



# 2023



**Clubs**  
**An Tóchar**  
**Annacurra**  
**Ashford**



# An Tóchar.



## Intermediate

### SQUAD

Laoise Cullen, Mia Power, Rebecca Molloy, Alex Russell, Ella Lawless, Sarah O'Toole, Nina Wolohan, Orla Fee, Alison O'Toole, Eve Lacey, Abby Magee, Orla Kenny, Amy Murphy, Kerrie Anne Murphy, Aoife Murtagh, Kerrie Langrell, Neasa McGillicuddy, Abaigael Nolan, Aisling Doyle, Ruth Nolan, Laura Kavanagh, Jessica Scott, Amy McManus, Ella McCauley, Rachel Leacy

### THE YEAR

The season started with training in late February and



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finished with our exit from the championship on October 1st at the semi-final of the Intermediate championship.

The team played approx. 20 games over the year, 4 league, 7 cup and 5 championship and a few challenges. The win ratio wasn't great in League or Cup, however a very encouraging sign is that as the season wore on the girls never shirked from the training and the team got their rewards when the team produced our best football of the year in the 5 championship games. Even both games lost to Balto and Carnew were gutsy, honest efforts.

Congrats to Amy McManus and Sarah O'Toole who were on the Wicklow intermediate panel and Orla Fee and Abby Magee who were part of a very strong Minor team.

Fáilte to TJ and Molly. Neither stopped Mom's magic left foot for 2023!!!

### THANK YOU

Huge thanks to our committee, plus Paul Brady (the Invisible Man) constantly working in the background to give our players the best facilities possible. Is there a better pitch in Wicklow????

Special mention to Kerry who with all her other roles managed our Admin so efficiently. Thanks to Brian Power for his generous sponsorship of gear for the players during the year.

Thank you to BRIAN POWER CONSTRUCTION - Proud Sponsors of the Intermediate Team



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Finally, thanks to our players for all the enjoyment you gave us in 2023. Senior football is getting closer and will be achieved, hopefully sooner rather than later. Stick with it and be part of it.

## Junior

### SQUAD

Jess Brady, Abbi Gray, Laoise Cullen, Sally O'Toole, Holly Byrne, Tess Ryle, Grace Ryan, Claire Byrne, Orla Fee, Karla Walsh, Kerri Langrell, Aoife Tivnan, Sinead Doyle, Shauna Murtagh, Caoimhe Fagan, Ella McAuley, Tara Tierney, Maria Hassett, Katherine Lawlor, Nina Wolohan, Rachel Lacey, Neasa McGillicuddy, Aisling Doyle, Ami Louise Price, Ailbhe Fagan, Mia Power, Meabh Smith, Leisha Sommers, Ruth Nolan, Ava Doyle, Sarah Heatley, Sarah Jane McDonnell, Holly Freaney, Nicole McAuley, Anna Boue, Sathbh Nolan, Katie Coleman, Grace Ann Hassett, Orla O'Brien, Therese Molloy, Abigail Nolan, Hannah Fox, Ciara Kennedy

Coaches: Brian Doyle, Caroline Murphy, Kerry Fee, Ken Concagh

### THE YEAR

A busy league campaign began on March 26th and continued until June 2nd. A total of seven games were played with wins against Blessington, Avoca, Kilbride, Ashford and Bardarrig and losses to Kilcoole and Rathnew. A long break followed until championship started on August 27th with a very impressive performance against Blessington, winning on a scoreline of 6-22 to no score.

Another impressive win against Newtown put us in the Junior



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A quarter final against Eire Og. Despite a brave second half performance the team were beaten by four points.

### THANK YOU.

The Junior team needs the support of the Under 16 players and management, and this was much appreciated during the year, allowing young players the opportunity of playing on an adult team and gaining valuable experience for the future.

Both Junior and Intermediate teams work together during the year. Players train together and management work together for the benefit of all players to help develop ladies' football in the club and to provide progression opportunities for players on juvenile teams.

### Under 8

#### THE YEAR

The players really enjoyed the season. They loved playing the matches every few weeks especially the Under 7 boys as the competitive streak came out 😊.

### THANK YOU

Thanks to all the coaches who showed up to train the kids every week and for the washing of jerseys and bibs.

### Under 10

#### THE YEAR

Training started in earnest for the Under 10's in March 2023. Again we welcomed huge numbers of girls. The team trained every Thursday and Saturday, with great numbers attending all sessions. There was plenty of skill and loads of improvements made throughout the season.

### THANK YOU

A special thanks to Suzy Quirke who took a step back from coaching and to Enda Nolan who joined our coaching team.

### Under 12

#### THE YEAR

Training commenced on Tuesday 28th February in preparation for the 2023 season. The Under 12 girls trained twice a week, on Tuesday at 7.00pm & Thursday 6.00pm. By the end of October, the team had completed approximately 70 training sessions.

30 girls were registered to play at the start of the season, and were delighted to add two more players to our ranks during the season and end the season with 32 girls. The girls always worked hard and trained with a positive attitude and over the course of the season showed great improvement in terms of individual skills and fitness and also in terms of team play, use of the ball and tactical awareness.

Due to our great numbers, the club were able to enter two teams into the Under 12 leagues. No championship exists at this age group.

During the 2023 season the 2011 girls played in Division 1. They played home and away fixtures against AGB, Baltinglass, Blessington, Bray Emmets, Eire Óg, St. Patrick's and Tinahely. The girls performed very strongly in the league, benefiting hugely from the challenging division they had played in last season. In particular the coaches were delighted to see them finish many games with a high

number of points as opposed to goals, which can be common at this age group. This high level of point kicking bodes well for their future. Some of these girls also played up with the Under 14's when requested and always acquitted themselves well.

The 2012 girls played in Division 2, playing home and away fixtures against Annacurra, AGB, Ashford, Blessington, Clara, Kilcoole, St. Nicholas and Vallemount. The 2012 girls always competed excellently in this division despite mainly being up against the first teams of other clubs. Their league campaign was notable for the determination and spirit with which they played in every game, and there's no doubt this challenging division will be a big benefit to them in 2024 as it was to our 2011 girls this year. The 2012 girls also played up, when requested, with the 2011 girls in division 1 and always performed brilliantly.

The girls also played a good number of challenge games against various opposition throughout the season. As well as taking part in the David Cullen Memorial Day in Laragh and the Eire Óg mini tournament.

The girls gave great support to the clubs Race Night Fundraiser this season, exceeding the target the team had set themselves. A highlight of the session, as it is every year, was our trip to Croke Park during the summer to watch the LGFA All-Ireland Finals, and to wrap up the season with great day in Bray, bowling, gaming and eating Mc Donald's!!

### THANK YOU

Thanks to all the Under 12 girls for their commitment throughout the year. They always represented their club with



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pride and distinction, and we sincerely wish to see each one of them back for the 2024 season. Also, thanks to the parents / guardians for their continued support and encouragement throughout the 2023 season. Finally, a big thank you to the management team at An Tóchar GAA club for their dedication in making all of the above possible.

## Under 14

### THE YEAR

28 girls, 36 games & 68 training sessions!

The Under 14 girls had a great year from a participating and development point of view.

The team started the year by having an All-Ireland winner in the group with Anna Ryle winning the Under 14 All Ireland with Wicklow.

The Under 14's started and finished with the same great bunch of 28 girls. The club had a team in Div 1 and Div 2 of the league and the same for the championship.

Both teams performed well in the leagues. For the championship the team chose to follow the club policy of going competitive at Under 14, therefore resulting in picking from younger and older groups.

This was difficult for coaches, parents and players having played with the same team from u8s. Our Div 1 team got to the shield final; our Div 2 team gave it their all but came up against very strong first teams from clubs.

The future is bright for these talented girls.

## THANK YOU

The team finished our season on the 11th of Nov with a walk up Djouce, Mc Donald's then Go Quest. Which was kindly sponsored by Sharon and Tom Ryle, Tracey and John Byrne and Cloe and Padraig Fanning.

## Under 16

### THE YEAR

2023 was a successful year for the Under 16 girls with a squad of 31 girls born in 2007 and 2008.

The team commenced training in mid Feb 2023 and by the time of our last match on 24-Sep had completed 60+ training sessions and played in 28 matches. A number of our 2008 girls also were part of the Wicklow U15 development squad and attended multiple training sessions and matches. The club also had 4 Under 16 girls that were called to the Wicklow Under 16 squad who made it to the Under 16 C championship final. With the help of the U14 squad the club were able to field 2 Under 16 An Tochar Girls teams in both League and Championship for the very first time. The girls performed well in our League Division 1 and Division 2 campaigns - finishing 4th in a very competitive Division 1 and ending up as League Champions in Division 2.

In the Championship the club were graded in A and B. In A championship the club finished top of our group which included St Nicks, Eire Og and Blessington. This qualified us for a home semi-final against AGB. Unfortunately, the team lost narrowly in a very close contest which could have gone either way. In B championship they girls again progressed to the Semi Final but our mix of U14 and Under 16 girls were beaten by a Baltinglass 1st team that were moved down from A championship.

In conjunction with the Ladies team management, the club were also able to give the majority of the Under 16 girls the opportunity to play Junior Ladies League and Championship. Some Under 16s who played Intermediate Championship for the first time.

The girls continued training until end of Sep 2023 when some of them progressed to Ladies Junior and Intermediate championship campaigns. The Under 16 coaches and players also took part in a Team Building workshop during the season which was very well received. Many thanks to all that helped on the night and sponsored the event.

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## THANK YOU

There are a number of people to thank who enabled this squad to progress in 2023:

To the Club exec for the support shown to the girls throughout the season

To Esther for her help on the LGFA and always being available

To Nick and Anita from the juvenile committee

To the U14 coaches and squad for allowing their players to step in and help us field 2 U16 teams for league and championship

To the Ladies Management (Nick, Caroline, Brian, Ken, Joe) for incorporating the U16 girls into their training and matches.

To Kerry for the endless queries about pitch availability

To Maureen for the support from the sidelines and the promotion of the girls exploits through social media



G4MO



Division 1 Under 12's

To Kay Brady for her very generous sponsorship of the girls training tops

To all involved in arranging a very enjoyable trip to see the LGFA All Ireland Final in Croke Park

And most importantly to the parents and guardians for the dropping off, picking up, traveling to matches and constant encouragement from the sidelines.

## G4MO

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Joan Byrne, Anita Byrne, Katie McCarthy, Neasa Olohan, Leahann Vickers, Orla McCarthy, Christine Shortt, Caroline Kavanagh, Priscilla Hurley, Catherine Fagan, Cindy Hayes, Nuala McHugh, Theresa Cowman, Amy McCormack, Adrienne McDonnell, Aine Doyle, Rita Leacy, Deborah Hayden, Monica Byrne

## THE YEAR

This year started back training on the 13th April, with over 20 ladies registered. The team played a number of blitz and games throughout the year. The first of which was against our near neighbours Newtown on 13th May followed by a blitz in Celbridge on the 17th June, where we played 4 teams from various counties, we played St Kevin's, Monasterevin, Eire Og and Slievure.

On Saturday 24th June we headed to Kilcoole where the team played another Blitz, with Kilcoole, Eire Og, Ashford and Noamh Eanna (Gorey) and afterwards treated to cakes and treats!

Next up we visited St Pats in Dunbur on Sunday 16th of July, the following week the club held a home blitz, with



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Kilcoole and Donard G4MO's visiting, some lovely football was played that day in very wet conditions.

The team finished up our training sessions on Fri 20th October.

## THANK YOU & CONGRADULATIONS

Thanks to John Brady and Ger Murphy for all the time and commitment that they have shown over the last number of years, training and games are always a pleasure with the both of them looking after the G4MO's.

Congratulations to Anna on the birth of her baby girl Emma and to Joan who is due to her baby in Dec, we expect to see both ladies back next year.

The G4MO ladies would like to thank the club for their continued support during the year.



Division 2 Under 12's



Under 14's



Under 16's





## U12 Team

A panel of 24 girls made up the U12 team, the team was entered into Division 2 this year by CB. The Under 12 Team played their first league



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game on 24th April. The team played 12 league games during the season. This is a non-competitive league so in lieu of a final the season ended in Ballinakill on September 9th with the Festival of Football. We had a very competitive, committed bunch of players, we wish the four under 12 players moving to Under 14's the very best with next season.

### Mentors:

Aisling Morris, Kevin Penston, Michael Doyle

## U14 Team

2023 was a great year for our first U14 LGFA team.

The year began in April with our first appearance in a Feile, which we performed very well in and





Feile

were unlucky to be beaten by a point in the semi-final by the eventual winners, Carnew.

We then went on and had a great league campaign with only one defeat out of eleven and finishing in second place.

Our Championship campaign started in August with our girls only having one loss in the group to Kilcoole. We qualified for the semi-final which we played on a very wet and windy night away to Rathnew. The girls dug deep and held off a second half comeback by Rathnew, who had the advantage of the gale force wind, to qualify for the final.

The whole year then came to a head on 15th October in Ballymoney for the final against a very strong Kicoole team who had beaten us earlier in the Championship. Despite an early goal by Holly Byrne, Kicoole dominated the first half and led by 11 points at half time. This might seem a

mountain too high for many teams but not our girls and goals by Alannah Murphy, Danielle Shannon, Layla O'Byrne and the last-minute penalty by Georgia Horan saw us win by one

point. A very exciting match which was well supported by what seemed like the whole village.

The girls led by Captain Liadan Agnew walked the cup over the bridge and into the record books as the first Annacurra LGFA team to win a Championship.

The panel of 24 ranged from girls who had never played football before to our three all Ireland winners, Danielle, Alannah and Emma. They gelled together, showed true grit and determination, and made the whole village very proud.

### Feile Team

An under 15 team was entered in the Feile which took place in Carnew. The team made it to the semi-final, narrowly being pipped by Carnew.

### Mentors:

Alan Horan, Leigh Horan, Emma Horan O'Neill, Pierce O'Brien



Minors

## Minor Team

With 12 of the intermediate panel able to participate at this level and the under 14 panel also allowed to join, a minor team was entered into the Minor Championship. The girls won their first match against Rathnew which put them into the 'A' Championship. Beating St. Nicks gained them a place in the semi-final against Blessington. A defeat unfortunately left us to exit the competition. Everyone gained valuable experience especially our younger players.

### Mentors:

Alan Horan, Sean O Sullivan, Miriam Killoran, John Hynes, Michael Doyle

## Intermediate Team

45 registered to play with the ladies' team in 2023 after a successful open evening in January. County Board entered Annacurra in the Intermediate grade for 2023. Sean O'Sullivan and his team commenced training in mid-February. It was a fantastic start to the year with the ladies topping their league group. A panel of 12 ladies attended the Ellen Kinch Memorial in Tinahely

and came home with their first trophy, winning the Junior Cup. Laci Jane Shannon picked up player of the tournament.

Next the ladies were in the 'Cup' Competition where they played seven games winning six and coming out overall winners. A second trophy added for their achievements.

The Ladies were then entered into the 'Intermediate' Championship in a group of four. They succeeded in getting to the semi-final against Baltinglass (a regraded senior team) and held them to the final whistle only to go to extra time where Baltinglass took the win.

Excellent commitment was shown by the girls as most of them juggled playing camogie too. A very successful year for the ladies, all look forward to entering a Junior and Intermediate team in 2024.

### Team:

Adrienne O'Connor, Aoife Fahey, Aoife Healy, Aoife Stafford, Ashling Shannon, Ashling Winterbottom, Caoimhe Murphy, Cassie Lea, Charlotte Doyle, Chloe Cullen, Ciara Byrne, Claire Byrne, Claire Heffernan, Colleen Clune, Deirdre

Healy, Deirdre Ni Dhubhghaill, Deirdre O'Brien, Doireann Killoran, Ella Byrne, Emily Harper, Emma Doyle, Emma Healy, Grace O'Sullivan, Hannah Doyle, Isabelle Doyle, Jade Shannon, Laci Shannon, Laura Doyle, Lauren O'Byrne, Lily Henry, Lucy Pringle, Maebh Daly, Mollie Graham, Molly Hynes, Nadine Fitzgerald, Orla Doyle, Ruby Horan, Sarah Doyle, Sarah Lively, Shauna O'Shea, Siofra Byrne

### Mentors:

Sean O'Sullivan, James Stafford, Michael Murphy, Miriam Killoran



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## Under 8 Girls

This years U8 girls were an incredible group of young ladies. Each and every one of them turned up to training and blitzes with a smile on their faces, full of enthusiasm and determination. The future of Ashford LGFA is very bright with these future shining stars.



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## Under 10 Ladies

Ashford U10 girls had a fantastic year. There was some great work put in during training which was clear for all to see at the many blitz's throughout the year. Big thanks to Coaches Brian, Connor and Andrea for all their efforts with the girls. Numbers were good all year and we really hope to see this continue over the coming years. Well done to all



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involved on a brilliant year!

## Under 12 Ladies

Our U12 girls had a wonderful season. There were 22 players on the panel with the majority of these girls turning up twice a week for training and matches. These girls continue to grow together as a team and are developing their skills all the time under coaches Ken, Gemma and Sarah. There were many highlights which included a new set of jerseys presented to them by their own team mate Roisin Murphy. Roisin had won a competition to design a set of jerseys and have them printed for her team and these will be worn for many years to come.

The girls played many matches throughout the season and enjoyed a great day out at the "festival of football" held in Ballinakill in

September. They also enjoyed a team bonding experience taking part in Junior Hell and Back held at Kilruddery in Bray.

Some of our older girls had success with the current u14 team winning their final. We wish them well as they themselves move on to this team next season. We hope to see many of them



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Under 10's

continue to wear the Black and Amber jersey for many years to come.

## Under 14 Ladies

2023 was an exciting season for our U14 Ladies. We had a lot of girls leave the team and move up in the ranks this year so we had a very young team going forward this season. We also had a few girls leave the team due to moving countries but our young ladies never gave up and kept turning up to training. They were rewarded for their efforts by reaching the Final of the Division 3 Championship. We had a very tough game against St Patricks Wicklow but ended out on top winning the game and the Championship. The only Ashford team to bring home any Silverware this year. Something to be very proud of. Special thanks to the U12 players who helped out all

season by stepping up for the games when needed. For a small village, therefore a small panel, we couldn't be prouder of the effort and commitment showed by these young ladies. Congratulations to them all. We know you wear the Black and Amber jersey with pride and we can not wait to see what the next season brings for you all.

## Under 16 Ladies

Our U16s gave us some very enjoyable and competitive games throughout the year.

With the help of some of the under 14's they stepped up to a higher division in both league and championship and held their own throughout. They were unlucky in their championship games but played some of the best games of football we have ever seen from our girls teams. A number of the players also stepped up to play with our First Ladies team.

## Minor & Junior Ladies

This year, we put two more teams on the field, a Junior Ladies team and a Minor team. We are proud to say that there is now a clear pathway from nursery all the way up to Junior Ladies.

There is a massive amount of talent coming up through the ranks and the future is looking bright for our ladies.

Our Junior Ladies team finished the season with 26 active players and we are confident everyone one will return to continue our journey next year. There was a massive demographic of players, ranging in ages from 15 to 46. Some had never played Gaelic before and some had been playing since they started with Ashford on U8's.

We made it to the semi-final in Junior B, that's



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not bad for our first year out! Well done to all the girls and managers involved, we are looking forward to next year!

Our Minor team lost out in the Minor B semi-final. There was a great turnout with 23 players attending every game which is testament to the girls commitment and drive to keep on playing. 22 of the 23 girls will be eligible to play Minor again next year so we are really looking forward to seeing what they can achieve with another year under their belt.



Under 16's

