

SUNCROFT GFC AGM / COVID 2020



Introduction:

With the ongoing covid restrictions it will not be possible to have our normal AGM in November as people cannot meet. After some investigation, given the full members demographic, quality and availability of broadband in the wider Suncroft area and with members an online AGM is also not practical at this time. It would exclude many active members and the Club would not achieve the attendance necessary (20% of full members) for an AGM.

Given the current circumstances the existing executive committee and sub-committees members have agreed to continue in their roles and do the necessary work until such time as it is possible to have an AGM, which will hopefully be early in 2021 when it may be possible to have a hybrid AGM with a mix of members present and others on-line. The Executive committee does fully understand that this is not standard practice but have no other practical options available to it at this time.

There is always work to be done and the Executive and Sub-committees are constantly looking for more people to get involved, so in the meantime if anyone wants to get involved in any role please contact the Club chairperson or secretary. If, after considering the current circumstances, any member has a material difficulty with the club progressing in this temporary manner, or has a practical alternative, please contact the chairperson.

The following is a synopsis of the AGM information that would be issued and discussed at this time of the year.

- Attachment 1 – Secretaries Report
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- Attachment 5 – AGM Minutes 2019- Draft

Opening Address:

As a member of Suncroft GFC it has been a privilege to see how the club progressed through 2020.

The year got off to a good start football wise, after having our training lights and training area for its first full year, and then Covid landed on our doorstep. Being community based and focused, long before there was Croke Park plans, Kildare GAA, LGFA, county council groups, HSE working groups, etc. the Club was active in the community making help available to those who needed it. Operating at the heart of the community for as long as it has meant the Club more or less knows everyone in the area and simple things like having a large number of members that were already GARDA vetted meant we could safely kick straight into action. Fortunately, we have a good family orientated population and the Club didn't need to help many people. It is a strange time and a large number of people have thanked the Club for just being there. With all the uncertainty around covid and its impacts they feel more comfortable and reassured knowing that all they have to do is phone a number and that help is there in the community for them if needed.

Over lockdown, partial reopen, lockdown etc all our coaches have done great work with their teams with online individual challenges, fun activities, on to non-contact training, games and now non-contact again. The clubs Social media tools (website, facebook, twitter, Instagram) had had enormous traffic and have been a great tool to help people stay in contact, promote covid safe activities and also to link people to various online tools to help with their general and mental wellbeing.



In particular during the first lockdown, the amount of funding raised by members for national, regional and local charities was amazing. With normal fundraising activities shut down for many charities it was great that the Club was able to help and support all these worthy causes.

Minutes of Previous AGM:

The 2019 AGM draft minutes are attached. The only matter arising, and not on the agenda for this meeting, was the appointment of the various sub-committees by the incoming 2019 Executive and this was done at the following first meeting of the 2019 Executive.

Secretary's Report:

The Secretary's report is attached. Thanks very much to Mag Malone for her secretary report and all her work during the year. The secretary role is by far the most important role in the club and is what keeps things organised and moving.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasures (Pat Sutton) report is attached with P&L and Balance sheet.

With covid fundraising was seriously curtailed and cost also had to be carefully managed. The Quantum draw run last Christmas was a good source of income. Meadow Court Stud continued as a major sponsor and the Intel grant this year was over €8.5k which was very badly needed at the time.

Thanks very much to Pat for his report and the rigour that is behind accounting for every cent. The trust and confidence of the members, and the community and proper financial governance is critically important, and Pat continues to do a superb job at keeping a tight rein on every cent and at keeping us all on the straight and narrow.

Chairpersons Address:

As chairperson I would like to thank everyone for their support during the year. There were no major football issues and anytime a helping hand or advice was needed it was generously given. With covid there was the need for extra help and support and again anytime a helping hand or advice was needed it was generously given.

Covid

With covid football was on, then off, then on. It was messy but in the extra ordinary circumstances overall I think the GAA and LGFA have done a very good job. It was, and still is, a learning process for everyone and part of learning is making mistakes. Looking back its easy to say some calls could have been different but, to their credit, the GAA and LGFA have got the vast majority of calls, big and small, right.

Like the GAA and LGFA the Club is learning its way through this and to date I believe we have also got the vast majority of calls right. Thank you to all our members for helping with this. Particular thanks to our club secretary Mag Malone who had many additional burdens placed on her this year and who coordinated our covid community response.

A big learning, reminder or realisation for the GAA and LGFA hierarchy this year is that the Clubs are the foundation of the organisations and while there is more glamor in county level competitions when you cut to the core mission of what the GAA and LGFC are really all about it's the Club and the community. The mission is to develop and promote Gaelic Games at the core of Irish identity and culture and dedicate our efforts to ensuring that the Gaelic Games family of games, and the values we live, enrich the lives of our members, families and the communities we serve.

Hopefully we will see the Clubs and club competitions get a bit more focus and priority going forward.



Facilities

This year thanks mainly to Andy Hynes, we managed get dugouts and pitch side railings installed. With both the dugouts and railings we went with a robust option which should last for many years. the overall cost was just short of €19,000 and of that the Sports Capital Grant programme provided just over €17,500.

To date there has been no Sports Capital Grant process opened for 2021 works but hopefully it will open soon.

With no football this year for a number of months, to keep costs down, we let the back pitch grow and only did the minimum on the front pitch and training area. When we did start back the started back very quickly and Val Dillon and Billy Whelan did a great job on getting the grass cut right and Kevin Brannock and Kieran Delaney got us lined out.

Overall, we are getting to a good place as regards facilities but in the short term we need a few improvements like ball nets and in the longer term the next big job is the back pitch, flattened, drain, sanded and seed.

Football

Just as things were getting started covid came along in March. From 12th March to 24th June there was no games or training and access to pitches were closed but thanks to all the work done we were back training in late June and games kicked off in early July.

Our senior lad's team were unbeaten in the league and had a good run in the intermediate championships. Unfortunately, the league was cancelled with a couple of games to go so they won't be going up a division in 2021. Some great talent coming through and there has been improvements year on year and hopefully they will continue to build on this and continue to improve.

Our senior ladies were again playing division 1 and senior championship football. The team lost a number of stalwart players which made it challenging but again they played some great football and held their own. The senior lady's manager Deirdre Hurley stepped down at the end of the championship. Dierdre has done a fantastic job over the last few years and will be hard to replace. On behalf of everyone in the club I would like to thank Deirdre.

The minor lads have a championship final to play in February 2021 and unfortunately the minor ladies was called off for the year. Across all the age groups there was some official competitions and more unofficial games. More than ever the most important thing in 2020 was having people playing games, training and having some fun.

In 2020 we had just over 250 players which is only very slightly down on 2019 which shows the great interest there is football even with all that was going on.

At county level Suncroft again is well represented. Our first year in many many years not having a person on the Senior men's panel but from a Club perspective it was great that Fionn Dowling had stepped away from the county and was back full time with the club and leading our senior team from the front on and off the pitch. Ellen Dowling, Trina Duggan and Aislinn Dooley represented the club on the senior lady's panel. Jack Doyle played with the U20's and Conn Kehoe played with the minors during the year. Conn Kehoe also played with, and captained, the County minor hurlers. Suncroft has a good number of players involved in development squads but there was no minor ladies competition this year and with the covid restrictions there was minimal underage activity from March.

Heading into 2021 we are already off to a good start with Tom Martin getting onto the U20 expanded panel, Sean Brown, Ryan Behan and Jason Lee Kelly/McCarthy getting on the expanded minor panel and Conn Kehoe getting on the expanded U20 hurling panel. All with a good chance of making the match day panels and as things open up in 2020 we hopefully will have many more that will follow onto county panels.



Committees

Pat Sutton kept our finances in order and chaired the fundraising sub-committee. Again, with covid it was not possible to hold fundraising events, our lottery had to be stalled and many funding sources weren't available. The bills didn't stop coming in and Pat did a great job with the committee in making the most out of every opportunity we had to raise a few euros.

This year Noel Sammon came on board to chair the underage committee. With covid it wasn't a straightforward year to start a new role but no bother to Noel and did a great job.

Again, a very special thanks to Trish Tobin for her dedication to, and work with, the clubs youngest. Sandra Dillon took on the chair of the ladies committee and again in a very different year did a great job.

Dean Slattery, Des Brannock, Ciaran Troy and particularly Mickey Harnett did great work for the Senior Lads sub-committee. The senior lad's setup and the integration of younger players has been in decline for a good number of years and had reached a near crisis point in 2017 when there was real struggle to field a team in a good number of games. This committee was established to try to address the problem and since its establishment the committee has put a lot of thought and effort into understanding what was happening and on turning it around. Those of us close to it could see improvement year on year and this year there were good signs there for all to see. The challenge continues to make sure that players get lots of games and they mature from the underage setup to the senior setup.

Coaching

One thing that we have to address for both the Lads and Ladies is training of coaches. The club has over 60 people involved in coaching and only a handful have had any formal coaching training. The ambition has to be that every coach has a minimum of the Level 1 coaching qualification and coaches with older children have Level 3.

Finance

Unfortunately, what we do costs money and even with a break from playing for a couple of months the grass kept growing and the insurance had to be paid and bills kept coming. I would like to thank everyone who put their hand in their pocket in any way to support the club's activities. Meadow Court Stud stood firmly behind the club again this year as our main sponsor and the club would like to thank them for that support. Also, a big thank you to Austin Brannock who did a super job with securing funding from Intel.

No dinner dance, no dog night, no Murphy weekend, no bag packs, no lottery, no golf classic, no gate collections, no Corporate Dinner and no Club lottery. The Club Lottery has long been a major steady source of funding and unfortunately it had to be stalled due to covid. The ambition is to get it back up and running in early 2021.

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The following gives an overview of where costs arise and costs that are outside the clubs control:

SUNCROFT GFC 2020 COSTS

CLUB GENERAL COSTS		
Public & Property Liability Insurance	€ 4,190	Balance now c. €16.7k. Payment Holiday for part of the year.
GAA Field Loan & Interest (€65k 2009/10)	€ 3,454	
Miscellaneous	€ 619	
Repairs & Maintenance	€ 1,130	
IT - Website / Finance	€ 389	Line paint, flags, nets, repairs, etc.
Finance/Bank Fees	€ 285	
Grass Cutting	€ 3,600	
Community Centre Rent	€ 1,670	
Sub Total =	€ 15,337	

GAA / LGFA COSTS		Senior - Minor	Ladies	Underage
GAA Affiliation	€ 4,115	€ 2,469		€ 1,746
LGFA Affiliation	€ 100		€ 100	
Sub Total =	€ 4,215	€ 2,469	€ 100	€ 1,746
Before A Ball Was Kicked € 19,552				

TEAM / PLAYER COSTS		Senior - Minor	Ladies	Underage
Training		€ 5,000	€ 380	€ 2,338
Team & Player Reg / Injury Fund		€ 1,280	€ 5,070	€ 1,080
Referees		€ 180	€ 230	€ 387
Medical / Physio		€ 1,342		€ 380
Gym/Pitch Hire		€ 600	€ 600	
Equipment		€ 580		€ 1,371
Team - Other		€ 450	€ 80	€ 379
Sub Total =		€ 9,432	€ 6,360	€ 5,935

Sub Totals = € 15,337	€ 11,901	€ 6,460	€ 7,681
	<i>41 Players</i>	<i>54 Players</i>	<i>155 Players</i>

TOTAL SPEND = € 41,379

Pitch / Training Area Development Works - 2020 Dugouts & Railings	€ 18,600	(Grant of €17,632. Cost GFC €968)
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Basically, there was €19.5k of costs before a ball was kicked. We got some forgiveness and holidays on payments due to covid and this bill was down €6.5k from last year's €26k. With covid there were reductions in affiliation fees of c. €3k from last year's 7.5k. The injury scheme fees and then the football costs €26k, down from last year's €30k.

Overall, the team costs are fairly consistent over the last number of years but with the covid curtailments costs are down for 2020.

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Senior Men

	Year	Total	Training	Reg/In. Fund	Referee	Medical	Equipment	Pitch Hire	Gym	Camera	Other	Sponsored
NW	2020	€ 9,432	€ 5,000	€ 1,280	€ 180	€ 1,342	€ 580		€ 600	€ 200	€ 250	2 set jerseys (€1k)
NW	2019	€15,259	€ 7,750	€ 1,880	€ 360	€ 2,455	€ 480		€ 1,200	€ 200	€ 934	
NW	2018	€15,724	€ 8,250	€ 1,360	€ 600	€ 2,350	€ 600	€ 545	€ 1,000	€ 500	€ 519	
LF	2017	€10,068	€ 4,730	€ 1,750	€ 370	€ 2,050	€ 206		€ 400	€ 50	€ 512	1 set jerseys (€1k)
RJ	2016	€13,770	€ 5,483	€ 2,100	€ 590	€ 5,020	€ 277				€ 300	
WM	2015	€14,420	€ 6,020	€ 2,050	€ 495	€ 4,272	€ 1,583					
SD	2014	€16,004	€ 2,370	€ 2,875	€ 670	€ 4,521	€ 4,768	€ 800				
SD	2013	€10,531		€ 3,745	€ 600	€ 3,772	€ 1,634	€ 780				

Ladies (U12+)

	Year	Total	Training	Reg/In. Fund	Referee	Medical	Equipment	Pitch Hire	Gym	Camera	Other	Sponsored
DH	2020	€ 6,360	€ 380	€ 5,070	€ 230				€ 600		€ 80	1 set jerseys (€1k)
DH	2019	€ 8,570	€ 1,750	€ 4,198	€ 725	€ 510			€ 800		€ 587	60 Kids balls (€600)
DH	2018	€ 8,152	€ 1,750	€ 4,693	€ 790	€ 310	€ 180	€ 429				3 Sets Jerseys (€3K)
NP	2017	€ 9,332		€ 4,937	€ 690		€ 1,370				€ 2,335	55 Kids balls (€550)
NP	2016	€ 8,478	€ 850	€ 3,852	€ 235	€ 361	€ 275				€ 2,905	
AP	2015	€ 9,804										
	2014	€ 8,510										
	2013	€ 7,887										

Underage

	Year	Total	Training	Reg/In. Fund	Referee	Medical	Equipment	Pitch Hire	Gym	Camera	Other	Sponsored
	2020	€ 5,935	€ 2,338	€ 1,080	€ 387	€ 380	€ 1,371				€ 379	4 sets of jerseys (€4k)
	2019	€ 6,174	€ 2,790	€ 1,442	€ 785	€ 77	€ 330				€ 750	4 sets of jerseys (€4k)
	2018	€ 6,442	€ 2,300	€ 1,530	€ 290		€ 1,817				€ 505	65 kids balls (€650)
	2017	€ 3,654		€ 1,600	€ 635		€ 1,219				€ 200	1 Set Jerseys (€1k)
	2016	€ 3,751	€ 400	€ 1,550	€ 410	€ 146	€ 902				€ 343	75 Kids balls (€750)
	2015	€ 6,300										1 set jerseys (€1k)
	2014	€ 3,719										
	2013	€ 5,983										

Income generation is a critical activity and again the following is where the income come from:

2020 INCOME

FUNDRAISING / EVENTS			
	Income	Cost	Nett
Golf Classic	€100		€100
Quantum Draw	€4,877		€4,877
Murphy Weekend Auction	€0		€0
Table Quiz	€0		€0
Bag Pack	€0		€0
National Club Draw (€10)	€1,250		€1,250
Kildare Club Draw (€100)	€3,610	-€2,250	€1,360
Dinner Dance	€0		€0
Corporate Dinner	€0		€0
Dog Night	€0		€0
		Sub Total =	€7,587
Ongoing			
Gate - Senior Lads	€240		€240
Lottery (excludes c. 46 membership with lotto)	€1,530		€1,530
Pitch Signage	€3,050	-€2,800	€250
General Fundraising	€0		€0
Match Tickets	€19		€19
		Sub Total =	€2,039
Sponsorship			
Meadow Court	€6,000		€6,000
Intel	€8,607		€8,607
Grass letting	€300		€300
Balls / Jerseys	€4,900	-€4,900	€0
		Sub Total =	€14,907
MEMBERSHIP			Sub Total = €18,610
TOTAL INCOME			€43,143

Thanks to Mag Malone, Louise McGuirk and Pat Sutton for driving the fundraising committee, and thank the stalwarts of fundraising, Mary Val Dillon, Paddy Behan, Ger Fox, Val Dillon, Mickey Harnett, Dean Slattery, Des Brannock, Peadar Kane, Liam Troy, Betty Bradley and all the lottery sellers.

Close

To finish, again, thanks very much to the community, sponsors and fundraisers for their ongoing support for the Club. Hopefully we will get back to normal early in 2021 and continue to grow our games and serve our community.



Club Property / Trustees

The process of registering a single Corporate Trustee for the Club, as approved at 2018's AGM, is ongoing. It should be completed early 2021 but has to do it in a manner that doesn't impact on any current grant applications.

Annual Membership Fees

No proposal was submitted to the meeting. Compliance is currently at c. 99% and significant progress had been made on compliance over the last number of years.

The Sub-Committees are as follows and these will continue until such time as we can hold an AGM:

Fundraising Sub-Committee:

Chair: Pat Sutton
Louise McGuirk
Mag Malone
Mickey Harent
Paddy Bean

Underage Sub-Committee:

Chair: Noel Sammon
Secretary: Club Secretary Mag Malone
South Board: Noel Sammon
Board Na NOg: Noel Sammon

Ladies Sub-Committee:

Chair: Sandra Reddy
Secretary: Club Secretary Mag Malone
Registrar: Rita Kehoe
County LGFA delegates: Kevin Fennelly

Senior Lads Setup Sub-Committee:

Chair: Mick Kehoe
Player Rep: Fionn Dowling
Player Rep: Ciaran Troy
Club Rep: Michael Harnett
Club Rep: Des Brannock

Executive

Child Welfare Officer:- Dee Cahill
Irish & Culture Officer:- Mary Fennelly
Designated Liaison Person:- TBA
Chairperson:- Mick Kehoe
Vice Chairperson:- Des Brannock
Secretary:- Margaret Malone
Vice Secretary:- Val Dillon

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Treasure:-	Pat Sutton
Assistant Treasurer:-	Paddy Behan
Registrar:-	Rita Kehoe
PRO:-	Hugh O'Byrne
Players Representative:-	Ciaran Troy, Fionn Dowling
Healthy Club Officer:-	TBA
Field co-ordinator:-	Alan Troy
Coaching & Development Officer:-	Noel Sammon
GAA County Board Delegate/s:-	Johnny McGuirk, Val Dillon
LGFA County Board Delegate/s:-	Kevin Fennelly
Chair Underage Committee:-	Noel Sammon
Chair Ladies Committee:-	Sandra Reddy
Chair Fundraising Committee:-	Pat Sutton
Chair Senior Lads Setup Committee:-	Club Chair

All the committees and executive are always open to new people becoming involved and helping with the running and coaching of the club.

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SECRETARYS REPORT 2020

INTRODUCTION

It was a year like no other. Covid brought waves of frustration and confusion but together the club and its members made the best of a difficult situation. Some of the positive points of the year included

- The hand railing and dug outs were put in place. The pitch looks great plus it gives the club annual income from pitch side advertising. A huge thanks to Andy Hynes and Mick Kehoe for their hard work with this.
- During the period when full contact football was allowed, we had big numbers training. There was a great buzz up at the pitch most nights with boys and girls, from the senior down to U6's training and playing matches.
- There was also an influx of new volunteers from club committee members, officers and mentors.

COVID

Following the March lockdown, the news of the possibility of football during the summer was greeted with much enthusiasm. For this to happen, teams were asked to take on a responsibility to look after the health of their teams and protect them from the virus. Thank you to all the COVID Supervisors who took on this extra work. You all did a great job. Thank you to Noel Sammon, Dave Brannigan, Conor Cunnane, Austin Brannock, Gabriel Malone, John Troy, Val Dillon, Derry Enright, Niall Whyte, Mikey Harnett, Hugh O'Byrne, Rita Kehoe and Dorothy Doyle.

UNDERAGE

Thank you to coaches and parents who have given their time to the Underage during the year and for all the support the Underage received. There is fantastic work being done at this level. New team mentors for 2020 include David Brannigan, Flan Hassett and Frank Maguire for U8's, Caroline Bailey U9's, Austin Brannock, Gabriel Malone, Mark Byrne and Kieran Kiely U14's, Hugh O'Byrne, Nicky Cousins and Susan Brannock girls U12's, Padraig and Bernard Salmon girls U14's. Thank you new and returning mentors for your hard work in 2020.

Thank you to Noel Sammon who has taken the position of Chairperson for the underage. Thanks to Noel for the great support he has given me as Secretary of the Underage.

Thanks to Meadow Court Stud we had five new sets of underage jerseys and while the opportunities to show them off were limited this year it is great to have them all looking so well.

Well done to all the teams who got to finals in 2020 and keep up the good work for 2021.

LADIES

Thank to everyone who has given of their time to the Ladies during the year and for all the support the Ladies received. New mentors include Pauraic and Bernard Salmon U14's, Hugh O'Byrne and Nicky Cousins U12's. Thank you new and returning mentors for your hard work in 2020.

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Special thanks to Dierdre Hurley for her fantastic work with the senior ladies over the last three years.

Thank you to Sandra Reddy for accepting the role of ladies Chairperson and her support to me as secretary.

2020 was a challenging year for the ladies. A number of Senior players were not available for various reasons, there were new restrictions on age groups mixing plus a number of competitions never concluded or even started. Thank you to all the mentors who did an amazing job training the girls and keeping spirits up during the times that were so frustrating for all. Your hard work is very much appreciated and does not go unnoticed.

A special thanks also to Louise McGuirk who was a great support to me and pointed me in the right direction many times when it came to the county LGFA matters.

ADULT GENTS

I would also like to thank those who have given of their time to the Senior Men's teams during the year and for all the support the men teams received. In particular I would like to thank Mickey Harnett, Ciaran Troy, Dean Slattery, Des Brannock and Mick Kehoe all of whom are members of the committee for the last three years. I would also like to acknowledge and thank Niall Whyte, Ollie Brannock, Tommy Sheehan, Alan Middleton and Danny Whelan for their work with the senior team. Thanks also to the panel of players for their commitment over the year. After a number of tough years there is some great leadership starting to come through from the more mature players and a great infusion of youth. It's been a challenging number of years and great so see progress.

I would also like to thank Andy Hynes, Derry Enright and Declan Duignan for their work with the Minor team. Well done to the lads on making the championship final and we look forward to that match in February 2021.

GAMES PROMOTION OFFICER (GPO)

It was decided in March of this year to cancel the GPO programme. With no access to pitches or schools and with ongoing restrictions it wasn't practical. There were some major benefits to having a GPO and when things open up fully again we can revisit.

FUNDRAISING

Fundraising opportunities were limited for the club in 2020 due to COVID

The Corporate lunch planned for October was cancelled. The annual Golf Classic could not go ahead. Bag packing and table quiz's in The Bush and The Well were also cancelled. The Club lotto could not operate.

The Kildare Club Draw did go ahead and I want to sincerely thank all those who sold tickets for this draw. Selling €100 tickets is not an easy task, especially this year with so many people losing their jobs and businesses shutting. Thank you to Pat Sutton, Mick Kehoe, Sandra and Val Dillon, Mary Val Dillon, Paddy Behan, Noel Sammon, Hugh O'Byrne, Louise McGuirk and Dessie Brannock.

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Thank you also to those who purchased these tickets and continuously support the club year after year.

GATE COLLECTIONS & COUNTY BOARE DELEGATES

Thanks to Paddy Behan and Ger Fox for their work on the gate collections and to Johnny McGuirk, Val Dillon and Kevin Fennelly for representing the Club as County board Delegate during the year.

SPONSORSHIP

Thank you to Meadow Court Stud for their continued sponsorship again in 2020. There were five new sets of jerseys organised for the underage teams this year and two senior sets. It is great for the club to have this main sponsor in place and this solid funding is helping the club to plan better. Thank you to Meadow Court Stud for your continued support.

We are in the process of organise pitch side advertising and would like to thank those who have purchased signs so far: Irish Cement, O'Kelly Sutton, Kilsaran, Troy Electrical, McGuirk Roofing, Clearstile, Dowlings Pub, Christy Brennan Carpentry, Val Dillon Carpentry, AIB, Roofbrookers and Centra The Curragh.

LOTTERY

Thank you to everyone who sold and bought lottery tickets in the early part of the year before we stopped due to COVID, especial thanks to Paddy Behan and Ger Fox. Thanks to all the members who paid for the lotto with their membership and their patience. As soon as things open up again and the lotto can resume, we will be in touch.

PRO

Thanks again to Hugh O'Byrne for continuing from last year in the role of PRO. The news is in the papers every week and our facebook, website, twitter and instagram accounts are always current and up to date. At the minute we have 2,443 facebook followers, 1,502 twitter followers, 423 instagram followers and our website was visited by 1,523 people over the last year, many on numerous occasions. On behalf of the Club thanks Hugh for all the great work.

CHILD WELFARE

On behalf of the club I would like to thank Flan Hassett for the great work he has put in over the years as Child Welfare Officer. Flan has decided to step aside from the role and I would like to thank Deirdre Cahill for stepping into his shoes. I look forward to working with Dee in 2021 and thanks for all the work she has done so far in 2020.

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CONCLUSION

To all team managers, coaches, selectors and players who gave up their time and hard work to ensure everyone was safe and healthy while playing football, we say thanks to all. I would like to thank my fellow Club Officers, and committee for their hard work, help and support throughout the year. Thank you to Mick Kehoe for the support and guidance he has given me during my second year as secretary. I want to acknowledge the volume of work that Mick does for the club which goes unnoticed. He is continuously organising team jerseys, grants, pitches, handrails, dugouts, COVID kits, injury funds, legal issues to name but a few. All of these things take time and effort and it is very much appreciated. Thank you for supporting me personally as secretary and sharing your expertise.

Thank you to all who help out with day to day running of the club, including those who have obliged in doing umpire and linesmen at home and away matches and also when called on by the County Board. Once again, I offer our sincere thanks to our families, the wider community for all your support and commitment throughout the year. We hope to have your continued support as we continue to build and develop this fantastic football club that we are all so proud to be part of.

2020 was a very unusual year and I expect most are glad to see the back of it and are looking forward to 2021 with the hope of a more ordinary year. I am anyway!

Finally, to anybody I forgot to thank then please, accept my apology for the oversight.

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Profit and Loss

Suncroft GFC For the 12 months ended 30 November 2020

	Nov-20	Nov-19
Income		
200 - Membership - underage boys	3,456	2,770
201 - Membership - underage girls	1,150	2,400
202 - Membership - senior player male	1,344	1,330
203 - Membership - senior player ladies	650	650
204 - Membership - adults	350	225
205 - Membership - family	4,470	3,135
206 - Membership - lotto	7,230	9,247
209 - Membership - OAP's	70	35
211 - Income - lottery tickets	1,530	5,275
215 - Income - kildare car draw	1,360	2,275
216 - Income - national car draw	1,250	1,590
222 - Income - fundraising ladies	-	162
227 - Income - GAA/KCC grants	-	9,000
229 - Income - Kilsaran sponsorship	-	750
230 - Income - Tony Howard sponsorship	-	2,392
231 - Income - SCD grants	17,632	31,504
232 - Income - gate receipts	240	390
236 - Income - murphy w/e	-	740
237 - Income - Intel grant	8,607	3,555
238 - Income - golf classic	100	5,188
239 - Income - match tickets	219	105
241 - Income - dog night	-	3,223
244 - Income - Quantum Draw	4,877	(45)
245 - Income - membership rebate	-	2
246 - Income - Meadow Court Stud sponsorship	6,000	5,775
250 - Income - Dinner Dance	-	(355)
265 - Income - general fundraising	-	83
267 - Income - Signage	3,200	-
268 - Income - Grass letting	300	-
Total Income	64,035	91,401
Less Cost of Sales		
310 - Lotto payout provision	-	2,167
Total Cost of Sales	-	2,167
Gross Profit	64,035	89,234
Less Operating Expenses		
402 - Paypal fees	307	476
403 - Stripe fees	185	88

Profit and Loss

	Nov-20	Nov-19
404 - Bank Fees	285	365
405 - GAA loan interest	347	463
406 - Clan Credo loan interest	-	974
410 - Hawkfield	1,563	2,064
429 - General Expenses	76	-
430 - Club Kildare	302	277
433 - Insurance	4,190	4,725
435 - Health & Safety	422	-
465 - Software costs	389	646
469 - Rent	1,670	2,758
472 - Mass Cards	25	65
473 - Field maintenance	1,230	696
474 - Grass Cutting	300	3,500
475 - Senior costs	10,432	15,419
476 - Ladies costs	5,380	9,350
477 - Underage costs	5,624	3,874
478 - Coaching costs	-	3,300
480 - Donations	96	-
486 - Field Development	18,600	46,581
Total Operating Expenses	51,424	95,619
Net Profit	12,611	(6,385)

Balance Sheet

Suncroft GFC As at 30 November 2020

30 Nov 2020 30 Nov 2019

Assets

	30 Nov 2020	30 Nov 2019
Bank		
600 - Bank c/a	3,379	2,006
601 - Bank savings a/c	12,414	13,114
602 - Stripe a/c	-	100
603 - Paypal a/c	493	308
Total Bank	16,286	15,528
Current Assets		
620 - Float	100	-
Total Current Assets	100	-
Fixed Assets		
705 - Land	60,000	60,000
Total Fixed Assets	60,000	60,000
Total Assets	76,386	75,528

Liabilities

Current Liabilities		
850 - Provision for grass cutting & field maintenance	1,300	10,300
Total Current Liabilities	1,300	10,300
Non-Current Liabilities		
810 - Provision for Lotto Payout	10,000	10,000
900 - GAA Loan	16,711	19,465
Total Non-Current Liabilities	26,711	29,465
Total Liabilities	28,011	39,765
Net Assets	48,374	35,763

Equity

960 - Retained Earnings	35,763	42,148
Current Year Earnings	12,611	(6,385)
Total Equity	48,374	35,763



SUNCROFT GFC – LADIES 2020

A brief word from Suncroft LGFA Chairperson – Sandra Dillon

I took up this position from Clare Keon in December 2019 after election at the AGM and firstly I would like to thank Clare for all her work prior to my commencement.

I would also like to thank Louise McGuirk, Ciara Prendergast & Mag Malone for all their guidance this year as I stepped into a role with no previous experience. A huge thank you to each and every person coaching and helping with teams this year also without their help Ladies Football in Suncroft couldn't function. I also need to mention Kevin Fennelly who attends the LGFA County Board meetings each month.

The year didn't turn out like we had envisaged with COVID-19 but we made the best of bad circumstances. While at the beginning of the year our u14 girls under the direction of Pauraic & Bernard Salmon with Susan Brannock as the Female Representative were all set for the Feile Group Stages on March 17th – this all came to an abrupt end on March 14th when the GAA called a halt to all matches and training due to the Coronavirus under the guidelines of the Government. Things remained quiet for almost 3 months and then at the end of June the country started to open up again. On direction from the LGFA that no player could play more than one age group (due to contact tracing) it was decided at a meeting to submit teams in u12, u15 & Seniors to guarantee team numbers and to ensure everyone would get as much football as possible. After a change in Government guidelines in September, it was decided we would also submit a Minor Team as the u15 league and Senior Teams had finished.

U12 – Coached by Hugh O'Byrne, Nicky Cousins with Susan Flanagan appointed as COVID Officer and female representative

Training was every Friday evening at 6.30pm and each week there was 20+ girls in attendance encompassing u10/u11 & u12 girls. As there were no competitive matches for this age group the coaches organised several challenges matches with local teams so that the girls would get match practice. A summary of these matches as follows.

1. 27/07/20 u12's beaten by Twomilehouse
2. 06/08/20 u12's beaten by Ellistown
3. 07/09/20 u12's beaten by Round Towers
4. 15/09/20 u12's won against Kildangan Nurney
5. 22/09/20 u10 & U12's won again St. Laurence's
6. 28/09/20 u12's won against Athy
7. 02/10/20 u10's won against NAAS
8. 02/10/20 u12's won again Kildangan Nurney

Matches were organised for the following week against Sarsfield and Naas but they were postponed due to the restrictions. An excellent display of football with some brilliant talent coming up through the ranks.

U15 – Coached by John Browne & Ciara Prendergast with Dorothy Doyle as the officiating COVID Officer.



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The U15 squad of 23 came into the 2020 championship having played very little football in the early part of the year. The U14 and U16 tournaments had been victims of a series of un-played matches and unplayable pitches due to inclement weather.

Caitlin Troy was appointed team captain of the following squad:

U15	U14	U13
Caitlin Troy Grace Farrell Kate Smith Ciara Murphy Orla McDonald Jessica Quigley Jessica Doyle Juliet Lawless Lily Tyrell Kenny Lara Prendergast	Libby Salmon Caoimhe Quirke Alice O' Sullivan Ella Murphy Amy Brown Nessa Byrne Hannah Murphy	Ruth Dillon Miya O' Byrne Molly McGlynn Aine Sinnott Anna Kenny Ruby Stynes

These players have always been particularly good for attending training. Their good humour, work ethic and competitiveness always made them and their parents a pleasure to deal with. There was 5 weeks of training before Kildare was locked down again. Training resumed 24th August.

The team was graded in Division 2 which was always going to be a big ask as there is not a complete team of the given age for such a high division however, the ladies were unfazed by this and faced Raheens away on 12/09/20. The teams were evenly matched in the first half however, Raheens won out in the end. Raheens subsequently went on to win the championship.

Saturday, 19/09/20 saw the team face Rathcoffey at home in Suncroft. The team were unlucky to lose by 2 points and suffered a little as the match had to compete with other activities and a few absences. However, the team gained great confidence from this match and were playing really well which inspired a comprehensive victory over Leixlip the following Saturday at home.

The next and what turned out to be the final fixture was a trip to Eadestown on 03/10/20 where the full squad fought to the whistle but were faced with extremely tough opposition and suffered defeat.

The final match was to be against Naas away however, due to COVID-19 restrictions could not be played.

This squad of players like others were disappointed not to play more matches however, they epitomise what sport for young teenagers should be. They always turn up, always have fun, love to compete, love to win, handle defeat and support each other.

Training has continued every Tuesday since with a full turnout. The final training session of 2020 will be 10th of November.



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Seniors – Managed by Deirdre Hurley & coached by Kevin Brannock with Rita Kehoe as Coordinator & COVID Officer

It was a short season this year with very few games.

The league was due to start just as lockdown hit and was eventually cancelled and the Senior Championship was shortened with just teams split into two groups to reduce the number of games and number of clubs mixing.

Suncrofts' Championship was only three games long and played in August and September.

4/8 V St Laurences

8/9 V Carbury

15/9 V Confey

This is only the ladies second year playing up at senior level and as the fixtures were dramatically reduced there is no relegation this year.

The panel struggled this year with numbers and were missing a number of seasoned players for a number of reasons: - travel, college, maternity leave, taking breaks and injuries. It was however encouraging to see a number of the younger girls eligible to play up this year competing well and integrating well into that team. There are a good number of young ladies looking forward to playing next year as they age and mixing restrictions return to normal and they become eligible.

Unfortunately, Deirdre Hurley who has just finished her 3rd year with the ladies has decided it's time for a change after taking the ladies from intermediate into the senior championship, and from division two to one, in those years.

Thank very much Deirdre for all the great work and the best of luck with whatever you put your hands to next.

We would hope to get a least some of the ladies we were without this year back for 2021 and of course continue the development of the new younger ladies.

With Deirdre's departure we need a new manager to take this team to the next level in 2021.

Minors – The Minor Championship was to commence on 17/10/20 with the girls competing in Division 5. There was to be no final with the winners having the highest accumulation of points however on 18/10/20 based on the continually high level of coronavirus cases as well as the current Government guidelines the LGFA made the decision not to resume competitive club football in Kildare for the remainder of 2020 therefore the Minor Championship did not go ahead.

Hopefully next year we will get back to some sense of normality and that we can get back on track with all age groups again.

Underage – All the younger girls play and train in mixed teams with the GAA and I would like to thank all the GAA coaches, mentors and helpers for their invaluable work.



SUNCROFT GFC – UNDERAGE 2020

Introduction

Thanks to Noel Sammon for taking on the role as underage chairperson this year. A challenging year to step into a new role but there was good support there from Mag Malone, Derry Enright and Mark Prendergast when needed.

The year didn't turn out like envisaged with COVID-19 but the best was made of bad circumstances.

Youngsters : -For the youngsters ages along with stalwarts Trish Tobin and Jemma Brannock this year we had help from David Brannigan, Noel Sammon, Flan Hassett, Frank Maguire and Caroline Bailey for the ages up to U9's. By far the most demanding ages, but also the most rewarding. Conor Cunnane, and Nicky Cousins looked after the U10's and Austin Brannock and Tom Toft looked after the U11's.

Unfortunately just as football games were starting to get going covid arrived and things halted. Great efforts were made during lockdown to keep players involved and active and when things opened up it was back to the field in numbers. When games resumed it was too late to organise a Suncroft Cul Camp and then the South Board pulled the plug on all competitions. Fortunately the team, parents and coaches from around the county are resilient and a good number of games and blitzes were organised by the clubs. Well done to all those involved and thank you to those who took on the additional role of Covid Officer.

U12 – Under the watch full eye of John Troy and Mervyn Farrell the U12 competed in the cross county Seanie Barber competition and had three good wins under their belts before covid hit. When games resumed they won two more games and lost two games but made it to the semi-final. Despite playing the better football for much of the game Leixlip got a few more scores and won the semi.

U13 – No competitions in 2020

U14 – With Austin Brannock, Gabriel Malone, Mark Byrne and Kieran Kiely looking after this team they kicked off their first game in July. Lost the first game but then found their feet and won the next three and drew with Rathangan. Lost the next two games but qualified for the semi-final against Eadestown. Like the U12's, despite playing the better football for much of the game Eadestown got a few more scores and won the semi.

U15 – No competitions in 2020

U16 – Michael Stynes, Paddy Behan and Ger Fox look after the U16. They also started off in July and it took them a bit of time to get up to the pace. They lost the first three games before putting a couple of wins together to qualify for the Shield final. They came up against Sallins in the shield final and Sallins proved to be a bit too strong.

U17 – No competitions in 2020

Across all the ages Suncroft is coming up against more and more amalgamations. For a variety of reasons there are some twelve amalgamations in operation at underage in Kildare and some of these having up to four or five clubs involved. Historically amalgamations would be restricted to division and two competitions but in recent years they are falling down the divisions. Short term amalgamations look to have many benefits but in the long term they take away from the community focus that the GAA is built on, accelerate player departure and substantially reduce the opportunity for player development and community involvement.

It is an absolute credit to all the coaches and parents in Suncroft GFC's catchment area that so many children in the community want to play football and that Suncroft teams are fielded at every age.



SUNCROFT GFC – SENIOR LADS 2020

Senior Lads

The senior lads started out in the Curragh gym in early January and were joined by the senior ladies after the first couple of secessions. On average there were over forty-five at the secessions (c. 30 lads and c. 15 ladies) which continued until the start of march. Having the new training area with floodlights available meant the team was also able to get football and ball work early in the year and the combination of field and gym gave the team a good start in the worst of the winter weather.

Building on 2019 there were another few returning players a few more minors qualifying to play senior and a transfer. In 2018, at this time of the year, they were getting less than 20 for training, sometimes less than 15. This improved to between 20 and 25 in 2019 and for 2020 having 30 lads out training regularly is a good sign of progress.

Games kicked off in February with the pre-season Keogh cup competition. A large spread of players were given game time and Suncroft had a win and a draw before the competition was halted due to covid. Jack Doyle was away playing with the county U20's at this time. The Kehoe cup is an intermediate pre-season competition and its purpose is to get a look at players in preparation for the league. In the last six seasons Suncroft had only won six games in the Keogh cup and 2020 was shaping up nicely until covid halted the competition.

The ambition for 2020 was to get promoted up to league division three. There are a couple of good teams in division four but division three would provide more challenging football on a regular basis and help the team to improve and progress. Also, better preparation for Intermediate Championship.

Good work had been done by the management / coaching team to keep players active during the covid lockdown and when football restarted the team got two good wins in the league before Championship started.

The championship opener was against Straffan and a good win was secured with an impressive nineteen points. The teams had drawn back in February in the Keogh cup. The second game was against the highly rated Ballyteague and despite another very good performance they lost by five points. Ballyteague has one of the County's star forwards and his contribution to the scoreboard was the difference. Next up was Kilcullen who had not been going well and Suncroft won by an impressive fifteen points.

Suncroft came up against Kilcock in the quarter final. Kilcock were one of the favourites for the competition and were going to be a real test. Again, Suncroft were competitive and the game was in the mix up to the latter part of the game. Kilcock got goals at different stages during the game and Suncroft kept their composure and kicked themselves. Kilcock too strong in the end and pulled out to a seven-point win but a good performance from Suncroft. Kilcock went on to reach the final and only lost out by one point to Clogherinkoe in the final.

In the previous six years in various competitions:

- Suncroft had lost three times and won once against Straffan
- Suncroft had lost three times, won twice, and drew once against Kilcullen.
- Suncroft had lost to Kilcock three times.

Unfortunately, covid restrictions had remerged and after a number of weeks the GAA decided that the league and Keogh cup were cancelled and results null and void. Senior football finished for the year and despite having everything teed up nicely Suncroft remains in division four for 2021.



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2020 SENIOR GAMES

2020		Team	Goals	Points	Total	Team	Goals	Points	Total	Venue	Won	Lost	Draw	SD	Competition
1	08-Feb-20	Suncroft	0	15	15	Ellistown	1	6	9	H	1			6	Keogh Cup
2	22-Feb-20	Suncroft	1	11	14	Straffan		14	14	A			1	0	Keogh Cup
3	07-Mar-20	Suncroft		12	12	Milltown	2	13	19	A		1		-7	Keogh Cup
4	18-Jul-20	Suncroft	4	16	28	Robeertstown	2	11	17	H	1			11	League D4
5	25-Jul-20	Suncroft	3	14	23	Milltown	1	12	15	A	1			8	League D4
6	03-Aug-20	Suncroft		19	19	Straffan	1	12	15	N	1			4	Int. Champ
7	06-Sep-20	Suncroft	1	10	13	Ballyteague		18	18	N		1		-5	Int. Champ
8	13-Sep-20	Suncroft	4	16	28	Kilcullen	1	10	13	N	1			15	Int. Champ
9	19-Sep-20	Suncroft	1	14	17	Kilcock	3	15	24	N		1		-7	Int. Champ
		Suncroft			0	Ardclough			0					0	League D4
		Suncroft			0	Ballykelly			0					0	League D4
		Suncroft			0	Cappagh			0					0	League D4
					0				0					0	
					0				0					0	
Games			Goals	Points	Total		Goals	Points	Total		Won	Lost	Draw	SD	
9			14	127	169		11	111	144		5	3	1	25	

Average Scored Per Game	Goals	Points	Total	Average Conceded Per Game	Goals	Points	Total
	2	14	19		1	12	16

Score Difference	Goal	Point	Total
	3	16	25
Average Per Game	0	2	2.8

	Played	Won	D	L	For	Against	Goals For	Goals Against	Average Margin
2013	18	6	1	11					
2014	19	13	0	6	289	197	28	18	4.8
2015	24	4	2	18	315	421	24	50	-4.4
2016	20	16	2	2	341	227	32	19	5.7
2017	20	3	2	15	307	417	22	46	-5.5
2018	22	12	0	10	285	292	11	31	-0.3
2019	22	11	0	11	353	344	24	36	0.4
2020	9	5	1	3	169	144	14	11	2.8

Great effort from all the players involved in the panel and thanks very much to the management and coaching team, Niall Whyte, Tommy Sheehan, Ollie Brannock, Alan Middleton, Mickey Harnett, Danny Whelan and all that helped.

U18 Lads

The U18 lads league started off at the end of February and the lads has a loss and a win under their belts before covid lockdown. Post lockdown they lost to St Edwards by a point in a game that they should have won easily before going on to beat Rathangan and Eadestown. The competition halted at this point for the Championship with the lads looking forward to a semi-final when the League resumed.

Championship opener was against Fr Prendergast Gales (Nurney/Monasterevin) and Suncroft build a lead in the first half and despite a strong fight back from Fr Prendergast the kept the gap to the end to win by six. An easy win over Naas 2 before a tight game against Round Towers ended in a draw. The draw put Suncroft through to the semi-final against St Edwards. After allowing St Edwards to steal the game in the league the Suncroft lads were determined this time out and from the start the effort and work rate was serious. Suncroft put up a good lead in the



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first half and this time they played the full game and went on to win 6:17(35) to 3:07(16). A Championship final against Eadestown to look forward to.

Unfortunately, covid restrictions had remerged and after a number of weeks the GAA decided that the league was cancelled and results null and void.

Their Championship final is still due to be played and it is expected to take place in early February 2021.

Great work by team management and coaches Derry Enright, Andy Hynes and Declan Duignan to keep this team competitive, active and involved over the year that we have had and hopefully a Championship in February to show for it. Thanks very much Andy, Declay and Derry.



Minutes of Suncroft GFC Annual General meeting 2019 held on 9th November at 5pm in Suncroft Community Centre

Attendance: Mary Val Dillon, Des Brannock, Shane Kavanagh, Louise McGuirk, Ollie Brannock, Mary Fennelly, Val Dillon, Johnny McGuirk, Hugh O'Byrne, Noel Sammon, Kevin Fennelly, Clare Keon, Ciaran Troy, Pat Sutton, Mag Malone, Mick Kehoe.

Opening Address:

The Chair (Mick Kehoe) opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. This was followed by a minute's silence as a mark of respect to past members and especially Ben Guidera who played with our U17's and passed away in January.

Apologies: Paddy Behan, James Kane.

Minutes of Previous AGM:

The 2018 AGM draft minutes had been circulated to all members and had also been available to view on the club's website. The only matter arising, and not on the agenda for this meeting, was the appointment of the various sub-committees by the incoming 2018 Executive and this was done at the following Executive meeting. The minutes were accepted as a true record.

Proposed by Louise McGuirk and seconded by Mary Val Dillon.

Secretary's Report:

The Secretary (Margaret Malone) delivered her secretary's report which detailed the activities of the club over the year (copy of report attached).

The Chair thanked Mag for her secretary report. The chair stated that the secretary is by far the most important role in the club and is what keeps things organised and moving. The Chair thanked Mag for doing a superb job.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasures (Pat Sutton) presented a copy of the Income and expenditure for the 11 months of the year to date (1st Dec 2018, 9 Nov 2019) and the balance sheet (copy attached).

The key point made by the Treasurer was that income, when once of income from grants, etc associated with the field works are excluded, was down in all categories. There is a current deficit for the year of €6.3k and the current Quantum Draw would need to be pushed very hard up to Christmas to ensure that gap is bridged, and we have a positive start to 2020.

The outstanding balance on the current GAA loan is down to €19.5k and at €5k +interest per year the club is making good progress in paying it off.

A provision had been made in the accounts for grass cutting for 2018 & 2019 but despite requesting a bill on numerous occasions it has not been forthcoming. This will have to be addressed before the start of the 2020 season.

The Chair thanked Pat for his report and stated that for the trust and confidence of the members, and the community, proper financial governance is critically important, and Pat continues to do a superb job

at keeping a tight rein on every cent and at keeping us all on the straight and narrow. Great attention to detail and no nonsense.

Chairpersons Address:

The Chair thank everyone for their support during the year. There were no major issues but anytime a helping hand or advice was needed it was generously given.

A chart outlining the competitive games played across the year was presented. A busy schedule from February to November.

GAA GAMES			2019											
			Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
U12	3	S. Board				■	■	■	■					
	9	Seanie B				■	■	■	■					
U13	8	League						■	■	■				
	7	Champ										■	■	
U14	2	League		■	■						■	■		
	5	Champ												
U15	2	League				■	■	■	■					
	6	Champ										■	■	■
U16	10	League	■	■	■	■								
	6	Champ							■	■				
U17	5	League							■	■				
	3	Champ										■	■	
U18	8	League	■	■	■									
	4	Champ							■	■	■			
U20	0	League						■	■					
U21	0	Champ										■	■	
Adult	25	League	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■				
		Champ												
		Reserve				■	■							
103 (40 H)														

LGFA GAMES			2019											
			Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
U12	3	League				■	■	■						
U13	6	League								■	■	■		
U14	7	League			■	■	■	■						
U15	5	League								■	■	■		
U16	5	League		■	■	■								
U18	7	League								■	■	■	■	■
Adult	7	League				■	■		■	■				
	5	Champ					■	■		■	■			
45 (20 H)														

Dinner Dance

The year started with a Dinner Dance which was fantastic night. Players, parents, grandparents, members, non-members and sponsors all mixing and all having a good time. It's important to have good community social nights like that and thanks you to Louise McGuirk, Mag Malone and particularly Rita Kehoe for organising.

Facilities

The main happening of the year was new underage pitch and training area gradually come into use during the summer and as we got into September the flood lights got their first official use. The main pitch has also nearly fully recovered from the drainage and surface improvement works and is in superb condition for the time of the year and for the amount of use it has had. Early days but the Croke Park grass in the goals also appears to be holding up well.

When you allow for the materials and labour donated, the club got around €135,000 worth of work done at a cost to the club of less than €5k (A short report on the works was issued, copy attached).

This is a great step forward for the club and community's facilities and I again would like to thank all those involved and in particular thank Andy Hynes, Kevin Brannock, Alan & John Troy, Ciaran Delaney, Derry Enright and Colm Kane for their works on the pitches and thank Pat Sutton and Shane Kavanagh for the two or more years of work they put into sorting the grants and financing.

Overall, we are getting to a good place as regards facilities but in the short term we need a few improvements like dugouts and pitch railings and in the longer term the next big job is the back pitch, flattened, drain, sanded and seed.

Football

The Chair was pleased that the Club had another great year of competitive football. Silverware was scarce but it's much more important that most players and teams are genuinely challenged and getting regular competitive football. In particular, it was great to see our senior ladies not only stepping up to senior and D1 football but competing, just missing out on semi-finals in both competitions by score difference.

There were still a few competitions ongoing where we have a reasonable chance of success Minor ladies, U15 lads, U13 lads.

November is too late in the year to be still playing football and this is something that the Club has raised with County again.

At county level the Club were well represented across all the LGFA and GAA age grades again. Over twenty Club members represented the Club and community on county teams and four players making it to Leinster finals.

The competitiveness of the Clubs teams and the number of the players that represented the Club on county teams is testament to the good structures the underage and ladies have in place and all the hard work of all the coaches and mentors.

The Games Promotion Officer (Mark Fitzharris) roll had another good year in 2019 and you can see the skill levels rising. The Chair described an U11 or 12's girls match he was at recently and how he was gobsmacked by the skill level and that it wasn't just one or two it was all of the Suncroft players.

The Chair thanked Mark Prendergast and Mark Fitzharris for their work on this initiative as it has turned out to be a great for the Club. The GPO role had another year of its initial 3 year term to run and if we can get more funding in place it is something that we should increase in the following years.

Committees

The Chair thanked Mark Prendergast and Derry Enright for running the underage and again a special thanks to Trish Tobin for her dedication to, and work with, the clubs youngest. Also thanks to Tanya Duignan for organising the Cul Camp.

The Chair thanked Clare Keon, Karen Ennis and Louise McGuirk for their work on the ladies committee. Great for the club to be competitive at so many different underage levels and to have the senior ladies team competing and competitive at Division 1 and Senior Championship level. From almost collapsing a short few years ago the Ladies is and shining example of what can be achieved in a short few years with a good structure, a good plan, consistency and hard work.

The Chair thanked Dean Slattery, Mickey Harnett, Ciaran Troy and Des Brannock for their work with on the Senior Lads sub-committee.

The underage and ladies are in a good place, so there is no need to say a lot other than thanks. The senior lads setup is somewhere between surgery and recovery and it is important to review the progress being made.

For those new to the Club and AGM the Chair explained that the senior lad's setup and the integration of younger players has been in decline for a good number of years and had reached a near crisis point in 2017 when there was real struggle to field teams in a good number of games. This committee was established to try to address the problem two years ago. Since its establishment the committee has put a lot of thought and effort into understanding what was happening and on turning it around.

Some progress over this year again but still a bit to go before a corner is turned.

- The "not me" negativity and blame culture is not gone yet but more players starting to take more personal responsibility.
- Senior players are working with the younger players to help them improve and integrate.
- Fairly positive atmosphere around the panel.

- Returning players - 4 players in the 20 to 24 years age bracket that had quit and not played for a few years have returned to play.
- Seven U18's were integrated into the setup and got lots of game time.
- The initiative of getting the lads from U17 up and senior ladies panel together in the gym early in the year did help improve communication across the age groups and lads and ladies. Players got to know each other early in the year.
- Good quality training is was organised and available and the quality of the training being laid on was checked.
- As is the Clubs responsibility, football is there for those who want to play. It is on the Clubs terms. Nobody is begged to play, nobody is special, everyone gets fair and equal treatment.

The platform and training is there and what is needed is more players and real competition for places to raise the bar.

Through 2019 we were down 13 of the 2018 players for all or big chunks of the year. Four retired or left, three were away with army duties, three went travel travelling for a number of months, there were three lengthy injuries, three stepped away until after their leaving certs exams and a player was tied up with county duties.

Fortunately, the Club had seven U18's and the four others that came back to football playing and this kept the team going when numbers were tight.

In 2019 the Club had 33 registered senior players, that kicked some football. The average age was 22. That's 9 players more than we had in 2017 and the average age down for 25 in 2017.

With players coming through over the next few years the average age is likely to drop further which is not ideal for a senior football team. Work will continue to try to get more older footballers to return.

At last years AGM we identified the lack of games for minor players as they migrate to senior was a major problem. The Chair produced an update chart for 2019 and significant progress had been made with U17's and U18's.

Year	SUNCROFT GFC GAMES PLAYED													GAMES AVAILABLE FOR PLAYERS EXCLUDING SENIOR TEAM							
	U14 Feile	U14 Champ	U15 League	U15 Champ	U16 League	U16 Champ	U17 League	U17 Champ	U18 League	U18 Champ	U20 League	U21 Champ	Reserve League	Reserve Champ	U14's (14&15)	U15's (15&16)	U16's (16 to 18)	U17's (17 to 21)	U18's (18 to Res)	U19's + (20 to Res)	
2019	2	5	2	6	10	6	5	3	8	4			3		15	24	36	20	15	3	
2018	5	7		10	7	5	4	4		3			1		22	22	23	11	4	1	
2017	5	10		7	8	5			2	5			1		22	20	20	7	8	1	
2016	7	5		6	6	5		1	8	6					18	17	26	15	14	0	
2015	5	7		5	8	6			3	6			3		17	19	23	9	12	3	
2014	6	6		3	6	5			9	4			11	3	15	14	24	13	27	14	
2013	5	6		5	6	6			7	4			3	8	2	16	17	23	11	24	13

Low player numbers at 17's & 18's has a lot of U16's playing up two grades and at 36 club football games on top of training, county and school football, soccer, rugby, basketball, hurling we need to keep an eye on it as there is a risk of burn out.

The attempt to get reserve team going in 2019 failed as there just wasn't enough players willing to turn up. With another seven or eight minors coming through this year we will have another look at it again for 2020, or possibly the U20 league depending on timing.

The team got a couple of trimmings at the beginning of the year but thing firmed up from there. Last year the trimmings came towards the end of the season and the year before that the trimmings were all year long. No gold stars being handed out, but a bit of progress.

For the players, coaches and the sub-committee, mid D4 and intermediate survival, is not an easy place to be and it would be very easy for a lot of people to throw in the towel, especially when they are been badgered with negativity from some quarters.

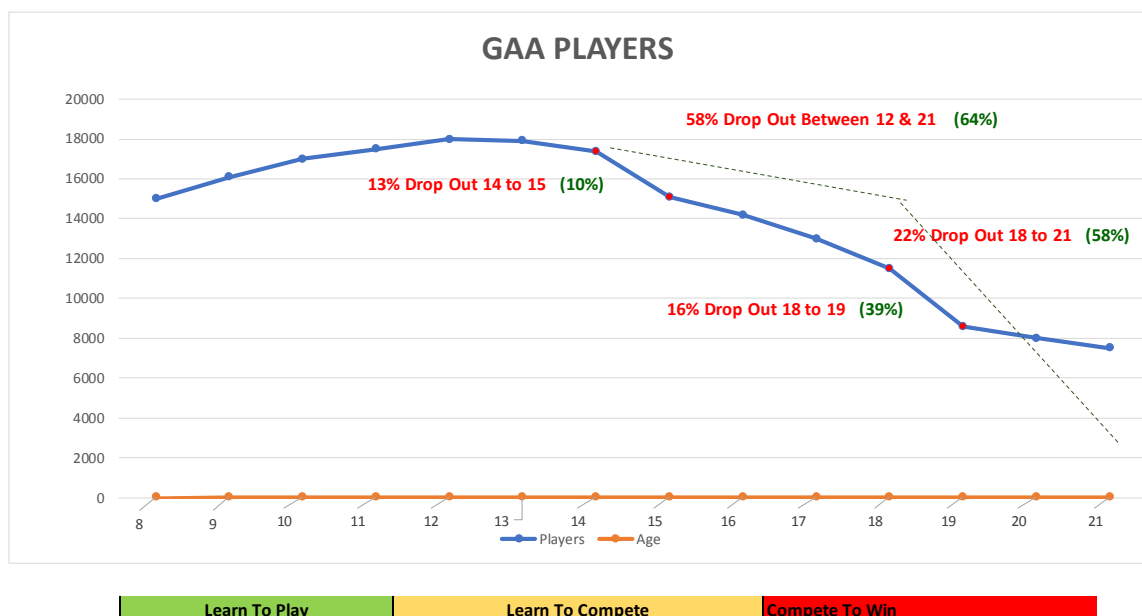
Fortunately, the Club have a good strong crew together and I would like to thank Dean Slattery, Mickey Harnett, Ciaran Troy and Des Brannock for their work and for sticking with the committee. Thanks to Niall Whyte, Alan Middleton, Danny Whelan and Tommy Sheehan for their work with the panel this year. Thanks to Seamus Dillon & Johnny McGuirk for their work with the U18's and reserve team. Thank you, the club members, for giving us the time, support and space to work on turning it around. And particularly thanks to the players for sticking with it.

Player Retention

We are not the first club in the country to have an issue with players coming through and we won't be the last and fortunately the GAA is that it has been around for more than a century and while it is not perfect it does have a lot of knowledge and experience that we can learn from.

The GAA Player Pathway

- Play to learn - 4 to 11 *(in Kildare with the Seanie Barber competition turning into a county league U12 is now more or less competitive).*
- Learn to Compete - 12 to 16
- Compete to Win - 17 to Retirement. *(U17 the new minor nationally and competitive).*



Numbers generally build up to U12 or U13 and then start to decline. The GAA has roughly 1,800 U12's and this drops to under 8,000 by the age of 21. A drop of 58%. In Suncroft its c. 64%. Dropout of 13% 14 to 15. U14 first really competitive year, Feile. At Suncroft its 10%. Overall the biggest dropout, 16%, is 18 to 19 when players move up from minor to senior, at Suncroft its 39%. Looking at 18 to 21 dropouts is 22%, as Suncroft its 58%.

Small clubs do better than big clubs from 12 to 18. More community based, more rural, less distractions, more game time and less competing options.

At Younger Ages:

Parents are as important as players. Everyone is busy, everyone has more than the GAA happening in their lives and the GAA coaching team has to make it easy for parents as well as challenging for the players.

For the parents:

- Fixed schedule of games and training, days and times.
- Good communication with no changes to training times or games without a number of days notice.
- Training should always go ahead as scheduled.

For the players:

- Training should always go ahead as scheduled.
 - Low numbers is an opportunity for coaches to focus more on individual players and particular skills.
 - Low numbers is an opportunity for coaches to focus more on the more committed players.
- Coaches need to help the committed players drag the team up and interest levels up, and, not allow the uncommitted to drag the team and interest levels down.

Small clubs do a lot worse than big clubs at the 18 to 21.

The main issues for most small clubs are:

1. The only, credible, available the next step is up to the senior team. Second teams are often for the semi-retired and unfit players. Not an encouraging environment for ambitious 18 to 21 year olds.
2. Players expectations are too high. In the smaller clubs:
 - Players are not used to competing for a starting place because most underage teams require two years to combine to make a team. i.e. U12's play up with the 13's (all 13's start), U14's play up with the 15's (all 15's start), etc.
 - Teams competing in lower divisions, often with less games, because player numbers at specific ages are low. Two or more ages to make a team.
 - Coaches grade teams in lower divisions to win.
 - Step up physically too challenging.
 - U20's/ 21's competitions in decline. No stepping stone to senior.
 - Players living away / college.

For the lads moving up to senior learning to compete from an early age and managing expectations are two key factors.

- From U12 to U16 they are being prepared to compete (Learn to Compete) players have to learn to:
 - Compete with their marker
 - Compete as a team
 - Compete for a place on the team - *This is difficult where player numbers are low.*

Grading teams in lower divisions to win something is common but counterproductive to engendering a competitive attitude in players. Winning games by large margins and winning a competition or winning by large margins and getting to a final with an opposing team, possibly with the same drop down the grades to win strategy, benefits nobody in the long term (This is problematic in Kildare where there would appear there is no logic to division grades at many levels and a growing number of amalgamations in the lower divisions).

Once players get to 14 or 15 they know what competition and competitive is. They are maturing and mixing and playing with players from clubs of all sizes in school.

In the longer term and as they get older players value being consistently challenged to help them improve over winning something they know they didn't really earn.

Leave the handy medals for the U11's down and teach the U12's up to compete and improve and when they do win something, they will really value it.

- From U17 on its dog eat dog (Compete to Win). Manage Expectations Players need to know what is facing them:
 - The emerging player will have to dislodge an older player or players to get a spot.
 - Majority of players and coaches won't know what they are capable of.
 - Past underage performances count for nothing.
 - It will take time to build an on-field relationship with players.
 - It will take time to build the trust of players and coaches.
 - No, they won't be able to physically compete with a fit 30 year old.

- 1) Teach them how to be competitive.
- 2) Manage their expectations.

Suncroft player number by year and competition grades were discussed and allowing for some specific known issues the player numbers do appear to hold up better where players are playing in the more challenging levels.

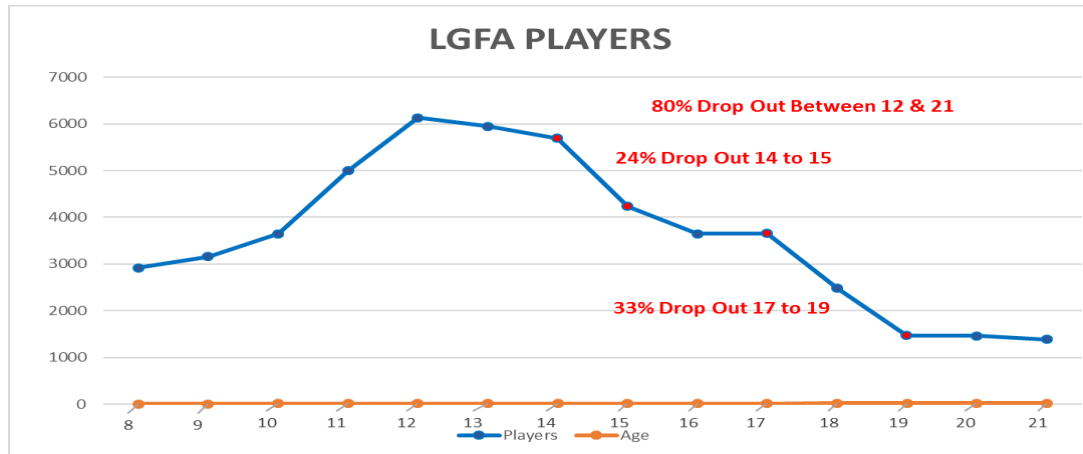
SUNCROFT GFC GAA PLAYERS

2019 Grade	Year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	U12 v U14	U14 v U16	U16 v U18	U12 v U18
U22	1997	11	11	12	11	12	13	7	6	5	5	6	1	0	-5	-4
U21	1998		7	8	8	9	10	6	5	3	1	2	1	2	-5	-2
U20	1999			13	11	12	10	10	5	5	3	3	-1	-2	-5	-8
U19	2000				14	13	13	10	10	6	6	3	-1	-3	-4	-8
U18	2001					13	12	9	8	7	8	7	-4	-2	0	-6
U17	2002						12	11	9	7	7	7	-3	-2		
U16	2003							18	18	17	16	17	-1	0		
U15	2004								15	15	16	16	1			
U14	2005									12	11	8	-4			
U13	2006										13	13				
U12	2007											7				

Grade 2019	Born	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
U22	1997	L D3 W / B Champ W (PP/OB/DN/XB)	No U17's	B Champ W (OB/PP)				
U21	1998	Shield W (PS/PP)	L D5 W (PP/PS)	No U17's	L D4 W (PS/IS/CC)			
U20	1999	L D5 W (PS/MP)	L D4 (PS/MP)	C Champ Final / LD3 (PS/B/S/MP)	No U17's	L D4 Final (B/XB)		
U19	2000	(B/RD/MP)	Fe cC W (B/RD/MP)	L D3 (B/MP)	L D3 / C Champ (B/MP)	No U17's	D Champ W (SD/B)	
U18	2001	(MK/DK)	L D3 SB W (MK, OM, DK)	Fe B / L D3 (MK/PG/OM/RD/IM)	L D4 (MK/PG - DK)	D Champ W (DK)	L D3 / C Champ Final (SD/DK)	L D4 Final / D Champ Final (SD/DK/IM)
U17	2002		L D1 SB W (MK/PG/OM)	L D1 Semi / B Champ* (MK/PG/OM/RD/IM)	Fe A / L D2 (MK/PG-A/D/D)	L D3 (A/D/D)	L D3 Final (A/D/D)	L D3 W (B Champ) (A/D/D)
U16	2003			L D1 Final SB (A/D/D)	L D1 / A Champ (A/D/D)	Fe A Shield / L D1 Shield (A/D/D)	L D1 (A/D/D)	A Champ Final (A/D/D)
U15	2004				L D2 SB (P/G/M)		Fe D Final / L D4 W (P/G/M)	SL D4 / AL D4* (P/G/M)
U14	2005					L D3 SB (DK)	L D4 (DK-SB)	L D4 (SD)
U13	2006						L D3 SB (AD-SD)	L D4 Final (AB/GM/MB/KK)
U12	2007							L D2 Shield Final (JT/ME)

Nationally the GAA is discussion getting rid of U17's and U20's and having U19's as the stepping stone.

LGFA



SUNCROFT GFC LGFA PLAYERS

2019 Grade	Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2015/19
U22	1997	3	2	1	1	1	-2
U21	1998	11	6	3	3	0	-11
U20	1999	3	2	1	2	2	-1
U19	2000	5	4	1	1	1	-4
U18	2001	11	10	7	7	6	-5
U17	2002	5	6	4	5	4	-1
U16	2003	7	6	4	6	6	-1
U15	2004	2	4	8	6	4	2
U14	2005	4	8	11	14	12	8
U13	2006	5	5	6	10	9	4
U12	2007	5	3	4	6	8	3
U11	2008	4	6	5	7	9	5

LGFA follows a similar trend but loses 80% of players between 12 & 21. As with the GAA the decline starts as they start secondary school and develop other interests.

Unlike the GAA there is a migration path to senior football for ladies from 15 years. The big drop off at 14 to 15 and 18 to 19 is likely more to do with secondary school, junior and leaving certs, work and college rather than competing and winning. There is not a lot of LGFA research available.

The efforts in recent years to raise the profile of Ladies football, sponsorship by Lidil and the 20x20 campaign will all help.

Suncroft's Ladies have come a long way over the last number of years and we just have to keep up the hard work.

Coaching

One thing that we have to address for both the Lads and Ladies is training of coaches. At the minute we have over 60 people involved in coaching and only a handful have been to any trained to coach to the basic Level 1 standard.

Every coach has to have a level 1 qualification and coaches with older children level 3.

There was three attempts to get the coaches together with the GPO, Mark Fitzharris, and the coaches didn't show the three times. We should try this again in February, out of season for most teams.

Finance

Unfortunately, what we do costs money and I would like to thank everyone who put their hand in their pocket in any way to support the club's activities. Meadow Court Stud have stood firmly behind the club again this year and the club would like to thank them for that support. I would also like to thank all the sponsors, especially Dominic from the Well who backed the Golf Classic again which is why its such a success, and also Kilsarren and Troy Electrical who were again particularly generous in 2019.

The Chair again Pat for finance report and expanded on it a little bit to identify where costs arise and costs that are outside the clubs control (*figures a little bit behind Pats and wont corollate exactly, I also excluded the field works*).

COST Description		All	Senior - U17	Ladies	Underage
GAA Affiliation	€ 2,874		€ 1,437		€ 1,437
LGFA Affiliation	€ 1,700			€ 1,700	
Sub Total =	€ 4,574	€ -	€ 1,437	€ 1,700	€ 1,437
Public & Property Liability Insurance	€ 4,725	€ 4,725	Up 44% over last 2 years		
Field Loan & Interest	€ 5,672	€ 5,672	Balance now c. €20k		
Miscellaneous	€ 65	€ 65			
Repairs & Maintenance	€ 696	€ 696			
IT - Website / Finance	€ 646	€ 646			
Finance/Bank Fees	€ 913	€ 913			
Grass Cutting	€ 4,500	€ 4,500	Estimate (c. 12 acres x c. 35 custs)		
Community Centre Rent	€ 3,800	€ 3,800	Estimate		
Sub Total =	€ 21,017	€ 21,017			
Training	€ 12,290		€ 7,750	€ 1,750	€ 2,790
Team & Player Reg / Injury Fund	€ 7,520		€ 1,880	€ 4,198	€ 1,442
Referees	€ 1,870		€ 360	€ 725	€ 785
Medical / Physio	€ 3,042		€ 2,455	€ 510	€ 77
Gym/Pitch Hire	€ 2,000		€ 1,200	€ 800	-
Equipment	€ 810		€ 680	-	€ 130
Team - Other	€ 2,471		€ 1,134	€ 587	€ 750
Sub Total =	€ 30,003	€ -	€ 15,459	€ 8,570	€ 5,974
TOTAL SPEND =	€55,593	€ 21,017	€ 16,896	€ 10,270	€ 7,411

Basically there are €26k of costs before a ball is kicked. There is a further €7.5k of player, team and injury scheme fees and then the football costs €22k.

Hopefully with the new training area and lights we will be able to take c. €1k out of costs. There are some medical/physio costs. The cost of having a physio at all the lads games (22 + a couple of challenges) gets to €1.8k alone. The senior ladies do have less games and Becky McGuirk covered them for a number of games so their medical/physio cost are lower. It will rise a bit next year with Becky being away.

Overall the team costs are fairly consistent over the last number of years.

Senior Men

	Year	Total	Training	Reg/In. Fund	Referee	Medical	Equipment	Pitch Hire	Gym	Camera	Other
NW	2019	€ 15,259	€ 7,750	€ 1,880	€ 360	€ 2,455	€ 480		€ 1,200	€ 200	€ 934
NW	2018	€ 15,724	€ 8,250	€ 1,360	€ 600	€ 2,350	€ 600	€ 545	€ 1,000	€ 500	€ 519
LF	2017	€ 10,068	€ 4,730	€ 1,750	€ 370	€ 2,050	€ 206		€ 400	€ 50	€ 512
RJ	2016	€ 13,770	€ 5,483	€ 2,100	€ 590	€ 5,020	€ 277				€ 300
WM	2015	€ 14,420	€ 6,020	€ 2,050	€ 495	€ 4,272	€ 1,583				
SD	2014	€ 16,004	€ 2,370	€ 2,875	€ 670	€ 4,521	€ 4,768	€ 800			
SD	2013	€ 10,531		€ 3,745	€ 600	€ 3,772	€ 1,634	€ 780			

Ladies

	Year	Total	Training	Reg/In. Fund	Referee	Medical	Equipment	Pitch Hire	Gym	Camera	Other
DH	2019	€ 8,570	€ 1,750	€ 4,198	€ 725	€ 510			€ 800		€ 587
DH	2018	€ 8,152	€ 1,750	€ 4,693	€ 790	€ 310	€ 180	€ 429			
NP	2017	€ 9,332		€ 4,937	€ 690		€ 1,370				€ 2,335
NP	2016	€ 8,478	€ 850	€ 3,852	€ 235	€ 361	€ 275				€ 2,905
AP	2015	€ 9,804							No breakdown		
	2014	€ 8,510							No breakdown		
	2013	€ 7,887							No breakdown		

Underage

	Year	Total	Training	Reg/In. Fund	Referee	Medical	Equipment	Pitch Hire	Gym	Camera	Other
	2019	€ 6,174	€ 2,790	€ 1,442	€ 785	€ 77	€ 330				€ 750
	2018	€ 6,442	€ 2,300	€ 1,530	€ 290		€ 1,817				€ 505
	2017	€ 3,654		€ 1,600	€ 635		€ 1,219				€ 200
	2016	€ 3,751	€ 400	€ 1,550	€ 410	€ 146	€ 902				€ 343
	2015	€ 6,300							No breakdown		
	2014	€ 3,719							No breakdown		
	2013	€ 5,983							No breakdown		

Income generation is a critical activity and again the following is where the income come from:

2019 INCOME

FUNDRAISING / EVENTS			
	Income	Cost	Nett
Events			
National Club Draw (€10)	€1,590	€0	€1,590
Dinner Dance	€5,955	-€6,309	-€354
Golf Classic	€7,850	-€2,662	€5,188
Murphy Weekend Auction	€1,060	-€320	€740
Kildare Club Draw (€100)**	€4,750	-€3,000	€1,750
Dog Night	€3,435	-€435	€3,001
		Sub Total =	€11,915
Ongoing			
Gate - Senior Lads	€390	€0	€390
Lottery (excludes c. 46 membership with lotto)	€5,410	-€2,830	€2,580
General Fundraising	€245	€0	€245
Match Tickets	€745	-€640	€105
		Sub Total =	€3,320
Sponsorship			
Meadow Court	€6,000	-€225	€5,775
Howard Family	€2,600	-€208	€2,392
Intel	€3,555	€0	€3,555
Kilsarren	€750	€0	€750
Balls / Jerseys	€5,250	-€5,250	€0
		Sub Total =	€12,472
MEMBERSHIP			Sub Total = €19,867
TOTAL INCOME			€47,573

Fundraising early in the year was not the best and perhaps the effort that went into the Dinner Dance distracted away from it. The golf classic was the biggest fundraiser event again this year and the Chair thanked The Well and the senior lads team and coaches for getting behind it again.

The Murphy weekend which ties in with the Howard family was a great help as was the Dog Night. There are very few events where small kids, parents and grandparents can mingle and enjoy together and the Dog Night was good for that. Second year in a row to have a dog night and for 2020 we should look to do something different. Thanks to Mag Malone, the Troy's and Pat Sutton for the work on the dog night.

This year the Ladies didn't do their usual few bag packs or competitions possibly partly due to the diverted effort into the dinner dance. Ideally the ladies would come up with a main fundraiser that they could call their own for each year.

The lottery struggling a bit but holding its own. This year the jackpot built up to the €10k cap and that should free up a little bit of income until the jackpot is won again.

Meadow Court were generous again as were the Howards. Austin Brannock did a great job on the intel funding. Kilsarren made a good contribution again this year and a Kilsarren sign was erected at the pitch.

Balls for all the U12 and younger and four sets of jerseys to a value of c. €5.2k were acquired in the year. There was around €600 of credit in the O'Neills account from the O'Neills Club Shop % we get and the balance was anonymously sponsored. We thank the sponsor for that.

When you look at the income and expenditure there is a gap that needs to be filled and I would ask that everyone please focus on the Quantum Draw for the next two months.

The Chair thanked Mag Malone, Louise McGuirk and Pat Sutton for driving the fundraising committee, and thank the stalwarts of fundraising, Mary Val Dillon, Paddy Behan, Ger Fox, Val Dillon, Mickey Harnett, Dean Slattery, Des Brannock, Peadar Kane, Liam Troy, Betty Bradley and all the lottery sellers.

Secretary Support

Before I finish my address, this year in carrying out my duties as chair I received extraordinary help from our new secretary Mag Malone, she took to it like a duck to water and has taken the secretary role to a whole new level. She has been brilliant and thank you Mag for making my job easy.

Close

Finally, to finish off my Chairperson, again I would like to thank the community, sponsors and fundraisers for their ongoing support for the Club.

Club Property / Trustees

The process of registering a single Corporate Trustee for the Club, as approved at 2018's AGM, is ongoing. It should be completed early 2020 but has to do it in a manner that doesn't impact on any current grant applications.

Annual Membership Fees

No proposal was submitted to the meeting. Compliance is currently at c. 99% and significant progress had been made on compliance over the last number of years.

Hugh O'Byrne suggested that we should consider increasing the fee and following discussion it was agreed that it would be reviewed during the year and a proposal put to next years AGM for 2021.

Motions

Notice of meeting was circulated to members and no motions in relation to the Club Constitution or for County Convention were received.

The Following Sub committees are proposed for 2020 by the current committees:

Recommended: Fundraising Sub-Committee:

Pat, Mag, Louise, Mikey, Paddy, have don a great job and the proposal for the new Executive is to leave it as is. And new members always welcome.

Pat Sutton (Chair), Louise McGuirk, Mag Malone, Mickey Harentt, Paddy Bean.
Door open for new members.

Recommended: Underage Sub-Committee:

Mark Prendergast & Derry Enright are stepping away after a decade or so and we would sincerely like to thank them for all their efforts and commitment. Mark & Derry took over the mantel from Alan Troy and James Keane and with a lot of work and commitment have done a fantastic job. Both will continue to be involved in Club.

Chair:	Noel Sammon
Secretary:	Club Secretary Mag Malone
South Board:	TBA
Board Na NOg	TBA

Coaches / Provisional:

U6 & 7 - Trish Tobin, Jenna Brannock

U8 & U9 - ???

U10 - Conor Cunnane, Nicky Cousins

U11 – Austin Brannock, Tom Toft

U12 & 13 – Mervyn Farrell, John Troy

U14 – Austin Brannock, Gabriel Malone, Mark Byrne, Kieran Kiely

U15 - ???

U16 - Michael Stynes, Paddy Behan, Ger Fox.

Noel Sammon is the proposed Chair for 2020 and the secretary role will be combined with Club Secretary. A bit of work is required to get coaches for the U8's U9's and U14's and some people to represent the club at the South Board and Board Na NOg meetings. The floor welcomed Noels involvement as Chair and it is great to see parents of younger players getting more involved. Due to the low number of players coming from Ballyshannon school the GPO did not go there over the last year. The number of children currently coming to Suncroft GFC from Ballyshannon is very small however there is an upsurge in the number of kids starting school in Ballyshannon and Noel will review this again and see if the Club, with the GPO, can recruit better from Ballyshannon.

Recommended: Ladies Sub-Committee:

Karen Ennis is stepping away from the committee after a decade or so and Clare after two years. The club would sincerely like to thank Karen for all her effort over the decade. She stuck to the task during good and bad times and is leaving the ladies committee in great condition for those that follow. The Club also thanked Clare for her steady hand at the helm for the last two years. Both are still going to be involved in Club.

Chair:	Sandra Dillon (Val)
Secretary:	Club Secretary Mag Malone
Registrar	Rita Kehoe
County LGFA delegates:	Kevin Fennelly and Johnny McGuirk.

Coaches / Provisional:

U8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 ??
U14 & 15 – Ciara Prendergast, John Browne
U16 – Deirdre McDonald
U18 – Deirdre Hurley, Kevin Brannock
Senior – Deirdre Hurley

Sandra Dillon is the proposed Chair for 2020 and the secretary role will be combined with Club Secretary. A bit of work is required to get coaches for the U8's to U13's. Fidelma Ryan had done great work with the girls at these ages over the last few years and unfortunately had to step away. The floor welcomed Sandra's involvement as Chair and again it is great to see parents of younger players getting more involved.

Recommended: Senior Lads Setup Sub-Committee:

Chair	Mick Kehoe
Player Rep	Dean Slattery
Player Rep	Ciaran Troy
Club Rep	Michael Harnett
Club Rep	Des Brannock

There was a bit of a shakeup of the management of the senior team at the end of last year and work is ongoing on giving it a stir up again for 2020.

A couple of key players will not be available for 2020 and this will make 2020 even more difficult.

Depending on how things pan out again, results could be very hard to come by, but it's a great opportunity for lads to step up. If we can continue to increase numbers, fitness and performance levels the results will follow, in time.

Val Dillon queried the cost of having a trainer/manager and a strength and conditioning person and would it be cheaper to have just one person and some club additional members involved. The committee is working on 2020 and will as always try to get a senior management team in place that will continue to improve the platform for young and returning players and will do that at the lowest possible cost to the club.

Des Brannock stated that the committee and executive are always open to suggestions and proposals in relation to individuals who are interested in getting involved in the management of the senior team.

A major difficulty for the last number of years is the absence of people willing to make the necessary commitment, which averages around 2.5 hours three times a week for eight months.

As with the other committees this committee will be appointed at the first meeting of the incoming executive. It was agreed that the first executive of this year (9th Jan 2018) was too close to the start of the season and things were already materially in place for the season before the committee was properly appointed.

The first Executive of the new committee should be earlier this year and having the AGM early in November facilitates that.

Election of Officers

Notice of meeting was circulated to members and no nominations were received.

Presidents: – Fr Barry Larkin, Rose Brannock, Tom Dillon, Val McDonagh, James Dillon, Eamon Ryan, John Moore & Mary Val Dillon.

Outgoing Executive To Recommend To AGM For Appointment

Child Welfare Officer:-	Flan Hassett
Irish & Culture Officer:-	Mary Fennelly
Designated Person:-	Louise McGuirk

	OUTGOING	INCOMING
<u>GAA AGM Appointments</u>		
Chairperson:-	Mick Kehoe Propose: Des Brannock	Mick Kehoe Second: Mary Val Dillon
Vice Chairperson:-	Des Brannock Propose: Mick Kehoe	Des Brannock Second: Val Dillon
Secretary:-	Margaret Malone Propose: Mick Kehoe	Margaret Malone Second: Louise McGuirk
Vice Secretary:-	Val Dillon Propose: Shane Kavanagh	Val Dillon Second: Des Brannock
Treasure:-	Pat Sutton Propose: Des Brannock	Pat Sutton Second: Shane Kavanagh
Assistant Treasurer:-	Paddy Behan Propose: Des Brannock	Paddy Behan Second: Shane Kavanagh
Registrar:-	Rita Kehoe Propose: Louise McGuirk	Rita Kehoe Second: Clare Keon
PRO:-	Hugh O'Byrne Propose: Shane Kavanagh	Hugh O'Byrne Second: Mick Kehoe
Players Representative:-	Dean Slattery and Ciaran Troy Propose: Mick Kehoe	Ciaran Troy & Dean Slattery Second: Des Brannock
<u>Other Roles</u>		
Healthy Club Officer:-	Noel Sammon – Executive appointment	VACANT

Field co-ordinator:-	Alan Troy	Propose: Mick Kehoe	Alan Troy Second: Johnny McGuirk
Coaching & Development Officer:-	Mark Prendergast	Propose: Mick Kehoe	Noel Sammon Second: Des Brannock
County Board Delegate/s:-	Johnny McGuirk, Val Dillon & James Keane		Johnny McGuirk, Val Dillon & James Keane. Propose: Mary Val Dillon Second: Ollie Brannock

New Executive To Appoint

Chair Underage Committee:-	Mark Prendergast	Noel Sammon
Chair Ladies Committee:-	Clare Keon	Sandra Dillon
Chair Fundraising Committee:-	Pat Sutton	Pat Sutton
Chair Senior Setup:-	Mick Kehoe	Club Chair

Any Other Business:

New GAA County Championship Structure. Suncroft to support change.

Medals – Family of Paddy Dunne from the 40's and early 50's. These to be mounted securely and put on display. Some research required on the player and the medals.

It was noted that Michael (Hiker) Stynes and family sincerely thanked the club for the support given on the passing of his father.

It was confirmed that the transfer window in Kildare closes at the end of January. Suncroft had a player interested in joining last year but unfortunately it was too late by the time that the player expressed an interest and the County Board would not accept a late submission.

Meeting Ended.....



Secretary's Report for year 2019 Presented by Club Secretary Margaret Malone

A Chairde Ghaeil,

I would like to welcome everyone here to the clubs 130th Annual General Meeting.

Some of the highlights during the year include:

- ✚ The club had circa 277 players that represented the club on the field of play. Some 164 males and 113 female players who played in over 210 games.
- ✚ Suncroft CÚL Camp was a great success again with over 100 players in attendance. Thanks to Tanya Duignan for all her hard work organising this successful event.
- ✚ The new training area came into use.

Club Honours 2019

After an amazing eight county titles in 2018 it was going to be hard in 2019 with so many teams stepping up the divisions.

To date in 2019:

- The club has won one county title and that was the Lads U17 D3 League.
- We won the senior D4 Shield
- We got to 4 finals: U18 League Division 4, U16 A Championship, U13 league D4, U12 league D2 shield

Still to complete:

- U18 Ladies Minor Championship
- U13, U15 and U17 Lads Championship

At county level we have no silverware this year but the club was again well represented across all the LGFA and GAA age grades. We had 21 wow players donning the county jersey and did make it to two Leinster finals (Eoghan Lawless & David Sutton with the Kildare Juniors & Aislinn Dooley & Eve Kehoe with the Kildare Minors).

Underage

Thank you to coaches and parents who have given their time to the Underage during the year and for all the support the Underage received. There is fantastic work being done at this level. It is important that we get more people to help out in order to maintain this.

Thank you to the Underage committee under the stewardship of Mark Prendergast and Derry Enright, for their work and commitment during the year.

Ladies

Thank to everyone who has given of their time to the Ladies during the year and for all the support the Ladies received. The senior ladies' promotion to D1 league and Senior championship football in 2018 was a fantastic achievement and they more than justified their status in 2019 and only just missed out on League & Championship semi-finals places.

Across all the ages the Club is performing well and if we can get a couple more coaches involved again, we can build on this in 2020.



I would like to thank the Ladies committee and all the mentors, under the stewardship of Clare Keon, Louise McGuirk and Karen Ennis, for their amazing work and commitment during the year.

Adult Gents

I would also like to thank those who have given of their time to the Senior Men's teams during the year and for all the support the men teams received. Following on from the 2017 AGM a committee was put in place to examine the senior men's structures and teams and I know that a lot of work has been done during the last two year to create a platform on which a competitive team can develop.

In particular I would like to thank Mickey Harnett, Ciaran Troy, Dean Slattery, Des Brannock and Mick Kehoe all of whom are members of the committee for the last two years. I would also like to acknowledge and thank Niall Whyte, Tommy Sheehan, Alan Middleton and Danny Whelan for their work with the senior team. I would also like to thank Seamus Dillon, Johnny McGuirk and Denis King for their work with the U18's and senior reserve team.

With eleven wins and eleven losses there were some good days and some bad days with the senior lads. With so many seasoned players unavailable for a lot of the season and bringing through so many young players the league was for learning. Intermediate status was again a challenge but it was secured again for 2020.

The platform and team are making progress and with some 33 players in 2019, with an average age of 22, and 8 more minors coming through for 2020 I would be hopeful of seeing the start of an upturn in results in 2020.

Games Promotion Officer (GPO)

Our GPO is Mark Fitzharris in his second year with us. Mark is a, third level qualified, full time coach who was hired by Leinster GAA, not Kildare GAA or Suncroft GFC. He is available to Suncroft GFC for a day per week and the vast majority of his time is spent in Sunroft and Ballysax National Schools. The Club had an additional 45 players join in its first year of the GPO. This year the numbers have held up again (+2) and schools have also had some successes again.

Thanks to Mark Fitzharris for his great work and to Mark Prendergast for getting the GPO programme up and running and coordinating it.

Fundraising and the Fundraising Committee

This year there was the annual draws, raffles, lottery, dog night, golf and the Quantum Draw which is ongoing until the end of December.

Again the Howard family, Sean Murphy and the Murphy weekend were generous in their annual contribution to Suncroft GFC.

The Dog Night, once again this year, was a good social occasion.

The Golf Classic was the biggest fundraiser this year. The Well came on board as the main sponsor for the Golf Classic again and Dominics generous and early involvement in the organisation of the Golf was the main reason it turned out to be a great success again. Thank you to Domenic, Mick Kehoe and organisers for making this so successful.

Thank you to all the sponsors of both fundraisers, especially our local businesses that support us year after year. I ask that all members support and promote the businesses and services of all of our



sponsors, big and small and ensure as much as we can that the sponsors do get recognition and a return for their involvement with the club.

A massive thank you to all the ticket sellers, be it in car parks, the local pub, at the events or elsewhere! Selling tickets is not an easy job and all your hard work is appreciated. And of course to ticket buyers for the various draws and events, thank you for buying the tickets and turning up to the likes of the Dog Night or to play golf.

The Quantum Draw is our current fundraiser running. We have great potential to raise big money if we can sell all 2000 tickets with the support of the club members and the community.

The Fundraising committee is mainly made up of Louise McGuirk, Pat Sutton and myself. Thanks to Louise and Pat for their support and hard work.

Gate Collections & County Board Delegate

Thanks to Paddy Behan and Ger Fox for their work on the gate collections and to Johnny McGuirk for representing the Club as County board Delegate during the year.

Sponsorship

This year Meadow Court Stud were on board again as the main Club Sponsor. In addition to the sets of jerseys that were sponsored for the ladies last year there were four new sets of jerseys for the underage this year. It is great for the club to have this main sponsor in place and this solid funding is helping the club to plan better. Thank you to Meadow Court Stud for coming on board with Suncroft GFC and hopefully we can build a relationship that stretches long into the future. I would also like to thank Kilsaran for their ongoing support.

Lottery

There are 150 different winners this year so far, no jackpot winner. 11 different promoters have won. The Jackpot now stands at €10,000.

Unfortunately, the income from the lottery is down a good bit this year due to a number of factors. There is a growing number of clubs and charities in the community and the available money is getting spread thinner, another lottery started and probably the biggest factor was that Paddy Behan and Ger Fox were out of action for parts of the year. On behalf of the Club I would like to thank all the people who sold and bought lottery tickets and in particular thank Betty, Diane, Eamon, Frank, Lesley, Liam, Louise, Lynn, Mary, Pader and of course Ger Fox and Paddy Behan who are the backbone of the lottery.

PRO

This year Hugh O'Byrne took over as PRO for the club and has done a fantastic job. The news is in the papers every week and our facebook, website, twitter and instagram accounts are always current and up to date. At the minute we have 2,448 facebook followers, 1,478 twitter followers, 302 instagram followers and our website was used 1,747 people over the last year.

On behalf of the Club thanks Hugh for all the great work.



Healthy Club Officer

Noel Sammon came on board during the year as Health Club Officer. This is a new role within the GAA structure that looks at better community health and involvement as well as the club. We look forward to new developments in this area in 2020.

Child welfare

The club made great strides with Garda Vetting in 2019. This is now a legal requirement. The GAA's Child Protection course is now a requirement rather than an option and again great progress has been made this year.

On behalf of the club I would like to thank Flan Hassett for the great effort he has put in this year to get us up to speed and for the professional manner in which the few issues that arose were handled. Flan is a great asset to the Club and I am pleased that Flan has agreed to continue in this role for 2020.

Facilities Development

Some great work was done on the new training area, main pitch and lights over 2018 and 2019. There is a small handout outlining the work which Mick will go through shortly.

Approval has been received by the Curragh Area Employment Scheme for two part time helpers for Suncroft GFC but to date no one has applied for the roles. The scheme is aimed at over 21's and they will get an extra payment and training as part of the scheme. If anyone knows anyone that is currently unemployed and might be interested, please put them in touch.

Conclusion

2019 was again a busy year for the club with teams competing at all levels. To all team managers, coaches, selectors and players who gave up their time and hard work to ensure that we continue to be a very competitive club, we say thanks to all. I would like to thank my fellow Club Officers, and committee for their hard work help and support throughout the year.

Thank you to Mick Kehoe for the support and guidance he has given me during my first year as secretary. I have no doubt there were occasions he was throwing the eyes up to heaven at my unusual questions when he was on the other end of the phone but thanks Mick for your patience and control in these situations!

Thank you to all who help out with day to day running of the club, including those who have obliged in doing umpire and linesmen at home and away matches and also when called on by the County Board. Once again, I offer our sincere thanks to our families, the wider community for all your support and commitment throughout the year.

There will be a bit of work on the Quantum Draw until December and then, the club will look forward to getting the show on the road again for 2020 and hopefully we will win some silver along the way. We hope to have your continued support as we continue to build and develop this fantastic football club that we are all so proud to be part of.

Suncroft GFC

Crochta na Gréine

Established 1889



Finally, to anybody I forgot to thank then please, accept my apology for the oversight.

Mise le Meas,

Mairéad Ní Maoileoin

C/o Suncroft Community Centre, Askinraw Lane, Suncroft, Kildare



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Suncroft GFC
Income and Expenditure Account
For the 11 months ended 9 November 2019

Income	9/11/19		19/11/18	
	€	€	€	€
Grants				
SCD grants	31,504.00		73,496.00	
GAA/KCC grants	<u>9,000.00</u>	40,504.00	<u>7,600.00</u>	81,096.00
Sponsorship				
Meadow Court Stud sponsorship	5,775.00		6,000.00	
Tony Howard sponsorship	2,392.00		3,093.22	
JP McManus donation	0		1,785.71	
Murphy w/e	740.00		0	
Kilsaran sponsorship	750.00		750.00	
Intel grant	<u>3,555.02</u>	13,212.02	<u>9,324.60</u>	20,953.53
Fundraising				
lottery tickets	5,275.00		4,767.18	
Golf Classic	5,188.40		6,700.00	
Dog night	3,222.50		4,506.00	
Kildare car draw	2,275.00		2,750.00	
National car draw	1,590.00		1,630.00	
Clothes collection	0		217.50	
Poker night	0		400.00	
Quiz night	0		575.00	
Dinner dance	-354.50		0	
General fundraising ladies/men	244.50		1,685.00	
Gate receipts	390.00		635.00	
Match tickets	105.00		0	
Quantum Draw	<u>-45.27</u>	17,890.63	<u>0</u>	23,865.68
Membership				
Adults	260.00		450.00	
Family	3,135.00		3,180.00	
Lotto membership	9,249.00		9,533.00	
Senior player ladies	650.00		850.00	
Senior player male	1,330.00		1,655.00	
Underage boys	2,770.00		2,780.00	
Underage girls	<u>2,400.00</u>	19,794.00	<u>2,600.00</u>	21,048.00
total income		<u>91,400.65</u>		<u>146,963.21</u>
Expenditure				
Bank Fees		365.07		369.53
Clan Credo loan interest		974.20		1,190.75
GAA loan interest		462.85		506.38
Paypal fees		475.81		532.54
Stripe fees		87.60		0
Club Kildare		276.65		326.95
Coaching costs		3,300.00	not paid out yet	3,300.00
Field Development		46,580.67		77,364.70
Field maintenance		695.93		686.58
Grass Cutting		3,500.00	not paid out yet	6,260.00
Hawkfield		2,064.15		2,064.15
Insurance		4,725.00		4,140.00
Senior costs		15,418.70		15,673.99
Ladies costs		9,350.08		13,151.04
Underage costs		3,873.63		7,134.19
Mass cards		65.00		36.00
Rent		2,757.58		3,600.00
Software / printing / stationery costs		646.00		1,061.10
Advertising		0		358.10
Donations		0		100.00
Lotto payout provision (€10k)		2,166.65	not paid out yet	7,833.35
total expenditure		<u>97,785.57</u>		<u>145,689.35</u>
Surplus / (Deficit)		<u>-6,384.92</u>		<u>1,273.86</u>

Balance Sheet
Suncroft GFC
As at 9 November 2019

	9 Nov 2019	19 Nov 2018
Assets		
Bank		
Bank c/a	2,005.61	31,590.86
Bank savings a/c	13,114.11	10,214.11
Paypal a/c	307.82	3,563.14
Stripe a/c	100.00	0.00
Total Bank	15,527.54	45,368.11
Fixed Assets		
Land	60,000.00	60,000.00
Total Fixed Assets	60,000.00	60,000.00
Total Assets	75,527.54	105,368.11
Liabilities		
Provision for grass cutting & coaching	10,300.00	0.00
Provision for Lotto Payout	10,000.00	7,833.35
Clan Credo	0.00	31,485.15
GAA Loan	19,464.64	23,901.79
Total Liabilities	39,764.64	63,220.29
Net Assets	35,762.90	42,147.82
Equity		
Current Year (deficit)/surplus	-6,384.92	1,273.86
Retained Surplus	42,147.82	40,873.96
Total Equity	35,762.90	42,147.82



Suncroft GFC

Playing Surfaces Development

2018 / 2019



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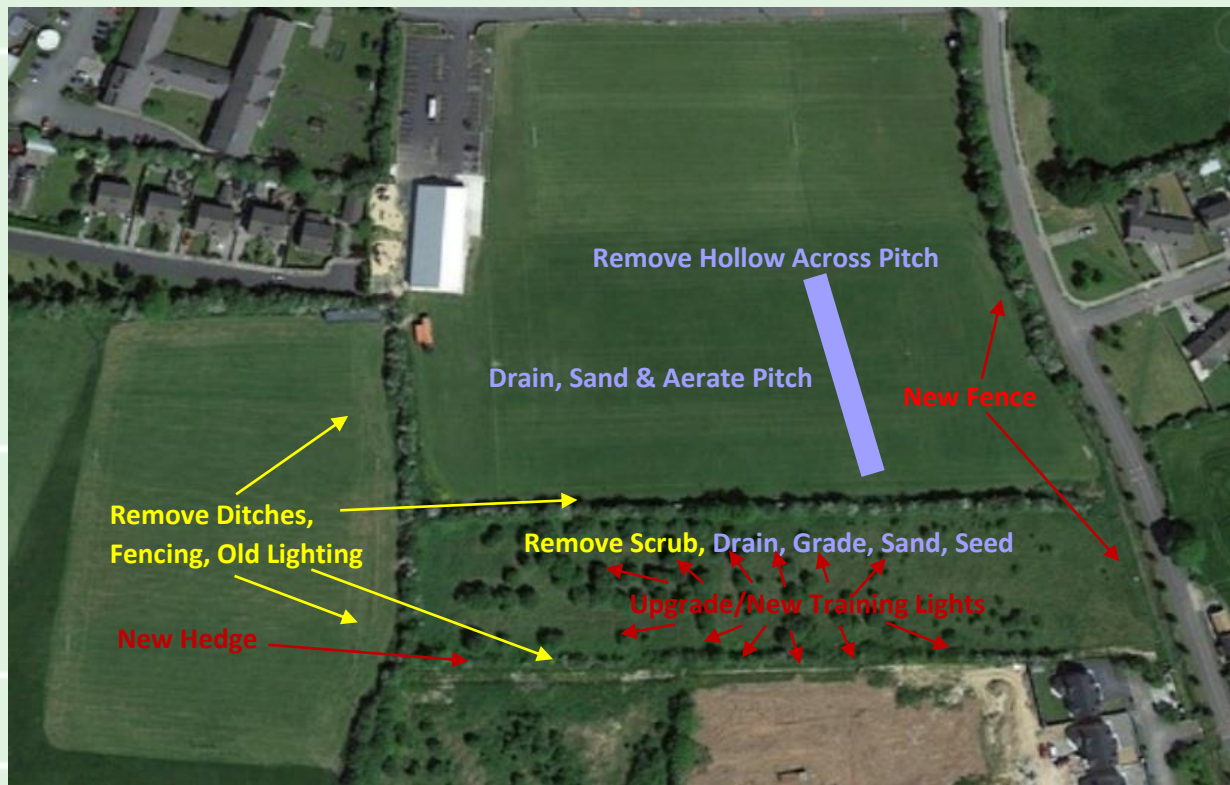
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SCOPE OF WORKS



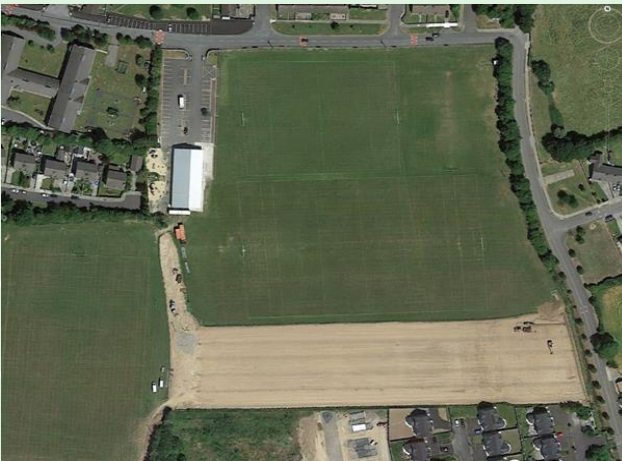
- 1) Remove ditches, hedges, scrub, old lighting and clear land.
- 2) Drainage to new training / underage area, including drain for future development of second / back pitch.
- 3) Surface grading, sanding and seeding of new training / underage area.
- 4) New hedge.
- 5) New fence.
- 6) Remove hollow across lower half of main pitch.
- 7) Drain main pitch.
- 8) Sand and aerate main pitch.
- 9) Upgraded / New lighting to training area.

BEFORE



DURING







AFTER





FINANCE

Costs

Independent Project Engineers - SGS (requirement of funding)	}	€	126,110
Site & Ditch Clearance			
Drainage, Ground Works & Seeding Training Area			
Laurel Hedge			
Repair Main Pitch			
Drainage Main Pitch			
Sand & Aeration Main Pitch			
Perimeter Fence (fencing panels donated)			
Training Lights (6 poles & overall installation donated)			
Bridging Loan Fees & Interest Costs (€2,165)			

External Funding

Sports Capital Grant	€	105,000
Leinster GAA Club Grant	€	9,000
Kildare County Council Grant	€	7,600
	€	121,600

Club Funded 2018 / 2019 € **4,510**

PROJECT TEAM

Project Manager –	Andy Hynes
Project Team -	Alan Troy
	Kevin Brannock
	John Troy
	Derry Enright
	Colm Kane
	Pat Sutton
	Shane Kavanagh
	Mick Kehoe
Main Contractor -	Dar Golf Construction
Project Engineers -	Sports Grounds Solutions
Fencing & Hedge -	Greenstone Development
Lighting -	Troy Electrical

Thanks to Patrick Kelly and Paddy Jordan for facilitating access through their properties for all the works traffic.