

# ST. FINIAN'S GAA CLUB Development Project

THE NEXT an All Weather Astro in Aylmer Road CHAPTER supported by Finian's "300" Wall.

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### CLUB DEVELOPMENT MILESTONES

Over the last 83 years the members of St. Finian's GAA have responded when big developments in the club's journey were being made.

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1943: St. Finian's GAA established in Newcastle.

1982 - 1984:	St. Finian's GAA purchases Aylmer Road grounds through club draw which sells 778 tickets at €100 each.
1997 - 2000:	The clubhouse is built through donations and volunteerism of the local community.
2006 - 2008:	The main pitch and floodlights are developed at the Aylmer Road grounds.
2022:	Our second pitch, Sandymark Park, located at Ballynakelly is opened

through the support of local businesses.

### ST. FINIAN'S GAA TODAY

Today St. Finian's GAA club comprises of over 450 members. We field 22 teams starting from the "Mini Fins" at 4/5 years old. Those 22 teams are make use of our three current pitches; Aylmer Road Adult Pitch, Aylmer Road Juvenile Pitch and Sandymark Park Adult Pitch.





Consistently over the last five years the club has been forced to cancel trainings and matches because of a need to protect the pitches so that weekend games can take place. It is crucial for the development of young players and to ensure that no trainings or games are called off that we develop an all weather playing surface that will be used for decades to come.

### THE FINIAN'S '300' WALL WILL RAISE €125,000.

The **FINIAN'S "300" WALL** will raise €125,000.. All of the fundraised money will be going towards the All Weather Astro pitch development. The wall will be creatively designed in conjunction with The Printed Image, a long time supporter of St. Finian's GAA.

#### THE INITIAL BREAKDOWN OF SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES IS;



The **FINIAN'S '300' WALL** will be positioned prominently beside the entrance to the synthetic pitch.

The location/position of Sponsor name's will be chosen at random by lottery within their level of sponsorship. The  $\in$ 5,000 sponsors will be in the top row, followed by the  $\in$ 2,000 sponsors below them and so on. Below you can see a mock up of how the Finian's '300' Wall will be laid out.

The **FINIAN'S '300' WALL** will be very large in size. The sign will be consistently maintained and repaired as necessary to keep it in fantastic condition for years to come.

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\*It may be the case that St. Finian's receive more than the targeted number of sponsorship placements. In this case the number at each level will be increased and encompassed in the design.







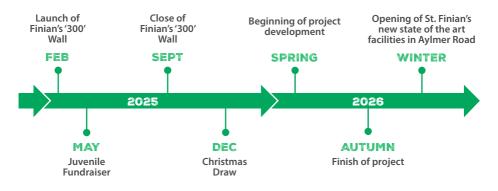
# PROJECT OUTLINE

- The project will develop a 90m x 65m All Weather state of the art astro turf pitch at our Aylmer road grounds.
- The pitch would replace the current Juvenile Pitch. The All Weather playing surface would guarantee that teams will be able to play and train year round in our grounds.
- 3 The new pitch would involve re-orientating the current Juvenile Pitch and car park.
- The pitch would allow U8 to U12 teams to play their games without fear of cancellation due to weather.
  - The development of our club grounds would also see completion of our club walkway and would allow for more accessible parking closer to our Adult Pitch.

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#### **BEST CASE SCENARIO TIMELINE:**



# HOW TO SUPPORT

#### IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR THERE ARE A NUMBER OF OPTIONS AVAILABLE:



### A bank transfer directly to the St. Finian's GAA account.

This is our preferred option as it minimises transaction fees from third party apps. Our bank details are:

ST FINIANS GAA CLUB, Aylmer Road, Newcastle, Co Dublin.

AIB Celbridge Bank Sort Code: 933503 Account Number: 27475015 BIC: AIBKIE2D IBAN: IE95AIBK93350327475015



#### You can purchase any of the sponsorship tiles on our ClubZap App/Website.



Purchase in the ClubZap App or follow the link is here in QR code form or Type this URL into your browser and follow instructions.



## If you would like to donate through cash.

You can contact our Treasurer Fergal Murray on +353 87 953 3544 to arrange drop off.

'If you donate via Bank Transfer please e-mail treasurer. stfiniansnewcastle.dublin@gaa.ie

#### **Tax Back Donation**

We have successfully registered for the Revenue Approved Scheme on donations to support capital projects such as is proposed. Under the Capital Donations Scheme a donation from aPAYE taxpayer is enhanced by an additional payment which the club receive directly from Revenue.

Alternatively, if you are a self-assessed/self-employed taxpayer you can claim a tax deduction for the donation that you make to the club under the scheme.

Each individual who donates will be asked to complete a revenue certificate which will allow an additional 25% to 50% of money to come to the club from Revenue. For donations of €250 that means at least extra €62.50 to the club. For donations of €1,000 that means at least an extra €300 to the club.

## PERSONAL STORIES



EMILY MCINERNEY

From 1977 on our lives revolved around family, friends and St Finians Club. Many changes have occurred through those years. We swapped our own county colours for the red and green of St Finians which didn't come easy for a passionate dyed in the wool Clare man like Pat, it became home from home for us. Back then training teams began, including our son Barry, who was the reason for getting involved. At that time, there were few jerseys, no dressing rooms, no time to eat, matches came first. Progress made, money raised, club house built and teams formed.

Pat and Mick took great pride when it was said "the grass looks great". Our grandchildren Lexi, Clodagh and Jack brought particular joy when we saw them play in Croke Park. Alfie is the newest family member to carry the legacy with Freddie waiting in the wings.

JOY HALLY 'I'll be donating to the Finian's "300" Wall fundraising effort. Our family joined the club 8 years ago as Mini Fins. We have been involved in coaching, playing and fundraising ever since. The "300 Wall" is a fantastic opportunity for families, friends and supporters to be involved in creating a legacy at the club. This pitch is urgently needed to ensure the weather doesn't stop our teams achieving full potential all year round. Our name on the "300" wall is testament to our pride in this club!



AARON BYRNE I'll be donating to support the All Weather Pitch and to have my name on the Finian's '300'Wall. I've played with Finian's for nearly 25 years, and am currently coaching a number of juvenile teams. It's critical that Finian's get an all-weather pitch to ensure a safe area to train for all, and to allow us to be competitive into the future. My children will benefit from an All Weather pitch for the next 20 years and I'll be happy to be a part of it.



**TONY BYRNE** I'll be donating to the Finian's "300" Wall fundraiser. I've been a member of St. Finians GAA for nearly 50 years and was Treasurer for over 20 of those years. I've been proud to be involved in, and run many fundraisers. An all-weather pitch is the next step in the club's development and is urgently required in order that teams can play and train all year round.



ANNE MARIE MORRIS I've been a member of St. Finian's for 11 years. As a parent, and a mentor, Finians GAA club is an integral part of my family. I can also see the benefits the club brings to Newcastle, welcoming and integrating our growing diverse community. I've been proud to be involved in and run many fundraisers. This is the next project in the club's history, which is urgently needed, in order to ensure that girls and boys teams have a safe place to train all year round especially in the winter months

**IAN BORAN** I've played for St. Finian's GAA club for twenty years. St. Finian's and my coaches, Mick Harney and Mick McCarthy, provided for me when I was young to play and train in a sport that I loved. They did that out of their dedication to the spirit of the GAA. I no longer live in Newcastle but I still want to contribute to the future of GAA in the village. I will be proud to have my name on the wall to show that I supported the club when it called on me.

**CON MCCARTHY** I'm fast getting to the stage where I won't benefit directly from any new developments but I feel a strong sense of duty to do what I can so that those that come next have the same enjoyment of the GAA as I and my family have had. I'm happy to be involved in this fundraising effort and I will be proud to have my name on the wall. And I hope that in years to come when my grandchildren (and I hope to have loads) read my name on the wall, they will be proud that I did my bit, and I hope they in turn will be inspired to carry on the mighty tradition that is St. Finian's GAA.

**SONALIKA BISWAS** I am originally from India, living in Dublin for the last 8 years and made Newcastle my home for the last 3 years. I have been associated with Finian's through my daughter Parnika who is in Senior Infants and been practicing with Jamie and the Mini Fins. St. Finian's GAA is an incredible effort done by all community members who are associated with the GAA club to involve the kids from numerous background and different communities. I'm proud to support this fundraising effort.

### Thank you

to our current club sponsors and supporters who have donated to the club for the past number of years. M+P Construction Landmark (Mark O'Rourke) Sandymark/Greenogue Business Park/Con McCarthy Newcastle/Kelly' Service Station Eirtrade Aviation Annie May's Bar/ Restaurant Kelltra Construction Axiseng Engineers Newcastle Dental O'Grady Family McCarthy Family Ray Cooke Keane Plumbing and Gas Cavan Developments Ko's and Apache Pizza Kelly Estates The Printed Image Rory Kelly Dicky Smith Transglass Emer Higgins TD Family Joe Mallon Naas Trant Family Jamie and Muireann Furey Newcastle Golf Centre The Furey Brothers Greenstar/Panda Tadgh Riordan Motors Louise O'Rourke Physiotherapy Sharp Security MCH Electrical Landmark Brady's Butchers Cllr Trevor Gilligan Azets Alpha Fire