

**LGFA**  
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# Yearbook 2022





## Blessington

### U16 Girls Blue 2022

Back to back U16 league and Championship winners...and UNBEATEN (very comprehensive wins) on all occasions.

What a journey with these amazing girls from U8 to the most phenomenal young ladies having won EVERY single title throughout that journey. To say they are the envy of so many would be an understatement. Players and teams dream of doing what we have done. The words of Tinahely's manager after our final "there'll never be another U16 team like you". How right is she.

In the league we won it outright, there was no final.

The A championship once again came down to us and Tinahely. The final played in Baltinglass on 6th October was a close contest for the first half where we went in only a point up at HT.

Unbelievable second half spent almost wholly in Tinahely's half and keeping them scoreless, outstanding stuff all round.

Our super captain Aibhe King collected both trophies this season with great speeches.

Special mention to Aisling Brennan who missed the whole season due to ACL surgery yet remained

one of the most influential players throughout this journey, and with us every step of the way, powering through her own devastation of missing her last proper underage year. A leader, an inspiration and a TRUE team player, just like every one of these young stars.

Championship Final Result (squad & scorers) Blesso 6-18 Tinahely 2-4

Anna Carlyon , Abbie O'Riordan , Eilis Reid , Ava Jordan Dempsey , Roisin Doyle , Erin McMahon , Cria Cullen , Leila Shannon 1-1 , Aoife Cullen , Ava O'Driscoll , Aibhe King 1-4 , Paige McDonald 0-8 , Asia Duggan , Robyn Brennan 3-3 , Katie Behan 0-2 , Niamh Brennan , Clara Keane 1-0 , Sophie O'Driscoll , Georgia Mae Keeley , Aisling Brennan

These girls are not champions by accident they have earned with pride and leadership every bit of these achievements.

The proudest coaches as always, Jess and Kim

Our 9 U16's on the county panel and Leinster Finalists

Our minors who won a Leinster title with Wicklow and All Ireland runners up. Captained by our own Emily Rose



**U16 Girls Blue**

## Under 14 Girls

Under 14 Girls done really well in 2022. With 45+ girls, each and every one of them progressed well throughout the year. Loads of fun had on and off the field. One of the Highlights was our Walkathon where the girls

enjoyed dressing up for a fun filled water battle. Walk and Talk sessions and an end of year trip to the Avon for some fun and food to cap off a very enjoyable year for all. The future is very bright for this great bunch of girls. Blessó GAA/LGFA is very proud of them all



## U14 Girls

## Under 12 Girls

Our u12 girls had a superb year, going from strength to strength. We had 70 girls fielding 3 teams in divisions 1,2 and 3. It was a full year of football playing teams from all over the county and ending with the festival of

football in Ballinakill. The girls really enjoyed themselves and are looking forward to next year. With these numbers of girls coming through the future is bright for Blessington ladies.



## U12 Girls Blue



**U12 Girls Pink**



**U12 Girls Blue**



**Junior Ladies**

## **Under 8 Girls**

The season kicked off on the 08th of March and finished on the 18th of October, a total of 32 training sessions.

We had 43 girls registered and had a weekly average of around 35.

The girls took part in 2 blitzes, one in Bray and one at home, and done extremely well in both. They also took part in a mixed in house which went very well.

There was visible improvement in the skill level over the season.

There was great excitement at the end of year party in the clubhouse, where the girls enjoy Pizza, Chips, and lots of nice treats. 24 of this group will move to U-10 for 2023. Best of luck girls.

U-8 Coaches were: Declan Fennessy, Sandra Fennessy, Aoife Crowe, Dee McGee, Sarah Clarke, Edel Egan & Johnny Murphy.

Just to add that everyone wishes the very best of luck to Johnny who is retiring



## Carnew Emmets

### Sponsorship

Huge thank you to Enviroleak and Caterboss for sponsoring our u10s and u12 a set of football and camogie jerseys. They entered into a sponsorship package with the Club also.

### Camping

The highlight of the year has to be the success of the first ever Camping night in Carnew Emmets. The children went away from the summer with some great memories! We hope this can become an annual event.

### Teams

We are delighted to be playing football at the top level for our juveniles and each team strived for

success. They made great efforts in division 1 and played their hearts out at every match. One thing is to be said – they never stop and never give up!

Our u10 enjoyed a great day out in Croke Park for the national blitz. They had fantastic weather and played some great teams. A huge thank you to Rusty, Tina and Nikki for their hard work and dedication to these girls. They are the future of our club and a bright future it will be.

Our u8s competed in blitzes throughout the year. Thanks to Mark and Aoife for looking after and training these girls this year. They played some great football and all the girls really enjoyed the season.

Thanks to our new GPO Diarmuid Hayes for taking the girls for training and strength & conditioning classes .



**Under 8's**



## Under 10's

Our u12 team enjoyed training Michelle Doran this year. Thanks to everyone who helped her out. The girls had a great year and really enjoyed playing football. They finished the season with a blitz in Ballinakill and some yummy ice-cream.

Our u14s had a fantastic year with Liz, Paul and Brian. They were unlucky in the league final to lose out by 1 point and were unfortunate in their championship game to get them to a final.

Competing in Division 1 will only improve the girl's skill, determination and strength. Well done to a fantastic bunch of girls.

Our u16s played all their matches and played some great games, beating big teams. They were unfortunate this year for any silver ware – but they are a credit to themselves. They loved Diarmuid's pre-match pep talks and we hope he will continue on with these girls next year.



## Under 12's



## Under 14's

Our minors – What a fantastic bunch of girls. A team that gave it their all in every match . They were unlucky to get to the C final due to points difference. We look forward to these girls playing at adult level.

We were heartbroken for our Intermediates who lost out in the semi-final against Clara on free taking! We are very proud of the commitment these girls have shown this year and we are hoping to take it to the final for 2023.

The progression of this club is only getting better and with the development of our underage teams, Carnew is now seen as a force to be reckoned with.

Our underage teams have had a great year so thank you to all of the coaches, parents and committee for their help with these teams. We hope we will have you all again for the next season.



## Under 16's

## Gaelic for Mothers & Others

This year we set up a Gaelic for Mothers & Others. What a response we got! With over 40 players registered we played in blitzes that were fun and enjoyable to say the least. Thank you to Bodibro and Centra for sponsoring these jerseys. Thanks to Elaine for training these women every Saturday – not missing a day. We look forward to another successful year with these women in 2023.

## Inclusion Training

This year saw the introduction of Inclusion Training. A huge thank you to Caroline Young and each coach/mentor who came every Saturday Morning to training. The feedback from parents was very positive and encouraging. Well done to all involved.

Thank you to all committee members, coaches, mentors and parents for a very successful 2022. Hear's to 2023.



## Intermediate's



## Gaelic for Mothers & Others



**Scór  
agus  
Scór na nÓg**

**ÁDH MÓR**  
Eiméid Charn an Bhua - Aithriseoireacht



## Coolkenno



### Junior County Champions

#### Junior A/Peil Sóisir na mBan

Our Junior A team were crowned County Champions at the beginning of October. After losing out to a strong Carnew side in the County Final last year, the ladies and management team were determined to go that extra step this year. The Ladies were up against a strong Kilcoole side in the County Final and it was well-known that it would be a close battle between the two teams, as the semi-final last year between them went to sudden death frees after drawing in extra-time.

The final proved to be just that, as it was said to be the match of the day by many spectators at the county finals in Baltinglass. To the club's delight, captain Richelle Connaughton lifted the cup and celebrated the victory on what was a close game from start to finish against Kilcoole! The final score was 4-09 to 2-10.

It was great to see so many supporters in Baltinglass driving the team on. We would like thank all the parents, younger playing members, Mothers and Others, Senior men's team and all the

Coolkenno supporters for getting behind the Ladies and creating an amazing atmosphere and community spirit for both the final and the lead up to the day.

Congratulations to our player of the match Anna Doyle - a powerhouse in the middle of the field.

Congratulations to our full-forward Ruby Keogh who was top scorer of the Junior championship.

A huge thank you goes to our management team. Manager PJ Tompkins, Trainers Jack Bowes and Stephen Hunter, and Selectors Rita Murphy and Suzie O'Neill. The work, dedication and motivation by this management team has been amazing throughout the year and the Ladies wouldn't be where they are without them.

Thank you to our physio Jim Cushe, who has helped keep all the Ladies injury-free throughout the year.

A special mention goes to Jo McCarthy for her outstanding work ethic throughout the year ensuring all the teams are kitted out with new



## Championship Top Scorer

jerseys and training tops and getting gear bags which were kindly sponsored by Carlow Nissan for the Adult team.

To all our Sponsors, thank you for your generosity and support.

Well done to our players who have represented Coolkenno at County level this year.

Áine Donoghue and Ruby Keogh - Wicklow u16s.

Eimear Murphy - Wicklow Minors.



## Player of the Match

To round up a wonderful year, the Ladies club will have their dinner dance in Germaine's of Baltinglass on December 30th. Cúil Uí Chionaoith abú!



## Gaelic for Mothers and Others

### Gaelic for Mothers and Others/ Peil Ghaelach do Mháthracha & Eile

Coolkenno Gaelic for Mothers and Others was set up in April 2022. We had our first training session on the 18th of April with 8 ladies in attendance.

The training sessions were run by Erika Dagge who is a member of the ladies junior team and managed by PJ Tompkins. By the end of the first season, we had 22 ladies playing. We played our first match against An Tóchar in Roundwood in what was a very enjoyable evening for all involved. We also played Ashford and also travelled to

Dublin to play in a National G4M&O Blitz. An outstanding 132 teams took part in the blitz. The ladies had a great day and continued the fun in Germaine's of Baltinglass later that evening for a meal and some team bonding.

This new initiative has been a great success for Coolkenno Ladies GFC. Not only has it been an opportunity for people to get fit, be social and learn the skills of football, it has also helped grow the club even further, getting more people involved which in turn has led to more volunteers for our juvenile teams which is crucial to keep a small club going.

The Mothers and Others have hung up their boots for the winter months but instead of taking a break they have put their dancing shoes on and are taking dance lessons in Ballyconnell Hall, until they can return to the field of play in 2023. A big thank you to Erika and PJ for keeping the show on the road, and to Jack Bowes who also took some of the training sessions. A special thanks to Tom and Sandra McNally for sponsoring a set of training tops for the team. A major thank you must go to Jo McCarthy for getting the ball rolling at the beginning of the year.



## Under 8s/Faoi 8

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A great year for one of our youngest football teams in the club. The Under 8 girls took part in several blitzes and they were enjoyed by all. Our numbers have grown this year and the girls have developed very good football skills for our 2023 season.

A big thank you to all the parents for bringing the girls to football training in Coolkenno GAA field every Wednesday and Friday. Another thank you to

all who helped out with hosting blitzes, making tea and sandwiches and driving our U8 girls to matches.

The group of girls in U8 have shown great commitment at training sessions and matches. The girls adapted excellently to all different football skills and they have more to learn in 2023. Thank you to everyone who has sponsored jerseys, prizes in raffles and goodie bags. Onwards and upwards for our Under 8 girls in 2023!



## **Under 14s/Faoi 14**

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Training for Under 14 girls started in early-March 2022. The girls trained on Sunday mornings to begin with and then as the evenings got longer the training sessions were moved to Tuesday and Thursday evenings. The team were under the watchful eye of Seamus Kenny, Anthony Keogh, Jo McCarthy, and Caroline Keogh. The under 14s were in Division 3 of the league against St Patrick's, An Tochar, AGB2, Clara and Blessington 2. The team had a great run in the league finishing runners up to St Patrick's.

The Féile took place in Ballinakill Centre of Excellence on the 1st of May on what must have been the wettest day of the year. Unfortunately, games against Rathnew, Vallemount and Clann na nGael did not go in our favour. For the Championship, we were in a group against AGB2,

An Tóchar 2, Blessington 2, Clara, and St Patrick's 2.

The girls put in a huge effort for the championship and reached the final where they were narrowly defeated by Clara in front of the many supporters who travelled from Coolkenno. In all the games during the 2022 season, the team performed to the best of their ability and grew in confidence as the season progressed. During the summer we had a team building day in Hidden Valley Water Park; a great day was had by all. A special thank you to Tommy Hickson of Supervalu, Tullow who generously sponsored a set of Jerseys for the Under 14 girls team. Also thank you to the girls who committed to the team in 2022 and to their families for bringing them to training and taking them all over Co Wicklow to play matches.



## Under 16s/Faoi 16

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This year the under 16s played in Division 3 for the league.

It was a successful season with wins against Clan na nGael, AGB 2, Ashford and St Pat's 2

The league title decider came down to a tough match against Clara which saw Clara take the title on a head-to-head decision on the night which was disappointing for the girls who had put in a strong display of football throughout the League season.

The girls found themselves promoted to Division 2 for the championship. Showing true Coolkenno spirit and determination they took on the challenge and managed to get to the semi-final stage losing by one point in an absolute end-to-end thriller of a match to Éire Óg who went on to win the B championship title

2022 sees the end of the road to three of the original underage girls who have been at the core

of the Coolkenno juvenile club since its reformation.

Áine Donoghue, Kelly Mernagh and Ruby Keogh have been toying out in the red and black since they were 8 years of age and have played multiple age groups season upon season. These girls have been great examples to the younger ages and we wish them well now they leave us for minor and adult fixtures.

Special mention to Áine Donoghue and Ruby Keogh who were selected for the Wicklow Under 16 county team. They represented Coolkenno with pride and contributed to Wicklow's successful season reaching the Leinster Final.

Playing with heart was the team ethos and every member of the team from 12 years of age to 16 always gave 100%. We could not be prouder of them.



**Go raibh maith agat, Hickson's SuperValu Tullow for your sponsorship of Coolkenno LGFA**

## Éire Óg Greystones



### U14's Wicklow LGFA Champions 2022 RIP Grace Rush

#### U14

Our U 14 girls footballers performances in 2022 exceeded all expectations. Training commenced at the end of February with a panel of 36 girls. The girls trained 3 days a week, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays with a large turnout at each session. A huge commitment by the girls and coaches- Barry Davis, John O Connor, Johnny O Leary, Dave Sterritt and Seamus Ahern. We played a total of 15 matches over the course of the year. At the beginning of the year we were in the U 14 Division 2 league which we duly won in emphatic fashion. Following this success we were placed in the A Championship for the first time. Not having played in this top division previously the players and coaches did not know what to expect. But we need not have worried as the girls displayed all their football ability, their fitness and determination to win the A Championship for the first time in the clubs history. An absolute great achievement by this bunch of girls and just reward for their commitment and hard work over the course of the year. We are looking forward already to see what these girls can achieve in future years.

It was obvious since Grace was a little girl that she was a star performer on the field of play. She shone on the sports fields in both St Kevin's National School as well as in the Éire Óg Nursery where she quickly mastered the skills of Gaelic Football.

Only a few weeks ago, Grace scored 1-1 to help our U14 ladies football team win the Wicklow A championship for the first time. Her contribution was pivotal in overcoming a ten point half-time deficit. Indeed, a report from the day made the valid claim that the girls' second half display ranks as the greatest comeback in Éire Óg history. A picture of the team will have pride of place in our clubhouse.

Just one week later, Grace lined out for the U16 team in the County B Championship final and in typical fashion, scored a crucial goal. Éire Óg won both county finals by two points. With her trademark Dutch braids, her tenacious attitude and skills on the pitch, 'Rushy' was a star. While inevitably, there has been an outpouring of grief, over the last number of days, the glowing tributes and lovely stories also told about her, are a testament to the permanent legacy Grace has left in the club.

Éire Óg Greystones GAA, Camogie and LGFA club, its U14 and U16 players and coaches are honoured to have been part of Grace's life.

## **Gaelic for Mothers and Others**

G4MO started on the 12th October 2021. We had a huge turnout of 45 women which exceeded our expectations. By the end of the first six weeks we had an average of 45 turning up each week with over 70 registered. We hosted our first blitz with teams from Fox/Cab, Bray Emmets and St Pats joining in the fun.

During the winter months some of the players did a Couch to 5k to keep active. On our return this season we did see a drop in attendance although we still had nearly 70 registered with the club and LGFA. At present we have on average 20 attending training each week with 45 registered with the club and LGFA.

During the season locally we had matches with St Pats in Wicklow Town, Bray Emmets in Bray, Bray Emmets at home and we went to a blitz with other Wicklow teams in Kilcoole.

We attended the National Blitz in Malahide with over 120 other teams from all around the country. On that day we played teams from Kildare, Galway, Dublin, Wexford and Cork. We took a team of 20 players and it was a fantastic day despite the non-stop rain!



**Gaelic for Mothers and Others**



## Newtown

### U8/10

2022 was another good year for our 8's and 10's girls with coaches Colm McGinn, Stephen Kelly, Hazel Odlum and Nicola Odlum at the helm.

We were a little tight on numbers for the 8's so most of our young ladies played an age group above for most of the year, but never seemed out of place.

The 10's girls are an example of what a team should be. They were a pleasure to train. They had a great team spirit, always helping each other.

For those moving up we wish the best, and for them staying we look forward to seeing you again next year.

### U11

Well done to the u11s team and having successful season in the end on winning the league final against Aughrim.

Final fair well to the girls who contributed to the team for the last two seasons

### U12

What started out as a rocky start to the season for our U12's girls the end was certainly the very opposite. With a panel of 20 girls under the mentorship of coaches Kirsty Mooney Sophie Lacey & Emma Walsh this exciting young team went from strength to strength. The never give up attitude and eagerness to learn was apparent from the very start, some very very exciting young footballers with in this group. With 5 home games and 3 away games they had a very busy few months & were delighted to finish the season taking part in the festival of football held in Balinakil, the centre of excellence. A huge huge thank you to all the parents for their continued support and encouragement throughout the whole season, your support is very much appreciated. A special thank you to our coaches for their commitment throughout the season to this young team.

### U16

On behalf of Ann Marie and Aoife, we would just like to thank all the girls for their hard work and dedication, throughout the season. It was not our year this year but the girls went out and played their very best putting their heart and soul into every game. If Ann Marie and Aoife had the choice each and every one of the girls would have got an award this season, it was a hard decision to make as everyone of the girls have come so far, the U16 most improved player 2022 went to Izabel King and the U16 player of the year 2022 went to Tara Carey. We would also like to thank all the parents for their support through the season.

## Rathnew



### Seniors

Rathnew Senior Coaches Trevor Doyle, Dean Franey and Kasey Doyle

### Junior A

A tough Junior A League campaign in which they battled on in every game never giving up, which set them up for a really good junior B final with An Tóchar, they lost this by a few points.

Another squad that can look forward to a promising future.



### U8's and U10's

#### U8s / U10s

Coaches James Stafford and Kasey Doyle

A very successful year for the club at these age groups with 45 plus young girls this year. Trained every Saturday morning and Wednesdays

They also enjoyed 10 Blitz's home and away, including a Leinster Blitz.

#### U12

Coaches Natasha Byrne and Ronan Coffey.

A good League campaign which saw this team make great progress with alot of under age players. Hopefully making the same progress next year.



## U12's



## U14's

### U14

Coaches Robert Doyle, Caroline Doyle and Ian Kelly  
 Progressed through a tough League really well this year unfortunately just missing out on the top 2.

Missed out on championship because of a ruling against them but a lot of really good players in this squad going forward.



## U16's

### U16

Coaches Declan Earls, Donna and Joanne Earls  
 After a tough start to the year the girls knuckled down to training and had a really good

championship losing out to Bray in the shield final. Finished the year with 28 players including 4 from U14s and 2 from U12s which shows the future is bright at underage.



## St. Patrick's Wicklow Town

### U8 Girls

The u8 girls made great progress from the start of the year! They have been busy practising their kicking, hand passing, tackling and team play skills. Each session has focused on one or two key skills of the game with having fun and making friends key ingredients of a successful

year! The girls have made new friends, learned the basic rules of the game and had great fun playing in blitzes and organised friendly games against our near neighbours! It was an action-packed itinerary and a very enjoyable experience for coaches and players alike! Well done girls!



### U8's

### Under 10 Girls

It would be hard for any team to top the year had by the U10 girls .

Along with the usual combination of training and blitzes, the girls also got to play at half time in the Ladies' County final, and, most memorably of all,

they also got to represent the County when taking on teams from across the country in Croke Park.

This most memorable of occasions, was made even more special thanks to contributions from the club, Liam Byrne and Áine Fitzpatrick, which allowed us to make a day out of it for the whole squad by



### U10's

tacking on a trip to McDonalds and Jump zone, memories of which the kids will carry with them forever.

It was a fitting climax to a season, which saw the girls going from strength to strength, with them beginning to display mastery of all the core skills of the game, and really starting to work together as a

## U12 Ladies

Our under 12 girls commenced their busy 2022 season on 5th March 2022 with a return to training. The girls had a team of very experienced Coaches with them this year namely Brian McSorley, John McGettigan, Pat Harris and John Lane. Our team administrator was Emma Czwalina. We trained Twice a week on Tuesday Evenings and Saturday afternoons. We had good attendance at our training sessions and averaged 20-25 players at most sessions . A few new players joined our team this season and were a very welcome addition. Some of these girls were trying GAA for the first time and really enjoyed the experience.

In our training sessions our coaches focused on Further development of basic skills with the girls, building their confidence and helping them gain experience playing matches.

We entered two teams into the league this year with our older under 12 girls playing in Division 1 and our younger under 11 girls playing in Division 3. Some of the younger girls helped out in the



team. Most importantly, we also saw the girls cementing their friendships and reveling in the joy that team sports bring.

Thanks to all the mentors and coaches for all their contributions throughout the year, with a special mention to Gary Duffy, who went above and beyond for the girls at every opportunity.

Division 1 games and we also had players from our current under 10 squad helping us with Division 3 games. The girls played matches every second weekend and this regular game time helped the girls put their skills from training into practice and helped them develop throughout the season.

Our final matches for both teams were participating in The Under 12 festival of Football organised by The Wicklow LGFA. This took place on A sunny Saturday 10th September in Ballinakil. The girls put in fantastic performances in two games against Barndarrig and AGB. They demonstrated great skill throughout and most importantly had a very enjoyable afternoon.

We concluded our season on Saturday 17th September with the coaches holding a skills competition for the girls. Again, the girls had great fun participating and showcasing the skills they had learnt and practiced throughout the summer. We finished with a party and presentation of prizes by Erynn O'Brien, current St Pats senior player and former winner of the Feile All Ireland skills competition in 2013.



**U12's**

Thank you to all the parents for their continued support throughout the season and for helping out when required along the way. A special mention to Claire McVeigh and Maria Lawlor who regularly assisted us for matches/training sessions.

15 Of the girls will be moving up to Under 14s next season and we would like to wish them all the best

## U14 Ladies

CHAMPIONSHIP A SHIELD CHAMPIONS 🏆

CHAMPIONSHIP C SHIELD CHAMPIONS 🏆

DIVISION 3 CHAMPIONS 🏆

A hugely successful year for our U14s Group culminating in an epic day in Bray in October with both of our Championship Teams winning their respective Shield Finals. Our Championship A Team came up against a strong An Tochar Team that had previously gone undefeated in all of the previous head-to-head matches but our girls stepped up and made amends winning by 3 points in a thrilling final . The pressure was on our Championship C Team following the A final with our girls facing Blessington B and our girls put in a



for the next season. The remaining girls will return to under 12s for another year to further develop their skills. It has been a pleasure to be involved with them this year.

Kind regards,

The under 12 Mentors/Admin.

massive team performance to win by 6 points and make it a double celebration on the day . Needless to say, the girls had their much-deserved Garda escort though the town to show off both Shield Trophy's . Both Shield wins came on top of our division 3 Team winning all 5 of their league matches to be crowned league champions in May .

Our U14s Group is one of the largest in St Pats with 45 girls registered and the Coaches would like to thank all parents for their commitment to this group throughout the season . Your commitment to getting the girls to training, away match travel, encouragement to the girls and coaches results in the above success and the importance of the social aspect for this age group

Up The Pats



**U14's**

## U16 Ladies

U16 Girls fielded two teams in the league this year with our older girls playing in the A division and our younger girls playing in the C division . With numbers tight a number of girls ended up playing on both teams.

The going was tough in "A" but there was significant improvement as the season progressed . Our team in the "C" performed very well winning all games apart from one unlucky defeat.

When it came to championship our squad was once again hit by injuries and illness which meant we could only field one team in the A

championship . A win and 2 defeats ensued in the group stage so we moved on to the A Shield semi-final . In a team missing 11 players the girls were unluckily defeated by 4 points putting an end to our competitive season.

We were delighted that 2 of our players, Eadaoin and Marie, were part of the senior squad which made the county final with a large number of the squad playing on the junior team and continuing to play on the minor team in their championship.

Management and coaches were: Amy Kavanagh, Ann O'Keane, Joe Cawley, Rob Greene, Willie Carey.



**U16's**



**Minor Ladies**

## Minor Football Ladies

Our Minor ladies played St Nick's and resulted in a draw, which went on score difference to go into the

## Ladies Football Junior

League Campaign the girls were excellent going on to win the Junior A League. Recording only one loss to Kilcoole. This result we did not mind as we played the full panel that night of 25 players, so the result was secondary. The league Final was against Bray Emmets and the girls started slow and finished strong like most matches this year. Deserving winners. Report in Wicklow People.

On to Championship! Some players were promoted to the Senior Panel and well done to them. We went through each fixture gaining confidence in each game as we progressed to Semi Final Stage.

So, to conclude very good season and girls and management should be proud. Only one training on our own leading into championship shows the resolve of all.

B Cup Final on Sunday 27th November at 2pm, venue was moved to Bray, as Aughrim unplayable. Congratulations to management and Minor ladies on winning the B cup Final by beating Baltinglass.

### Results:

Blessington V Pats – Draw

Coolkenno V Pats – Pats Win 4-13 to 4-3

Kilcoole V Pats – Pats Loss 3-10 to 3-7

Pats V AGB -Pats win 1-10 -1-1

Bray V Pats - Draw

League Final Vs Bray. Pats win 5-9 to 4-8

### Championship

AGB V Pats – Pats win 7-12 to 2-19

Eire OG V Pats- Pats win 4-13 -2 1

Pats V Newtown – Pats win 3-13 -2-6 (gale-force win/rain) Semi-Final @ Newcastle

Kilcoole V Pats – Pats Loss 7-13 to 4-15 after Extra time

Management: Liam Keogh Peter Porter Lorrain O`Reilly Willie Carey Joe Crawley



**Junior Ladies**

## Senior Ladies

### League Results

Date	Opposition	Venue	Result
11.5.2022	Blessington	Dunbur	Loss
18.5.2022	Tinahely	Dunbur	Loss
25.6.2022	Bray	Dunbur	Loss
27.7.2022	AGB	Dunbur	Win

### Championship

The squad during the championship campaign was far younger and less experienced than the squad we expected to have at the beginning of the year. The goal at the start of the year was to improve on last year's final performance and win the senior final. Although the panel was far younger and in 2021 management felt that panel was strong enough to reach a championship final and be very competitive. During the league the commitment levels increased, training sessions were able to become more intense and the younger players who had to be played during the league had become key members of the squad.

Injuries to Clodagh Fox, Sinead McGettigan (Country Training) and Laura Leonard, and Luci Hobs would keep them out for most or all the competition.

Date	Opposition	Venue	Result
27.8.2022	Blessington	Dunbur	Win
10.9.2022	Baltinglass	Baltinglass	Win
25.6.2022	Bray	Greystones	Win
25.6.2022	Tinahely	Baltinglass	Loss

### Reflection on the year

Unfortunately, the girls could not get over the line in the final. The girls were extremely competitive in the first half, but the small squad size was evident during the second half. It is hugely important the achievement of reaching the final is the focus for the girls and not the final result.

There is enormous potential in the upcoming players and a great feeling within the team which will be essential for the club to move into 2023. Management's focus was to bring up a number of younger players who had been looked at in 2021 into the senior setup this year. Eadaoin O'Keane, Brooke Griffen, Molly Callery, and Sophie Porter all made the step into the senior setup this year, and it will be exciting to see them improve further in the future. In a brilliant boost for her confidence Eadaoin O'Keane was awarded young player of the year in an end of year vote by the squad.

The management team would like to thank the members of the committee who worked closely



**Senior Ladies**

and supported us throughout the year, your support is greatly appreciated. We would also like to thank our kit sponsors Asics, and N&D electrical for their support this year and last. Thank you also to Kate Hennessy, Sarah Evans, and Kayleigh Crammond for their work as captain and vice captains. This was not an easy year to be in a leadership position with the squad, and the girls

## Gaelic 4 Mothers

This is the second year of the Gaelic 4 Mothers & Others Programme. The team trains on a Sunday evening in the Dunbur Pitch from 5pm to 6pm. It has been recently extended to 6.30pm as the players wish to build up their speed and stamina. Most of the players do not have sporting backgrounds. They have taken up the sport as their



Eire Og Greystones, Ashford, Castletown and Naomh Eanna Gorey.

They also participated in Blitzes involving other teams in: Eire Og Greystones and Kilcoole GAA.



Blitz in Kilcoole involving Eire Og, Kilcoole, An Tochar and St Patrick's.



Team who played Castletown in Wexford.

work within the players group and with the younger players was vital to how the team gelled together throughout the year, and helped create a great environment to coach in. Lastly, we would like to thank Niamh Conroy as physio, and Brian McSorley for lending his tactical eye and support on match days.

kids are involved with the club or they never got the opportunity at a younger age.

The ladies really enjoy the programme and we've had a couple of newbies join up recently. We continue to advertise for new players

The ladies have been able to participate in one off games and local blitzes in Co Wicklow and Co Wexford. They played the following teams at home and away:



Local game v Ashford in St Patrick's GAA Club.

Team who attended Blitz in Greystones involving Eire Og, Bray and Kilcoole.



Local game v Eire Og Greystones in St Patrick's GAA Club.



## Valleymount



### Ladies Team

It was a tough year for the ladies, a very young squad trying their hardest to compete in a high grade. They reached the Intermediate B Shield Championship Final only to be beaten by St. Nicks. They are a credit to the club. Thanks to Sean and Liam for looking after the team for the year.

#### U14

The U14 girls had a great year, reaching the B Shield Championship Final beating Clan Na Gael in a cracking match. Thanks to Shann and Eddie for looking after the team.

#### U15

The U15 girls travelled to Rathleague GAA, Co. Laois, to represent Wicklow at the Féile competition. Even though the results weren't in their favour, the girls thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Thanks to the coaches for their dedication and hard work getting the girls ready for the Féile, thanks to the sponsors for the new gear and a special thanks to Rathleague GAA for hosting.



### U15 Féile Team

## U16

The U16 girls had a great day out in Abbotstown where they took part in the Gaelic4Teens Festival. Thanks to Larry, Shann and John who looked after the team. They beat Kilcoole to advance to the Championship B Final but lost out to a strong Eire Óg team.



## U16's

Valleymount LGFA were delighted to have received the Texaco Support for Sport Award of €5,000 during the year. Many thanks to Peter and staff at Texaco Blessington for all their support. A big thank you to Aislinn Nugent Reid for all her hard work with achieving this. We are delighted to have also been awarded a grant for our training pitch from the Sports Capital Grant program. Aislinn also had a special day in Croke Park for Valleymount LGFA as in front of over 46,000 spectators on behalf of our club she received our [#OneGoodClub](#) award.

Thanks to all who have supported us throughout the year and we look forward to your continued support in the coming years. It does not go unnoticed!