visited the local schools this year – you are welcome back soon Sam! Many thanks to the Principals and Teachers of all the schools in the parish for your support of Gaelic Games this year including the distribution of more than 1,000 leaflets to pupils and parents.

### **All Stars**

Our All Stars programme continues to go from strength to strength and celebrated their first year as a team in September this year. This very important initiative means children with additional needs can learn ball skills, exercise and have fun and enjoyment in a safe environment. Currently 20 children and their families attend each Friday and we would like to thank DryMyHome.ie for sponsoring jerseys for our All Stars. We also received two grants from Fingal County Council which; along with support from the Club, the girls U15 Feile team and Lusk National School, means we can provide equipment and facilities to run our sessions each Friday. Many thanks to Claire Myers, Naoise McFheorais, Robert Naughton and Joe for your time and attention to the All Stars.

### **CCC1 & CCC2 Girls and Boys**

We fielded 16 girls and boys teams from U8 to U16 in 2024. This meant a total more than 360 girls and boys played the sports of football, camogie and hurling in the Round Towers Lusk colours this year. We are very proud of each and every player in the Juvenile Section and we hope that every player is proud of what they have achieved this year. While we celebrate success and silverware, we equally celebrate the fact that our players continue to participate and work hard to be better tomorrow than they were yesterday. Most importantly, they do it with a smile on their face. Many thanks to all our coaches who give so much of their time, energy, and resources to the Club. We would like to thank our Children's Officers Collette Brady and Michael Piner for their support and guidance during the year. Coach development is critical to our objectives of having as many players as possible, for as long as possible playing in the best environment possible and we would like to thank Robert Naughton, Gerry Seaver and the many guest coaches and contributors to "Coaches Corner" throughout the year.

The Roll of Honour for 2024 will forever include the teams below:

2011 (U13) Girls Camogie Division 5 Shield Winners  
2011 (U13) Girls Football Division 5 Cup Runners-Up  
2010 (U14) Boys Football Division 4 Cup Winners  
2010 (U14) Boys Hurling Division 4 Cup Runners-Up  
2010 (U14) Girls Football Division 6 Championship Winners  
2009 (U15) Boys Football Feile Division 6 Winners  
2009 (U15) Girls Football Division 4 Shield Winners  
2008 (U16) Boys Football Division 4 League Winners  
2008 (u16) Boys Hurling Division 2 Runners-Up  
2008 (U16) Boys Football B Championship Runners-Up

Other highlights from the year include our U8 and U9 players playing at halftime in our Adult Football games. The U11 boys played at half time in the Dublin v Tyrone Allianz Football League fixture in Croke Park. The Club was proud to host the Camogie Feile and boys Division 6 Football Feile final in April and an U11 hurling blitz in October. We had over 100 children attend a Halloween disco to raise funds for the Cunningham family.

Many thanks again to all our coaches who give so much of their time, energy, and resources to the Club. A special thanks to a number to some coaches who are stepping down at the end of this year: Freddie McBride (U11 Boys),

Sandra & Rod Mangan, Anita & Timmy Doyle (U15 Girls) and Kevin O'Donoghue (U16 Boys). You should be immensely proud of what you have achieved bringing the girls and boys along their Gaelic Games journey and passing your love of the game onto others.

Thank you to the 2024 Juvenile Committee:

- Pdraig Sheerin - Chairperson
- Graham Campbell - Vice-Chairperson
- Morgan Doran - Schools Coordinator
- Cian Daly - CCC1 Rep
- Paul Wylie - U8-U12 SSG Girls Rep
- Dave McFadden - CCC2 Rep
- Michelle Condren - U13-U16 Girls Rep
- Aine Conneff - Fundraising & Social Events
- Mary McClorey & Claire Myers - PRO
- Paul Ryan - Treasurer
- Kevin Niall - Nursery Coordinator

Our final nursery of the year featured a very special and important guest. It was the universally acclaimed visit from Daidí na Nollag.

We look forward to working with Gerry in 2025.

- **Fingal County Council**

Our cooperation with Fingal County Council is long-established and has brought many benefits to our club. Fingal County Council offers us crucial support in terms of playing facilities and grant support. Our thanks also go to Fingal County Council for grant support under Communities Activities Funding. This year we have installed a new external AED and also some IT equipment

We will continue to work with Fingal County Council to develop first-class sporting and recreational facilities for the community of Lusk, including a full size all weather floodlit facility.

As part of our community, to which Round Towers was involved; Lusk was nominated by Fingal County Council for the All Ireland Pride of Place for a town over 5,000. Lusk was the winner in this category and well done to all involved and to Andrew Barry for representing Round Towers Lusk.

- **Facilities and Pitches**

There is massive commitment within the club in terms of the maintenance and improvement of our facilities and pitches. We are all aware and very thankful of the many volunteers who give up their time and energy to develop and improve our pitches and facilities. The work is so extensive and varied that it is close to impossible to keep track of all the people involved. I would like to sincerely thank the team of who line our pitches and maintain the grounds to such good condition, ensuring that our teams have such fine playing facilities. With that in mind, I would like to pay special tribute to the names of those members and volunteers who do not appear in this report.

TAP1 continues to provide an exceptional playing surface when the weather is dry. There is a discussion on how TAP1 can be used and developed for the future. This is part of our development on development.

Improvements in the playing surface of TAP2 can be attributed to top-dressing with sand, fertiliser and shock-waving of the pitch that have taken place this year, at a not so insignificant cost of circa €10,000 this year alone. I would like



to thank our mentors and players for their cooperation in ensuring that it is not overused or used in unsuitable conditions as this top dressing and fertilizer needs time for the grass to strengthen roots and to establish the playing surface long term.

I would like to mention Kevin O'Neill and Neil Hanlon for their crucial role in these improvements and excellent grass facilities at Páirc Thomáis Ághais.

In 2023 development discussions were held on November 7<sup>th</sup> and November 25<sup>th</sup>, with the help of Leinster Council and facilitator Clare O'Sullivan. This year we have development plans

Sincere thanks to the Gym team under Rob Naughton, for their work in development of our club gym has shown great progression with the squads S&C. This is a fantastic facility and is been utilised by our squads in the evenings and in the mornings by Aaron Howley and his MoveStrong business.

While our current grant supports Floodlighting for the training area and TAP2. A ball wall, in line with our development plan is needed and can be used across both codes. Once ratified on it's location the planning process can begin and a project of this scale need Capital grant funding.

Our Club bar looks festive as always this Christmas season and thanks to those who have made it look so well. As noted above, the Club bar provides an outlet for members playing and not playing to chat and discuss the topics of the day. A word of thanks to the bar staff throughout the year. The Club bar provides much needed revenue to the Club's accounts as the accounts will show.

- **Health and Well-Being**

As in any year, 2024 is no different as mental health and self-welfare continues to be part of our lives. An Ladies initiative for cardiac awareness is

I would like to thank our Healthy Club Officer Pat Codd in this role and wish Pat well as he steps down from this role.

Is anyone wishes to learn more, support is also available on  
<https://www.gaa.ie/my-gaa/community-and-health/mental-fitness/safe-talks>  
<https://ladiesgaelic.ie/lgfa-hub/clubs/lgfa-talk-project/>  
<https://camogie.ie/player-information/player-welfare/health-well-being/>

If anyone needs to talk, please reach out, there is support <https://www2.hse.ie/mental-health/>

- **Fundraising**

Fundraising is an important part of club life. The club needs to fundraise so that the club can meet its desire for club development.

The club still needs to find money to keep the lights on, maintain the grounds and develop players as well as secure and enhance the facilities.

The club does have a bar which is contributing to the running costs such as the lights and facilities however the bar revenue is insufficient to cover the entire costs of the day-to-day financial requirements of running the club. The Club should be self sufficient in covering it's base costs.

Many thanks to those who do our Thursday Lotto, at time of writing the jackpot is over €10,000. Thanks to Pádraig, Claire, Áine, Paul R, Paul G and Ciarán for their support during the year.

Looking ahead, we are looking for a small group for fund raising, a representative from all section. We should aim for a Club wide large scale fundraiser in May 2025.

- **Finance**

Many thanks to our Treasurer Enda McKenna for his excellent work in this crucial role in previous years. This year, Enda brought further structure and fiscal guidance to our finances. The importance of this work cannot be underestimated and is only visible when absent.

I would like to thank Enda for his support this year. I would also like to thank Garret Bates in supporting the Club accounts.

We urgently require a Treasurer and an Assistant Treasurer, I am asking for volunteers to please help.

- **Public Relations**

Our Club and the use of social media is becoming ever present and we all digest more social media channels and media output. I'd like to thank Ciarán O'Connor and Ruairi de Stanlaigh for their work as PRO. The continued work and collaboration between the different Sub committee PRO's has proven to be a great success in driving different initiatives at different sections within the club today. The ability for the different sections of the club from Nursery to Adult for Football, Hurling and Camogie to recognise achievement and hard work on our platforms has been successful.

This year we have seen strong growth across all our social media platforms. Our total following across the three main platforms is now above 2.4K with an estimated audience of between 3.2M – 3.7M across all platforms, with a combination of Facebook and Instagram still being our most engaged platforms.

**Facebook Insights:**

Followers: 5,190

Page Reach of 484.1K year to date. + 77.6% significant increase from previous year which was 273.6K

Page Visits of 3.7 K year to date + 83.2%

We recognise the huge part our Social Media campaigns have had in maintaining a connection with our members. The popularity and engagement of our social media is a testament to our members who contributed so much over. The current initiative of submitting club updates and achievements across the different teams and sections to recognise excellent efforts and achievements on the playing field with the Lusk Local, a community magazine were local businesses and politicians would provide updates.

In addition to this from a club perspective to keep our members more engaged on the different activities in the club a plan was an update to our members on a monthly/bi-monthly basis by email from myself. Unfortunately, this did not get traction in 2024. An item to work on for 2025.

- **Membership**

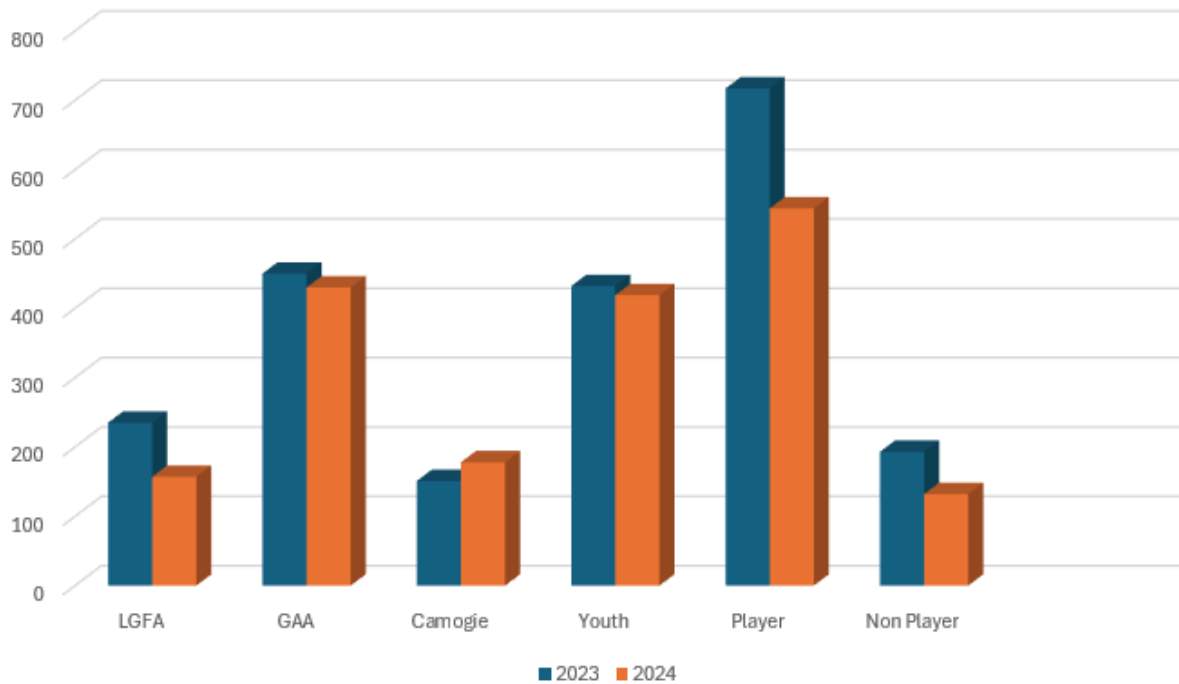
With no Club registrar, this task has been divided among a few in addition to other roles. This is not a situation that we should find ourselves in.

To note, membership is paid via Foireann and general Foireann queries go the Foireann support helpdesk [gmssupport@gaa.ie](mailto:gmssupport@gaa.ie).

Our hope was that our membership would grow and there was a slight increase in 2023 v 2022. In 2024 our membership decreased in all but Camogie.



## 2023 v 2024 Membership - Foireann



- **Gaelic for Mothers and Others and GAA for Dads and Lads**

With Gaelic for Mothers and Others (G4MO) well established, this group continue to involve more women in a fun and non competitive, social environment. With a Blitz organised held this year, it was a great day out for all.

GAA Dads and Lads is a social hurling and football programme for those keen to enjoy Gaelic Games outside the traditional competitive structures of the GAA. A GAA for Dads and Lads section was established in our club in 2023. The group train on the club astro on Friday evenings and play both hurling and football with a focus on social interaction and enjoyment.

The group welcomed Skerries Harps for their first football match in November 2024 and are looking forward to 2025 when their ambition will be to continue training, organise a match every three weeks and take part in a blitz. New players of all abilities are always welcome.

- **An Ghaeilge**

-Folamh-

- **Community**

As a GAA Club, our community should always be at our centre. We would not be here without the communities and parish that we represent. Diversity and Inclusion among us should offer a sense of belonging to everyone, irrespective of who we are.

The Adult Men's Football and volunteers will hold their second Christmas dinner on December 10<sup>th</sup>. Superbly hosted. Many thanks to all and I am sure this will be another true evening of community; full of chat, ceol agus damhsa.

- **Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee met throughout 2024. This does not include sub committee meetings, meeting with other Clubs and development meetings and Community meeting. I acknowledge it does take away time from our day to day lives.

I would like to sincerely thank each and every member of the Executive Committee for their dedication and hard work in 2024.

For 2025, a number of Officers, myself included and members of the Executive are stepping down this year and I'd like to thank those for serving on our Executive and contributing their precious time. At the time of writing this report, there are many vital vacant positions on the Executive with no nominations for a replacement. Registrar, Treasurer and Assistant, Vice-Chairperson, Assistant Secretary. **All** of which are necessary roles.

I might add that while our members should recognise the work of the Executive members, their families also are thanked for taking time away from their personal lives.

We also need to recognise that there are limits as to what a volunteer or a group of volunteers can be expected to take on. Looking at the 2025 Executive with many positions vacant, this is a worrying trend for our Club.

Our achievements and progress as a club have been made possible thanks to the collective work of generations of members and volunteers. This year like last, I firmly believe in the power of the collective and draw inspiration from the people who built this club and other GAA clubs throughout the country.

On behalf of the Executive, I'd like to express my and all involved the utmost gratitude to all and their families for the often selfless work contributing to our Club. As noted in 2023, this year is my final as Club Secretary. I'd like to wish Ciarán all the best in the years ahead.

## Conclusion

I would like us all to take a moment to pause and reflect on those whom we've lost since the last report by An Rúnaí. Our thoughts are with you and your families during this time of grieving, reflection and memories. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a (h)anam.

I would like to conclude with a simple, sincere and profound thank you to all the members, volunteers and friends of the club who contributed to its continuing growth and successes in 2024 and for many years to come.

Nollaig shona faoi shéán is faoi mhaise daoibh go léir.

Aindriú de Barra.  
Rúnaí.