



Yearbook 2022



Wicklow Camogie

We take a look back at the County and Club teams of 2022.

County Teams



Club Senior Teams





Carnew Seniors



Donard/Glen Seniors



Glenealy Seniors

Kiltegan Seniors



Knockananna Seniors



Club Intermediate Teams

Aughrim Intermediates



Kilcoole Intermediates



Annacurra Intermediates



Avondale Intermediates

Club Junior Teams



Bray Emmets Juniors



Éire Óg Greystones Juniors



Kiltegan Juniors

Knockananna Juniors





Arklow Rock Parnells Camogie



Wicklow Camogie Junior Champions 2022

LADIES JUNIOR

Team Management: Billy Mellon, Penni Heald

Well, what a year 2022 has been for Camogie and Arklow Rocks! Where to begin as there is so much. In 2022 my goal of teams at every level and silverware was completed as our Junior Rockettes had the most amazing season to finish Wicklow Junior Championship winners.

The season started with the league and these amazing ladies were undefeated all the way through the league up until the semi-final against Bray with a huge defeat in Ballinakill.

Not to be put off, training was ramped up for Championship with a feeling in the squad of belief in themselves, their teammates, their management, and their club. They were going to give it everything they had. They won their games against Knockananna, Eire Óg and were awarded a walk over from Bray as they had pulled out of the Junior Championship.

Through to the semi-finals against Ballinacor. Billy's pre match talk really hit the spot as our Rockettes went onto the pitch fierce and determined and never gave their opponents any let up. They won by 10 points taking them through to the final.

Both the semi-final and final were played in Pearse Park. Our support on both days was tremendous. To see all the green and white from young to

mature was a little breath taking for this blow-in if I am honest. Kiltegan were not going to hand anything to us and we had to work for everything on the day. At the final whistle, it was jubilation for the Rocks against a brave Kiltegan side. Great advertisement for Camogie in Wicklow.

Well done to Billy Mellon and Penni Heald on the commitment given to this team and these players. From last year winning only one match to this year bagging a Championship. The turnaround is both deserved and amazing.

Thanks to any coaches who helped during the year. For our Safety and First Aid, Linda O'Donovan. To Jason Redmond for commentating on the final. And to all the Rockettes for committing so much last season and this season and making one of Penni Heald's, our Camogie Chairperson, dreams come true. All we can say to you all now is, "Rocks for Intermediate!"



Arklow Rock Parnells joint captains Aoife O'Brien, Emma Breen and Rose Hudson receive the Wicklow Junior Championship cup from Leinster Camogie Chairperson Linda Kenny.



Under 8's

Under8s

Team Management: Penni Heald

This was a very young panel this year, of about 14 little Rockettes, because a lot of last year's under 8s went up to the under 10. The progress that these girls have made is a joy to watch nearly as much as their confidence and the love of the game. We had new players joining through the year.

They played a series of Go Games blitzes around the county and I can confidently say there is a good base laid for next year.

Thank you to Stacey Riley our under 16 Rockettes that helped throughout the year with this group. We will need more of the same next year please as I believe the way to keep this club thriving is to keep recruiting boy and girls at a young age and let them grow up in the club together.



Under 10's

Under10s

Team Management: Danny Curran, Denise Pierce

Panel:

The U10 camogie team had another successful year, both being very competitive wherever we played and in terms of improving throughout the year. It was great to see a few new girls joining during the year and catching up quickly. A total of 18 girls played. It is also great to see the friendships that develop among the girls and the fact that the game is more than a game.

Sadly, or happily! half the girls will move up to U12 next year so a previous year's group is reunited and a new u10 team will form. We look forward to seeing all return next year and hopefully more new faces and good games ahead.

Under12s

Coach: Mary Geraghty, Jason Redmond, Sinead Riley, Daimhnait McDonogh

The U12 girls had an enthusiastic start to the 2022 season with training starting back in Early March. All the cobwebs were well and truly brushed away by the time of the St. Patricks Day parade where the U12's were out in force with their club. We then got back to work, with training resuming to two days a week from April.

Then the matches started. We started off the season with a friendly against Eire Óg in bitter cold with a dusting of snow on the hills around Arklow. The cold was soon replaced with rosy cheeks as the match got underway. This game was quickly followed by a series of blitzes which got the girls plenty of games and game time!

The league matches followed in June, July and August, where we played Avondale, Eire Óg, Kiltegan, Avondale and Knockananna. The skills improvement was evident as the girls got more



U12's

games under their belts. The striking was improving greatly and there was improved play off the ball. Some of these were tough games but it was heartening to see them not still smiling and enjoying playing even when the going got tough!

We had a beautiful day for our Sheehan Brothers Memorial Blitz on the 13th of August. ARP hosted a fantastic day of camogie with Aughrim, Eire Óg and Avondale participating. Aughrim came away worthy winners on the day.



U12's



U12's in action

August was seen out with a hard-fought game against Avondale but September started off with fun at the fair which included a match at the Aughrim field day. We then had a U12 finals day in Ballinacill. In October the County Camán festival was held in Pearse Park where ARP had two teams lining out. Both teams played three matches and then were presented with medals for the day.

Training officially finished up in early November, and soon after, the season of camogie, friendships and fun was celebrated with the juvenile presentation night in the Woodenbridge hotel. The girls and coaches got a chance to wear their lovely new gear sponsored by Scratnagh Developments Ltd.

All in all, this group of 28 girls played 17 games over the season. These girls showed some real grit and determination throughout the year as they had some very tough matches this year but they played their hearts out until the final whistle regardless of how the match was going. They are a fantastic group of girls with super manners and are a credit to their families.

A big thank you to all the girls' parents/families who travelled to all the games and supported the teams throughout the year. Also, a big thank you to the other ARP coaches who stepped in anytime they were needed. Thanks also, to Penni Heald for all her support throughout the year.



U14's

Under14s

Team Management: Vinnie Byrne, Orla Mellon

This year we started our campaign on the 25th of April away to Annacurra with a Panel of 20 girls. And progressed all the way through the year to a shield final with a Panel of 25 girls that night. We played 18 matches over the year and never had less than 20 at a game.

It was a big step up for much of the panel coming up from U12 to full pitch 15 aside games but they acquitted themselves brilliantly and represented the club with pride and distinction with up to 12 of

the panel representing Wicklow County camogie over the summer and some of them winning blitzes with the County. These girls really have put in a serious effort this year and will be a force to be reckoned with going forward. The majority of the 25 panel remain at u14 next year with serious numbers coming up in age also. The future is bright for this group.

Thanks to Orla Mellon for the administration with this team and keeping everything in the background up to date and the necessary support and information, including selection advice, on the side-lines on match days.



U16 Champions

Under16s

Coach: Vinnie Byrne, Michael Priest, Richella Woods

This group have been together for the guts of eight years. We have had some additions to the group as we have grown, but the core group have soldered together for quite some time.

The season started on the 5th of April in the league away to Carnew, with 16 players, what an opener to the year. It was a tough day but from that day to this they just got better and better and more determined to succeed and they pushed each other to the end. Again, we played 18 games at this age grade this year. We were beaten in a league semi-final; this decided our standing to the championship. We had a panel of 24 girls who worked tremendously hard all year and grew their fitness and skill so much so that we went 9 games unbeaten in the championship and were crowned champions with an unbelievable display of Camogie on the 26th of October against Donard the Glen. The girls like fine wine kept the best until last. As I said some of them have been in and around this group from u8's and have finally got the rewards their efforts deserved, thanks must go to the coaches who have worked with them over those years without whom it wouldn't be possible. As a group their application cannot be faulted and this was proven as the went on a fantastic run in

the championship. Some move up to the adult grade now and I hope they drive that on to and add success on to success as they join an already winning group. To those staying behind we go again and build on the success of this year. There's more there for them if they want it.

Finally, a big thank you to Richella for all the admin work in the background and the guidance. To Linda for her commitment to both teams regarding the girl's health safety and wellbeing.

This would not be possible if Michael Priest had not stepped in with me on the coaching side. Michael coached both u14 and u16 and Féile teams with me this year and I can't thank him enough for his help support and guidance. He was the cool head on the side-line. The calming influence.



U16's celebrations



Féile

FÉILE

Management Team: Vinnie Byrne, Michael Priest, Richella Woods, Penni Heald

This very nearly did not happen for this group. A change of date by the county board made it possible for us to put a team together and compete in the county competition. In which we had a group of Girls that had never really played together but they just gelled and took off. We won and we were going to Féile what an experience that was. The build-up the excitement and the journey to Féile shield final winners. The build-up cannot be overstated with some serious work put in by people in the background. A huge thank you the whole of Arklow, community and businesses. Your amazing generosity made it possible for our Feile boys and girls to have a day that none of them will ever forget and we cannot thank you all enough.

The girls kept their side of the bargain performing amazingly on the day, coming up short in one game, this paved the way for a shield final and the mood in the camp in the build-up just lead you to believe they would not be beaten and so it proved. They were excellent in the final first ball to last and got the rewards for their hard work. The celebrations were amazing and memories were made for a lifetime.

To coaches Danny Curran, Jason Redmond, Mary Geraghty, Sinead Riley, Vinnie Byrne, Michael Priest and Billy Mellon. Our administrators Richella



Woods who is also Camogie Secretary, Orla Mellon and Daimhnait McDonogh. Our Childrens Safety Officer Linda O'Donovan. My go-to mummies who run shops, help me with camp and anything else I ask them to Kim O'Leary, Denise Pierce, Sally Ann Massey and Jennifer Walsh who is also our Treasurer. To all the parents who get our players to matches and training all year round.

I am sure that those who created the foundation for Camogie at the Rocks when it was formed in 2010 would be proud of where it is today. I am grateful always to be in the role of Camogie Chairperson but my cup runs over this year.

Who knows what 2023 has in store but it has the makings of another amazing year for all our teams at Arklow Rocks.



Avondale Camogie



Under 8's

Avondale Camogie Club had a great year in 2022. We have managed to recruit both new players and coaches, during the season, to help build and strengthen our teams. As a club we are extremely grateful to our coaches, who give up their time to ensure all of our players are given the opportunity to develop their skills on the pitch and who provide great support to all of our players. We received great support for our first fundraising efforts since 2019 and really appreciate the support received from both local community and businesses at this time.

Under 8's

Through the leadership of Catherine Behan, Frances, and Jennifer O'Shaughnessy our U8's participated in several Go Games held throughout the county and we even managed to host two of our own. The laughs and giggles from these girls every Tuesday evening could be heard all over and it's wonderful to see how much the grá for camogie has grown among them in such a short time.

Under 10's

Under the guidance of Cork man Joe and David Walsh, the U10's travelled the Garden County competing in Go Games. A season to remember saw this team partake in mini games in both the Leinster Junior C Championship Final and the Intermediate County Final, they also had the opportunity to parade with the intermediate team in the county final.

Under 12's

A large enthusiastic background team, ensured we had the support to enter two teams this season, which was hugely beneficial, allowing all girls to get more playing time and experience during matches. The reward for this resulted in the girls being victorious winning the shield at the Arklow Rocks Memorial Blitz which boosted the girl's confidence going forward.



Under 10's

Under 14's

The potential this squad have is unmatched. Under the watchful eye of Robbie Porter and Gordon Keogh these girls began championship with a bonding session on the dunes of Brittas Bay, which had spirits high. Their Championship journey led to a County Final in a cold Ballinakill. These girls

came up just short by the narrowest of margins. Our County Development squad participants had great success during the season, winning a Leinster Shield with their comrades from throughout the County, which was a huge achievement.



Under 12's



Under 14's

Under 16's

A challenging season faced Caitlin Olohan, Emma Byrne, and Elaine Byrne but the tough training sessions with this group ensured they reaped the rewards of reaching a County Final. The final was set and Knockananna were the opponents but unfortunately Knockananna were too strong for us on the day. This has been a season of development and improvement for this squad, so they have much to be proud of.

Minors

The Father and Daughter duo took on History as the coaches of Avondale's first ever minor team. Unfortunately, this championship was cut short as a walk-over to Aughrim seen us bow out of the competition. The girls can be proud of their efforts this season and we will continue to work on this group in the future.



Under 16's

Intermediates

Billy Byrne, Brian Olohan, Pauline Kennedy, and Gay Sunderland were the masterminds of this exciting bunch. The opening round of championship against Annacurra was an exciting game full of passion, skill, and determination. Low and behold it would be a County Final date with Annacurra. An unfortunate week of injuries and setbacks shook this team and, on the day, Annacurra were the stronger of the two. The progress these girls have made over this past season is nothing short of incredible and the 2023 season is already looking exciting.



Intermediate's



Ballinacor Camogie

As we look back on the year 2022 for Ballinacor Camogie it is hard not to see it as successful. Maybe not with medals and trophies but the positive steps taken to build towards the future in Ballinacor Camogie. Our underage teams were re-started after a break for covid. They may be small but they are mighty with heart and determination. A core group of girls played at U12 level and never let each other down all year. They played with grit and determination and learned skills for life on and off the field. This would of course not have been possible without the efforts of their coaches Katie Toomey, Sophie Bergin and Leah Hanlon along with Dora Burke. Johnny Stapleton and Aughrim Cabs sponsored a new set of Jerseys and skirts for the girls and the girls were delighted to show the, off. A massive thank you has to go to you all along with the parents of these girls for encouraging them all year. We encourage any parent of young girls to bring their daughter up to the field next year and get involved. It's always fun. We are hoping to have U8 and U10 teams next year to join in with our fantastic U12s.

Our Junior Camogie girls were bet recently in the semi final against a strong Arklow Rocks side who went onto win the A championship. We then went onto play Eire Og Greystones in a Junior B final and also bowed out on a wet and windy day. Not the finish to any year you would like but as the saying goes 'you can't win them all'. We would like to thank the coaching team of Ger Redmond, Nicole Curran along with Selectors Pamela Maher, Katie Toomey and Dora Burke for their time and effort this year with the junior squad and the girls themselves for proudly wearing the white and green of Ballinacor. Onwards and upwards for next year.

Thank you to everyone what supported the club in anyway throughout the year at games and fundraisers. We will see you all in the new year.







Carnew Emmets Camogie

Carnew Emmets had another successful year in 2022. Carnew managed to field teams at all ages u8, u10, u12, u14, U15, u16, minor, junior, and senior. Our u15s competed in the Wicklow feile qualifiers. Our u14s, u16s, junior and senior teams competed in both league and championship competition this year. Carnew emmets would like to thank all the players, parents, supporters, mentors, and committee members for all their hard work throughout the year to make this all possible. Follow us on Facebook: Carnew Emmets Camogie Club.

Go Games teams

Our u8, u10 had a huge club input this year and were mentored by a wide range of club members, from experienced coaches to younger girls starting their coaching journey and some of our adult player. Our u12 were mentored by Jason Molloy, Diarmuid Doran and Linda Wafer, they played in all go- games matches and competed in the Wicklow Tesco County Caman festival to mark the end of

their season. U12s also managed to get in a few cross boarder matches with neighbouring clubs in Wexford.

U14 team

Our u14s competed in the Wicklow county feile Qualifying tournament. They also went on to win the league and the A County championship. Our u14s were mentored by Jason Molloy, Diarmuid Doran and Cait Doran.

U16 team

Our u16s mentored by Maurice Molloy, Vinny Mulroe, James Rawson and Miriam Wafer went on to win both league and A county championship. Our league final was captained by Kaeen o'brine and Aoife wafer, our championship final was captained by Katie Wafer.



Under 8's



Under 12's



Under 14 A Championship Winners

Under 14 Captain



Under 14 Mentors

Under 14 League Winners



Under 15 Feile



Under 16 A Championship Winners



**Under 16
Championship
Captain**



Under 16 League Captains



Under 16 League Winners



Carnew Emmets Camogie Seniors