



SUNCROFT GFC AGM 10 Nov 2022

OPENING ADDRESS:

As a member of Suncroft GFC it has been a privilege to see how the club recovered and progressed through a covid restriction free 2022. The club got back to game action and training in January and some age levels are still playing.

Overall, we had just under 300 players out playing again 2022 and competed in some 230 competition games.

There is a lot of football, logistics and administration involved and thanks very much to everyone that helped out during the year and thanks to all that are here this evening for the AGM.

APOLOGIES: Alan Middleton, Louise McGuirk, Kevin Fennelly, Gabriel Malone.

IN ATTENDANCE: Hugh O'Byrne, Nicki Cousins, Ollie Brannock, Val Dillon, Conor Cunnane, Aoife Hanratty, Caroline Bailey, Rita Kehoe, Sandra Dillon, Johnny McGuirk, Tommy Cleary, Johnny Brown, Noel Sammon, Dave McCormack, Des Brannock, Pat Sutton Mag Malone, Mick Kehoe

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM:

The 2021 AGM Minutes have been circulated and were also available to view and download on the club's website. There were no outstanding matter arising.

Does anyone have any corrections or additions?

The 2021 AGM documents were accepted as a true record.

Proposed by: Ollie Brannock

Seconded by: Val Dillon

SECRETARYS REPORT:

Club Secretary Mag Malone presented her report for the year (copy attached) outlining all the activities and people involved.

Mag was thanked for her excellent report and her work throughout the year.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Club Treasurer Pat Sutton presented his report (copy attached) and talked through the various costs and income lines. In particular thanks went to Kieran Lalor/Meadow Court Stud for their support and to Austin Brannock and the work he does with Intel and of course Domenico in The Well who is steadfast in his support.

Pat was thanked for his report and his work throughout the year.

CHAIRPERSONS ADDRESS:

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

The new split season with the underage running off the even age groups first and then the uneven has worked reasonably well. Some teething issues but overall, more manageable than trying to do everything together. For the senior teams the compressed county schedules did allow for the county championships to be run off early but perhaps a bit too compressed in Kildare as the year concluded for the vast majority of clubs in early September.

Thank you to all our members, coaches, mentors and administrators for helping over the year and thanks to our GAA and LGFA secretaries, Mag Malone and Rita Kehoe, who coordinated it all with the County Boards and County Committees.

Facilities

Thanks to Nathan Wall who have kept the place cleaned up and tidy over the last year. Nathan is working with us on a back to work scheme and the good news is that the Club got an extension and Nathan will continue with us until September of 2023.

Late last year the club was awarded a government/lottery Sports Capital & Equipment grant to go towards the purchase of a new grass mower. Between the mower and secure storage this represents an investment of around €32.6k for the Club and the grant covered nearly €30k of that. The mower was delivered at the end of 2021 and I think its fair to say that over the year has contributed significantly to having a much better-quality playing surface.

All in the grounds were mowed approximately forty-eight times and thanks to James McGowan in particular who did the majority of the grass mowing over the year. There is around twelve acres and each time it takes between an hour and a half and two hours.

Before we got our own machine for this year Billy Whelan cut the grass for a good few year. Billy did a good job and was always fair and very reasonable with his costs. Thanks very much to Billy for that.

Thanks also to Kevin Brannock and Ciaran Delaney who helped line out the pitches. The first line out of the year is the time consuming one as there is a lot of measuring and guide twines involved. After that it's a case of keeping them remarked before they disappear. The pitches were lined out approximately twenty times over the year and while it was taking about two and half hours each time the investment of c. €700 is a new spray line marking machine has reduced that to just over an hour.

After more than ten years of delays a long-term lease with the Community Field Trustees and the Suncroft Community Development Group for the main pitch area, the area the club has been using since the mid 1970's, was executed in June of this year. This will put the Club in a far better position for long term planning and when applying for grants from the GAA and other funds. The lease has been an ongoing saga and annoyance for over a decade now and it is great to have it resolved. Thanks to Fergal Lalor -SCDG board- and John Moore -field trustees- for all their help in getting this concluded.

The disused Kildare County Council wastewater pumping site, down from the back of the back pitch, now belongs to the Club. The Club applied for this site some four years ago for a storage area and the transfer from Kildare County Council concluded at the start of this year. The site is approximately half an acre and with a bit of work will be very useful as a secure storage area and it has an access point off the public road.

Suncroft Community Development Group, with a telecoms company, got planning permission and erected a telecoms structure at the bottom of the GAA pitch during the year. The GAA Club is supportive of this as the funding that this could generate for the Suncroft Community Development Group would be a great help to them and lift that fundraising burden from the community, and the structure will provide much needed mobile phone and broadband coverage to the surrounding area. A track in the ground did get compressed by the construction traffic and it will take a bit of time for this to come good.

Suncroft Community Development Group have received a grant of circa €35k to go towards the development of a walking track and the Club will work with them to increase the fund and hopefully develop the track in 2023.

Overall, serious progress had been made with facilities over the last decade and the club is now in a good place. In the short term we need a few improvements like ball nets at the back of the goals and longer term the next big job is the development of the surface on the back pitch.

Football

On the football front this year our first competition game was on the 23rd of February, and we are playing our last games in the next week or so. By the time 2022 closes we will have fielded teams in just over 230 competition games and had just under 300 different players, 250 underage, will have played.

Our priority as a club is to have as many members as possible of our community out playing football, however it is also nice to have a bit of success now and again as well.

In addition to the 3 county titles Mag mentioned (senior reserve league, U17 ladies & U16 lads) we also lost 2 finals and lost 6 semi-finals and our Minor ladies and U23 lads are in semi-finals on Saturday.

Not many competition wins but at the business end of thirteen competitions, playing competitive and challenging football, right across the age groups which is the most important thing.

Senior Lads

After a good year in 2021 our senior lads team got promoted to Division 3 for the league, but they had a poor league. For most of the league games key players were unavailable due to county duties, a couple of long-term injuries and another couple were out of the country. Should have had enough to stay in Division 3 but a couple of losses to key teams in the early games put them on the backfoot and they are back down to Division 4 for 2023. They reached the preliminary quarter final of the Intermediate Championship which was a good recovery from the poor league.

On the positive side the average age of the players that started in the last championship game was twenty-one and the overall senior lad's setup increased player numbers again in 2022. This year they managed to put out a second team in both the league and championship (winning the reserve league Division 4).

After five seasons Niall Whyte has stepped away as manager from the senior lad's setup. It was in a bad state when Niall took over and thanks to his, and his management teams, work over the years the future is looking much brighter. Ollie Brannock, Alan Middleton, Noel Poole, Danny Whelan, Mikey Harnett, Tommy Deveraux, Tommy Sheehan, Pa Tierney, Tadgh Begley, Noel Birchall and Joe Morris to mention some of the people that worked with Niall.

On a small budget it's a difficult job to get a management team together that is as independent as possible from family and other local loyalties and that will give long term development as much focus as quick wins. I would like to particularly thank Des Brannock and Mickey Harnett for their work on the committee. I would also like to thank Val Dillon, Michael Stynes, Pat Sutton, Anthony Rainbow, Cillian Brennan, Seamus Dillon, and John Brown who all provided input and assistance during the process.

After a wide trawl of the county and further afield the selection process for a new manager for the Senior lad's setup has completed. John McCormach has been selected and he will bring an assistant with him and there will also be two club selectors. One club selector, Derry Enright, has come on board and we are currently working on a second. John has been managing and training teams of various grades in Kildare, Carlow, and Wicklow for 20 years. Teams that have won leagues and championships at Minor, Junior, Junior A and Senior A and he was also a selector/coach with Moorefield when they won the Senior Championship in 2013. John will bring all that experience with him and we wish him, the management team, and players all the best for 2023.

One of the major problems identified back in 2017/18 was the lack of games for minors and young adults not on the senior team and addressing this, and other issues, has really helped retain players and build numbers.

Year	SUNCROFT GFC GAMES PLAYED								GAMES AVAILABLE FOR PLAYERS EXCLUDING SENIOR TEAM		
	U17 League	U17 Champ	U18 League	U18 Champ	U20/21 Champ	U23 Champ	Reserve League	Reserve Champ	U17's (17 to 21)	U18's (18 to Res)	U19's + (20 to Res)
2022	8		4	5		4	9	3	17	25	16
2021	5		7	1		2	8		13	18	10
2020			6	4					10	10	
2019	5	3	8	4			3		20	15	3
2018	4	4		3	1				11	4	1
2017			2	5	1				7	8	1
2016		1	8	6					15	14	0
2015			3	6	3				9	12	3

Fair to say that the issue is resolved, and we can stop talking about it but we have to keep an eye on it as it could very easily start to reverse. Keeping the Reserve/2nd Development Team Going for League & Championship is critical.

Senior Ladies

Our senior ladies were back down to Division 2 for the league and in the Intermediate Championship for 2022 and had a good year. After a slow start to the League, they were unlucky to lose out on a place in the final of the league and then they lost out on a place in the Championship final. They played some great football with a lot of very young players and really held their own in Division 2 and at Intermediate level. With all the young players coming through and maturing it won't be long before they are knocking on the door of Division 1 and Senior Championship again.

Sean Dunne, Seamus Brady and Dorothy Doyle have committed to another year and Kevin Brannock is stepping away after a number of years involved. Thanks very much to the management team for their work and particularly Kevin who has put a lot of work into the team, and into the club, over many years.

Underage

As Mag has already outlined another good year at underage with two county titles, two finals lost, and four semi-finals lost so far. The most positive element is that we were very competitive right across the age groups, and we again increased our number of players

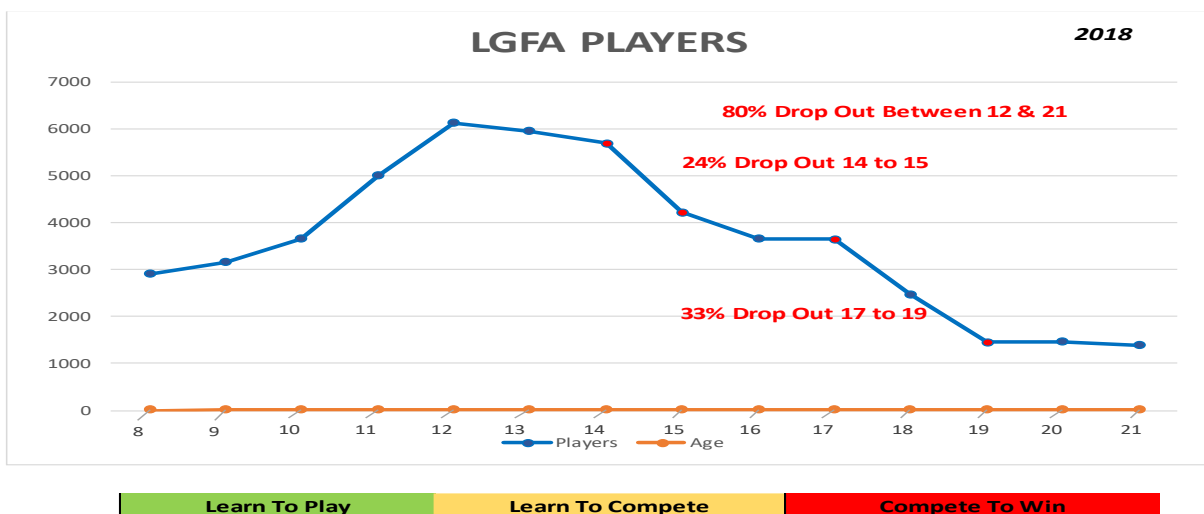
Player numbers were good again in 2022 we have managed to grow bit by bit. Not big increases but there are always players dropping off at the top and coming in at the bottom and the key thing is to keep the numbers growing. Hopefully in 2023 we will break the 300 player mark.

Thanks to Sandra Dillon and Noel Sammon for all their work keeping the underage going

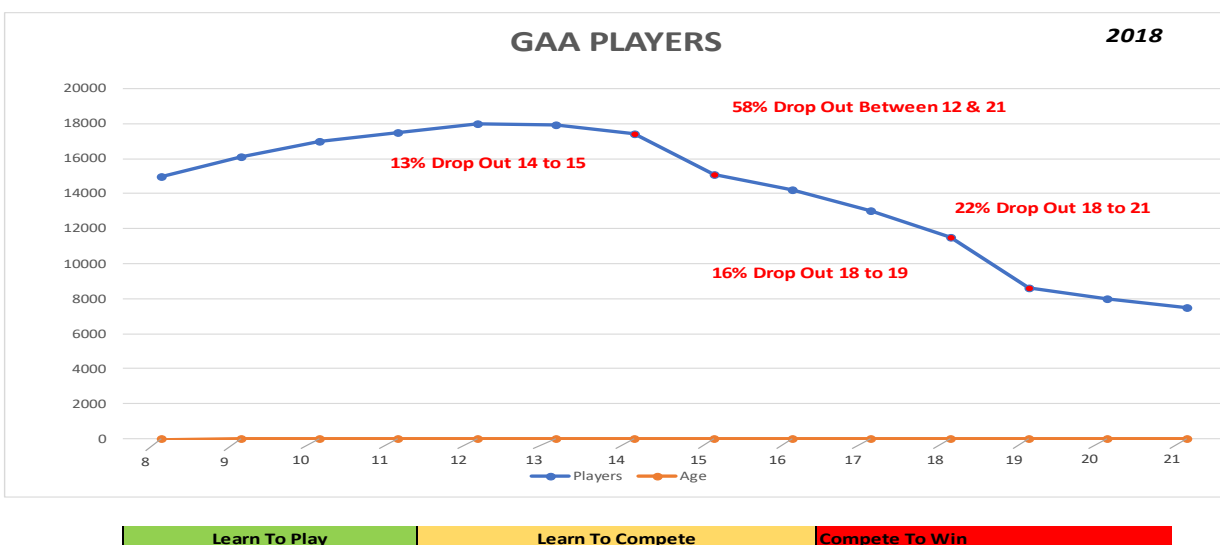
PLAYER RETENTION

Getting underage players in is a job and we must do a bit more with the schools especially. Keeping players long term is the most important and challenging thing for coaches and the club. A lot of parents/guardians and some coaches are way too obsessed with winning at the younger ages and this drives away players and does a lot of long-term harm to player numbers for the club, and it is not good for children to be driven away from sport.

The first hard transition for an underage player is from small to full size pitch, that's also small team size, to full team size. Irrelevant of the players ability when playing full size pitch at say U13 or above you need as many players of that age as possible. A year or two years is massive in relation to physical development at that age and for the full size pitch every team need as many players as possible at the age level.



Example: In 2016 we had 12 players on U14 team aged 13 or 14. 3 still playing in 2022, 75% drop off.



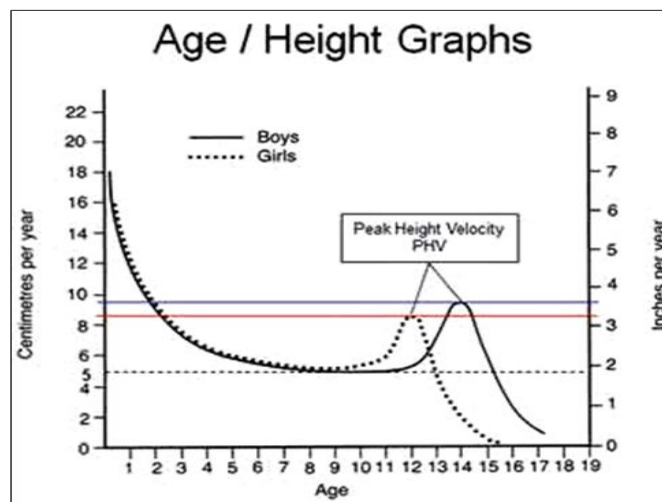
Example: In 2016 we had 24 players on U14 team aged 13 or 14). 14 still playing in 2022, 42% drop off.

The GAA has been at this for some 140 years and all the research and experience clearly demonstrates that a focus on winning at underage is damaging to player retention. Low player numbers result in a lack of competition for places, a lack of focus on personal development, a lack of personal responsibility and poorer long term team outcomes.

A focus on winning can result in:

- A lack of fun for all players and when one player leaves their friends often leave with them, particularly prevalent in the ladies.
- Players of the same age do grow and develop at different times and in an environment where winning gets priority many players leave before they have a chance to properly develop.
- An over reliance on players that are good at a young age can detract from their development. Often it can just be that some kids can hit puberty a couple of years ahead of others. With winning the priority the strong players are guaranteed a start, are not challenged to improve themselves, a level of indiscipline can be accepted, etc.
- A lot of early developers drop away at 17, 18 and 19 as they have not developed to their full potential and are not prepared mentally to make the second hard step which is to compete for a place on a team for the first time.
- Important to keep strong players grounded and to keep all players involved until they are fully developed.

During the Peak Height Velocity years, where coordination is not the best with many players, it has to be all about fun, skill development and keeping players playing. Time enough for intensity, fitness and winning when they are older and nearing full development.



Suncroft Player Numbers by Age Level & Year

LADS

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	
U21	2	4	5	6	7	6	4	
U20	4	6	5	6	7	7	8	PHV
U19	10	11	13	15	15	16	17	
U18	13	13	16	16	16	16	15	
U17	10	8	7	9	10	8	8	
U16	12	10	12	13	13	12	11	
U15	7	7	7	7	8	7	5	
U14	13	13	13	13	12	12	11	
U13	10	12	11	9	8	3	5	
U12	16	14	11	10	9	4	3	
U11	14	10	8	9	9	5		
U10	9	9	8	4	5			
U9	5	7	5	6				
U8	6	6	5					
U7	6	9						
U6	4							

LADIES

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	
U21	5	6	6	6	8	9	9	
U20	3	3	3	3	4	6	6	
U19	0	0	2	4	5	5	6	PHV
U18	1	2	3	4	5	6	5	
U17	10	8	11	11	12	13	10	
U16	8	9	7	9	10	4	5	
U15	6	7	7	8	6	3	3	
U14	13	10	10	13	9	6	5	
U13	8	9	9	11	8	7	4	
U12	11	10	10	9	6	4	3	
U11	13	11	6	7	7	3		
U10	10	7	4	5	4			
U9	10	11	8	5				
U8	5	5	3					
U7	4	5						
U6	1							

There is a Suncroft specific player pathway document that was pulled together in 2021 and this is the pathway that the Club wants all players, coaches and members to follow. Its available to read and download on the Clubs website.

County

As Mag has already mentioned Suncroft were again well represented on county LGFA and GAA teams. At underage level it is all positive as players do learn a lot by being involved with county panels and the county commitment of players doesn't really impact on the club.

A senior level it can be hard for the club, especially as the senior and minor teams to compete in the majority of the league without their county players. This year the senior lads panel had three players tied up with county for most of the league. The senior ladies had two.

To finish off talking football I want to mention the highlight of the year which was Hanna Murphy's all Ireland U16 win with Kildare. Congratulations to Hanna, we are all very proud of her.

Committees

Fundraising: Mag Malone, with help from Pat Sutton, ran most of our fundraising efforts this year and all the events undertaking met or exceeded expectations. Paddy Behan got the lottery back up and running and has done a great job in getting it going again. It is a much needed and steady income for the club.

Thanks also to all the ticket sellers, especially Paddy Behan & Mary Val Dillon who always come up with the goods.

Ladies: Sandra Dillon chaired the ladies committee again for 2022. Not always straight forward but Sandra, with help from the lady's secretary, Rita Kehoe, have done a great job, thank you Sandra.

Underage: Noel Sammon chaired the Underage committee again for 2022. Again, not straight forward all the time and with the split season for the first time. Noel did a great job, especially in recruiting new coaches, thank you Noel.

Senior Lads: Des Brannock, Fionn Dowling, Ciaran Troy and particularly Mickey Harnett did great work for the Senior Lads sub-committee. Those of us close to it could see progress year on year and now it is starting to show on the field. Thank you to Fionn, Ciaran, Dessie and Mickey.

Coaching

The club had 67 people involved in coaching and thank you to all those people for giving their time to the kids and the club. Thanks also to Tanya Duignan for again organising the Cul Camp.

One thing that we have to address across the club is training for coaches. Until recently only a handful had any formal coaching training but in 2021 some progress was made and again more progress in 2022. The GAA and LGFA requirements are that every coach has a minimum of the Level 1 Foundation qualification and a high percentage have Level 2 and Level 3 qualifications. We have to make every effort to achieve this.

Every person that gives their time to coach, or help coach, a team is greatly appreciated, and it is hard to get people to give that level of commitment.

Saying that most coaches cycle through the system with their own kids, start off at U7 or U8 and finish off at U17 or U18. They go through the cycle only once and many only see near the end of the cycle, often when it's too late, the consequences of their poor coaching practice and decisions back in the earlier years. We have to get Coaches to do the coaching courses and learn from the experience of all the coaches that went before them. It will never be perfect, but it is extremely frustrating seeing well meaning, hardworking, coaches, making the same basic mistakes again and again.

Thank you to all the coaches and helpers and a very special thanks to Trish Tobin for yet another year of dedication to the clubs youngest.

Child Welfare & Protection

Thanks to Caroline Bailey who continued in her role Children's Officer and took up the role of Designated Liason Person (DLP) during the year. One of the key jobs of the Children's officer is to spot and head off issues before they become a problem and Caroline has done a fantastic job with this.

Garda Vetting
Child Safeguarding
Coach Training

Will continue to be the cornerstones of Child Welfare and Protection and I would like to thank Caroline and all the coaches and parents for working to make the club a good and safe environment for children.

Finance

Unfortunately, what we do costs money, and the grass keeps growing and the insurance has to be paid and bills keep 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 ongoing support. Also, a big thank you to Austin Brannock who did a super job with securing significant funding from Intel again this year. Dom & The Well again were great with their ongoing support.

In 2022 we had a golf classic and made the most of the National club Draw (Thanks to Aoife & Stephanie) and the Kildare Club Draw where Ciaran Dowling won the car. The Murphy weekend was back, thanks to Sean Murphy and Tony Howard and we had a few other small fundraisers. The ladies table quiz being a standout success for a one evening and relatively easy to organise event.

The Club got a covid grant contribution towards our Public Liability Insurance and also a one off €5k contribution from Telecom's operator for helping to facilitate the telecoms structure. The new mower also reduced our grass cutting costs.

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

2022 COSTS

CLUB GENERAL COSTS		
Public & Property Liability Insurance	€	3,379
GAA Field Loan & Interest (€65k 2009/10)	€	4,400
Miscellaneous	€	387
Repairs & Maintenance	€	3,133
IT - Website / Finance	€	1,250
Bank/Stripe/PayPal Fees	€	823
Grass Cutting	€	1,320
Community Centre Rent / Floodlight Electricity	€	3,500
Sub Total =	€	18,192

Balance End Oct 2022 circa €7,500
Donations, mass cards, H&S, etc.
Line paint & sprayer, flags, nets, repairs, floodlights, locks, etc.
Mower, Oil, Petrol + service
Paid €905 before credit

GAA / LGFA COSTS		Senior - Minor GAA	Ladies U13+	Underage
GAA Affiliation + Team Registration + Fines	€	3,202	€	1,501
LGFA Affiliation + Team Registrations + Fines	€	1,733	€	1,733
Player Reg / Injury Fund	€	9,832	€	3,354
Sub Total =	€	14,767	€	4,855
		€	6,411	€

€ 32,959 BEFORE A BALL IS KICKED

TEAM / PLAYER COSTS		Senior - Minor GAA	Ladies U9+	Underage
Training		€	9,600	€
Referees		€	460	€
Medical / Physio		€	2,388	€
Equipment		€	1,461	€
Team Gear		€	2,500	€
Team - Other		€	1,434	€
Sub Total =	€	33,445	€	17,843
		€	11,148	€

RUNNING COSTS 2022 = € 66,404

ONCE OFF SPEND	
Legal Costs/Lease/KCC Site/Corporate Trustee	€
	4,503
Sub Total =	€
	4,503

TOTAL SPEND = € 70,907

- Basically, including GAA & LGFA fees there is €33k of costs before a ball was kicked.
- One off legal cost was for the legal on the community field and the transfer of the KCC site.

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

2022 INCOME

FUNDRAISING / EVENTS	Income	Cost	Nett
Golf Classic	€9,790	-€3,900	€5,890
Murphy Weekend	€3,970	-€890	€3,080
Kildare Club Draw (€100)	€5,025	-€3,000	€2,025
LGFA Club Draw (€25)	€875	-€1,000	-€125
All Ireland Tickets	€360	-€360	€0
National Club Draw (€10) (GBrooks tickets €200)	€3,940	-€200	€3,740
Table Quiz	€1,420	€0	€1,420
		Sub Total =	€16,030

ONGOING	Income	Cost	Nett
Pitch Signage	€3,475		€3,475
Gate - Senior Lads	€730		€730
Lottery (excludes membership with lotto)	€3,779		€3,779
		Sub Total =	€7,984

SPONSORSHIP	Income	Cost	Nett
Meadow Court	€6,000		€6,000
Intel / Austin Brannock	€8,804		€8,804
Senior/Minor Lads Gear	€2,500		€2,500
Senior/Minor Ladies Gear	€5,320		€5,320
		Sub Total =	€22,624

MEMBERSHIP (Inc. Mem with Lotto)	Sub Total =	€24,380
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REGULAR INCOME 2022 = € 71,018

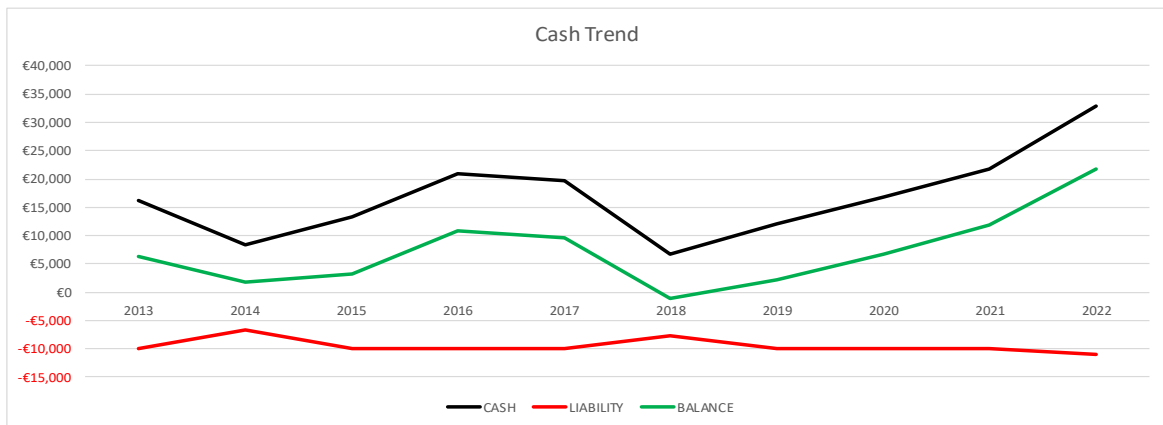
ONE OFF INCOME	Income	Cost	Nett
Public Liability Insurance 2022 Covid Grant	€2,816		€2,816
Sponsorship balls and jerseys	€5,500		€5,500
Murphy Weekend Post Covid Boost	€2,500		€2,500
Community Field Telecoms Tower Credit	€5,000		€5,000
		Sub Total =	€15,816

TOTAL INCOME = €86,834

- A surplus of c. €4.5k was made in the normal day to day cost and fundraising.
- When one off costs and gains are taken into consideration a c. €16k surplus was achieved.
- €11k of gains were one off and while they are a great boost to the bottom line they won't be repeated.

CASH TREND

	CURRENT ACCOUNT + PP			SAVINGS / LOTTERY ACCOUNT			TOTAL				
	Opening	Closing	Movement	Opening	Closing	Movement	MOVEMENT	CASH	LIABILITY	BALANCE	EXPENDITURE
2013	€6,300	€1,600	-€4,700	€9,300	€14,600	€5,300	€600	€16,200	-€10,000	€6,200	€57,656
2014	€1,600	€700	-€900	€14,600	€7,700	-€6,900	-€7,800	€8,400	-€6,600	€1,800	€57,773
2015	€700	€500	-€200	€7,700	€12,759	€5,059	€4,859	€13,259	-€10,000	€3,259	€59,766
2016	€500	€2,789	€2,289	€12,759	€18,100	€5,341	€7,630	€20,889	-€10,000	€10,889	€54,161
2017	€2,789	€314	-€2,475	€18,100	€19,300	€1,200	-€1,275	€19,614	-€10,000	€9,614	€50,167
2018	€314	-€3,556	-€3,870	€19,300	€10,214	-€9,086	-€12,956	€6,658	-€7,800	-€1,142	€63,994
2019	-€3,556	-€964	€2,592	€10,214	€13,100	€2,886	€5,478	€12,136	-€10,000	€2,136	€49,038
2020	-€964	€4,393	€5,357	€13,100	€12,400	-€700	€4,657	€16,793	-€10,000	€6,793	€32,824
2021	€4,393	€11,000	€6,607	€12,400	€10,800	-€1,600	€5,007	€21,800	-€10,000	€11,800	€30,844
2022	€11,000	€17,108	€6,108	€10,800	€15,713	€4,913	€11,021	€32,821	-€11,000	€21,821	€54,500



Capital Investment

Over €200k invested in Facilities Development Over Last Five Years – Goalposts/Training Area/Pitch Drainage/Flood Lights/Dugouts/Railings/Mower.

GAA Field loan also down from €60k, 2013 to c. €7.5k

Thanks very much to Pat Sutton for all his work on getting the finances in order and keeping us all in line.

There is one new GAA Jersey set missing (1-20 age 13, 21-24 small, 25 medium) for two seasons now. Could everyone have another look in their shed and attic.

Close

To finish, again, thanks very much to all our members, members of the community, our sponsors and fundraisers for their ongoing support for the Club. Most things got back to normal in 2022 and hopefully we can build on that again in 2023. Specific thanks to our two secretaries, Mag and Rita, for their work keeping everything going. Thank you to everyone.

MOTIONS:

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

ELECTION OF CLUB OFFICERS / EXECUTIVE

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 Appointment

Child Welfare Officer:- Caroline Bailey

Irish & Culture Officer:- Vacant

Designated Liaison Person(DLP):- Caroline Bailey

Healthy Club Officer:- Vacant

OUTGOING

INCOMING

AGM Appointments

Chairperson:-	Mick Kehoe Propose: Des Brannock	Mick Kehoe Second: Pat Sutton
Vice Chairperson:-	Vacant Propose: Pat Sutton	Noel Sammon Second: Des Brannock
Secretary:-	Margaret Malone Propose: Noel Sammon	Aoife Hanratty Second: Des Brannock
Vice Secretary:-	Vacant Propose: Noel Sammon	Margaret Malone Second: Des Brannock
Treasure:-	Pat Sutton Propose: Sandra Dillon	Gabriel Malone Second: Johnny McGuirk
Assistant Treasurer:-	Vacant Propose: Sandra Dillon	Pat Sutton Second: Johnny McGuirk
Registrar:-	Rita Kehoe Propose: Sandra Dillon	Rita Kehoe Second: Mag Malone
PRO:-	Hugh O'Byrne Propose: Nicky Cousins	Hugh O'Byrne Second: Noel Sammon
Players Representative:-	Ciaran Troy & Fionn Dowling Propose: Val Dillon	Tommy Cleary Second: Paddy Behan
Chair Underage Committee:-	Noel Sammon Propose: Des Brannock	Noel Sammon Second: Val Dillon

Chair Ladies Committee:-	Sandra Dillon	Propose: Rita Kehoe	Sandra Dillon Second: Johnny McGuirk
Secretary Ladies Committee:-	Rita Kehoe	Propose: Sandra Dillon	Rita Kehoe Second: Ollie Brannock
Coaching & Development Officer:-	Noel Sammon	Propose: Des Brannock	Noel Sammon Second: Val Dillon
GAA County Board Delegate/s:-	Johnny McGuirk & Val Dillon	Propose: Mick Kehoe	Des Brannock Second: Val Dillon
GAA Coiste na nOg Delegate/s:-	Noel Sammon	Propose: Des Brannock	Noel Sammon Second: Val Dillon
LGFA County Board Delegate/s:-	Kevin Fennelly	Propose: Rita Kehoe	Sandra Dillon Second: Noel Sammon
Field co-ordinator:-	Alan Troy		Alan Troy
Chair Senior GAA Setup:-	Club Chair	Member:	Club Chair Val Dillon Ollie Brannock
		Propose: Des Brannock	Second: Pat Sutton

Sub-Committees to be reviewed and appointed by incoming Executive & Committee Chairpersonss:

Fundraising Sub-Committee:

Underage Sub-Committee:

Ladies Sub-Committee:

Senior GAA Setup Sub Committee:

Complaints Process:

- Determining Committee
- Rules Hearing Committee
- Code of Best Behaviour in Youth sports Hearing Committee

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES

Fees were increased at the 2021 AGM. There is no proposal to change the current fee structure.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Conor Cunnane raised an issue with underage gradings. Using a grading blitz to grade the teams moving from Go Games, where there is how history of results, did not work well. Gradings are based on previous year's results but there will be anomalies until there are results in for a couple of years. There is also a short window of opportunity when initial grades are proposed but the case for re-grading must be well supported by facts.

Nicky Cousins raised a similar issue with LGFA grading specifically U14's. Got well beaten in every game for the last two seasons. Again, like GAA the LGFA gradings are based on previous year's results but there will be anomalies until there are results in for a couple of years. There is a short window of opportunity when initial grades are proposed but the case for re-grading must well supported by facts.

Ollie Brannock asked for some more information on the new Senior Lads manager, and this was provided by Des Brannock and Mick Kehoe who are on the 'Senior Lads Setup' sub-committee. After some discussion there were no dissenting views, but Des Brannock suggested that the appointment should be put to the floor to ensure that everyone was fully on board. The appointment of John McCormack was proposed by Des Brannock & Mick Kehoe (Senior Setup sub-committee) and seconded by Johnny McGuirk, Noel Sammon, Hugh O'Byrne and Ollie Brannock.

Pat Sutton was thanked for his fifteen years as Treasures of the Club.

Meeting Ended



Secretary's Report for year 2022 Presented by Club Secretary Margaret Malone

A Chairde Ghaeil,

I would like to welcome everyone here to the 133rd Annual General Meeting.

Highlights

One of the biggest highlights of the year was getting back to full competition with no restrictions since COVID. We have in or around the same number of players as pre-covid which is great because there was a risk that some would lose interest when there were no games or training. Spectators were able to attend matches and we were able to get back to fundraising. The Cul Camp had great numbers again, thanks to Tanya Duignan for looking after that and we had a big win in the Kildare Club Draw with Ciaran Dowling winning a car. The U16 All Ireland for Hanna Murphy was the on-field highlight.

Silverware

It was a year of lots of semi's and finals with the Senior Reserve Men's winning D4 league, U17 ladies winning D3 league and U16 lads winning D4 Championship. U12's won Tom McDonnell Invitational Cup in Moorefield.

We also have the minor girls and U23 lads semi-finals coming up on Saturday.

Underage Boys and Girls

Thank you to everyone who has given their time to the Underage boys and girls during the year and all the support the underage received. The hundreds of hours of voluntary time that coaches, parents and players given to underage section are greatly appreciated. I would like to thank the underage committee under the stewardship of Noel Sammon and the LGFA committee under the stewardship of Sandra Reddy and Rita Kehoe for their work. A huge thank you to all the coaches who give their time, physical and mental energy, passion and patience to their individual team.

The U17 ladies and the U16 lads had a good year winning D3 league and D Championship respectively. Well done to Ciara Prendergast, John Browne, Austin Brannock, Kieran Kiely and Gabriel Malone and all the players.

Ladies

Senior ladies was challenging this year with a number of key players injured. We still qualified for the D2 league semi-final and only lost narrowly to Naas and also lost to them in the Intermediate Championship. We are delighted that Sean Dunne and Seamus Brady are staying with us another year and thank them for all their work this year. Kevin Brannock is stepping away and we would also like to say thanks to him for all his years of dedication and work with Suncroft.





Adult Men

The league campaign was a difficult one with injuries and county players unavailable. The result is division 4 football in 2023. The Championship went well and we reached a preliminary quarter final and secured intermediate football for 2023.

The reserve campaign was very positive this year winning Division 4 league and only missing out on a semi-final spot in the D Championship.

The U23's play the D Championship semi-finals on Saturday and have a good chance if they can get all the players out.

Thanks to everyone for their time and effort with all of the men's teams over the last year.

Niall Whyte stepped down as manager after 5 seasons and we would like to sincerely thank him and his team for the great work they did over this period.

County Players

On behalf of the Club and Community I wish to take this opportunity to formally thank our players that represented us so well at County level.

Congratulations and well done to Hannah Murphy who was a key player with the Kildare U16's ladies who were crowned All Ireland Champions in July.

Eoghan Lawless represented the club on the Kildare Senior Men's team while Ellen Dowling and Trina Duggan were with Kildare Senior Ladies. Congratulations to Tom Martin, playing with Kildare U20 footballers that reached the All Ireland Final, and Conn Kehoe with the U20 Kildare Hurlers.

Fundraising

The Club lotto resumed in February after Covid. Thanks to all our members who pay for the lotto through their club membership for their patience during the covid period. We are now online and Paddy Behan is co-ordinating sales through the pubs. Thanks to everyone who buys and sells tickets.

We had a great response to the National Car Draw, thank you to Aoife Hanratty and Stephanie Shorthall for distributing, selling and collecting these tickets. In 2021 we sold 41 tickets, this year we sold 374.

The Kildare Car Draw was very successful too, these tickets are €100 each so thanks to everyone who bought and sold them. We sold a total of 50 tickets, up from 45 last year and we had a 1st place winner in the first draw with Ciaran Dowling winning the car.

The Golf Classic was back this year too after covid, thanks to all the sponsors especially Dominique and The Well, the main sponsor, and those who played golf on the day.

The ladies held a table quiz and Tony Howard gave donation to the club for participating in various events over the Murphy weekend during the summer. Thanks to Tony for his generosity.

And thanks to everyone who supported and partook in both.

The pitch signs are proving to be a good source of annual income and we still have plenty of space to add more.



Sponsorship

Meadow Court continued their sponsorship of the club again this year. Having a main sponsor such as Meadow Court lets us a club plan better for the year ahead so thank you to Kieran Lalor and Meadow Court. Ausitn Brannock and Intel were an amazing help to the club again in 2022, massive thanks to Austin. Thanks to all the individual companies who sponsored gear for teams.

PRO

Thanks to Hugh O'Byrne and Mick Kehoe who both do PRO duties covering Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, the papers and the website. The Suncroft GFC website is an invaluable source of information with match fixtures and results updated regularly.

Child Welfare

On behalf of the club I would like to thank Caroline Bailey for the great work she has put in this year. We are in a very good place, and we would like to thank everybody for their co-operation in getting Garda Vetted and completing courses required by the GAA and LGFA.

Special Thanks

Volunteers in our club come in many forms. That could be in the form of collecting the flags, washing jerseys, linesman or umpire, coach or mentor, chairperson, delegate, fundraiser, putting up nets, scheduling pitches to name but a few. There are so many people who help out in the club it's impossible to name everyone. I just want to say Thank You to each and every one of you for giving your time, energy and passion to the club. Thanks to all the families who bring their kids to training and matches. Thanks to all the players who represent us, the club, respectfully on the field.

Finally, I want to thank my fellow Club Officers, and committee for their hard work, help and support throughout the year and the last few years. Thanks to Mick Kehoe especially for his support in my role as secretary. Over the years Mick has made huge strides in improving the club. The knowledge he has of the GAA is invaluable and the hours he puts in behind the scenes is massive. He has been a pleasure to work with and learn from.

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

Mise le Meas,

Mairéad Ní Maoileoin

Suncroft GFC
Balance Sheet
As at 30 November 2022

30 Nov 2022

Assets

Bank

600 - Bank c/a	€16,183.06
601 - Bank savings a/c	€15,713.51
603 - Paypal a/c	€925.63
Total Bank	€32,822.20

Current Assets

615 - Foireann a/c	€177.16
Total Current Assets	€177.16

Fixed Assets

705 - Land	€60,000.00
720 - Lawnmower	€32,347.00
Total Fixed Assets	€92,347.00

Total Assets **€125,346.36**

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

850 - Provision for grass cutting	€1,000.00
Total Current Liabilities	€1,000.00

Non-Current Liabilities

810 - Provision for Lotto Payout	€10,000.00
900 - GAA Loan	€7,581.82
Total Non-Current Liabilities	€17,581.82

Total Liabilities **€18,581.82**

Net Assets **€106,764.54**

Capital a/c

Surplus c/f	€89,806.80
Surplus	€16,957.74
Total Capital	€106,764.54

Suncroft GFC
Income & Expenditure a/c
1 December 2021 to 30 November 2022

30 Nov 22

Income

200 - Membership - underage boys	€3,980.00
201 - Membership - underage girls	€2,640.00
202 - Membership - senior player male	€1,515.00
203 - Membership - senior player ladies	€880.00
204 - Membership - adults	€340.00
205 - Membership - family	€4,180.00
206 - Membership - lotto	€10,935.33
211 - Income - lottery tickets	€3,122.50
215 - Income - kildare car draw	€2,024.99
216 - Income - national car draw	€3,740.00
222 - Income - fundraising ladies	€1,420.00
230 - Income - Tony Howard sponsorship	€5,580.00
232 - Income - gate receipts	€730.00
237 - Income - Intel grant	€8,803.59
238 - Income - golf classic	€5,890.00
246 - Income - Meadow Court Stud sponsorship	€6,000.00
267 - Income - Signage	€3,475.00
269 - Income - Clubforce	€657.00
Total Income	€65,913.41

Less Expenditure

402 - Paypal fees	€56.00
403 - Stripe fees	€425.42
404 - Bank Fees	€289.30
405 - GAA loan interest	€172.93
407 - Foireann a/c fees	€51.45
410 - Hawkfield	€2,000.00
429 - General Expenses	€200.00
430 - Club Kildare	€301.80
433 - Insurance	€843.19
435 - Health & Safety	€187.00
441 - Legal expenses	€4,503.35
465 - Software costs	€1,216.08
469 - Rent	€905.00
470 - Goalposts	€895.00
473 - Field maintenance	€3,133.16
474 - Grass Cutting	€1,312.28
475 - Senior costs	€17,996.90
476 - Ladies costs	€9,752.83
477 - Underage costs	€4,713.98
Total Expenditure	€48,955.67

Net Surplus

€16,957.74