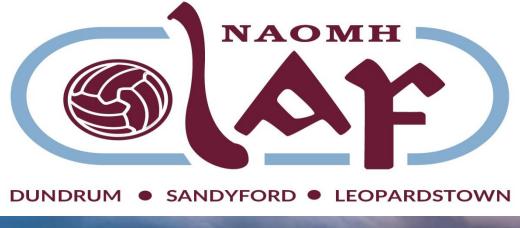
Chairperson AGM Report 2023







At the Centre of Our Community

1981 - 2023 (42 years)

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A Cháirde, Dear Members

As per our Gaelic calendar an Samháin, it's November and we remember bygone spirits and those from our families that have passed this year and those members that went before. Effective support and teamwork (Méitheal) on and off the field is the cornerstone of our GAA Association and the same applies for this Club now entering its 43rd year to continue to succeed especially now as we are reaching closer to 3,000 members.

I would like to extend a huge thanks to the outgoing Executive in helping steer the club and it has been difficult few years everyone. Despite this as you will see from the financial statements that the club is in a good place. A particular nod to my Vice Chairperson Maoilíosa Ó'Dubthaigh who undertakes tremendous role as Childrens Officer and for his advice. And our Secretary Jenny Mulvany who's enthusiasm and ideas has been energising. Thanks to Kevin Birrane who steps down after a year as Juvenile Chairperson. And to Barry Nestor, his tireless work and patience in the background around recording membership over the years.

In particular as well a big thanks to Micheal Brides who steps down from the Senior Men's Football Team after 5 years service raising standards and leaving them in a great place. A big thanks to Conor Foley for taking the reins of the senior hurling team for this year and his stint as Captain of the Golf Society. Both Ronan Bourke as Adult Games Chair with Eddie Bouabbse, Director of Coaching have achieved great work in putting shape and structure on our ever growing number of teams – 74 teams and counting. Thank you to Chloe Ní Cheallaigh for her GPO activities and we wish her well in her new club. Please extend a warm Olafs welcome to Declan Molloy who is our new GPO. And to Terence O'Halloran and Declan Murphy for all their work around facilities and with DLR

Please read Ronan Bourke's Adult Games report as it gives insight on how all our Ladie's and Men's Teams continue to make great progress going long in many championships, more than the club has ever achieved, all continue to put the club on the Dublin map. Thanks to our referee coordinators, Colm McEnerney, Katie Grimes and Orla O'Hora who took over from Katie. Katie recently moved to Australia and so her role on Executive, Senior ladies Teams and the Irish language officer will be hard to replace.

Highlights: Naomh ÓLAF: Development Projects 2023 - 2025

2017 2021 2024 2023 2022 Nov ur text here Astro Skills Wall – planning Submitted Extension 2024 Over 18's Gym/Physio Completed in 2021 Upgrade of Floodlights to LED Jan 2024

2025 The top DLR pitch will be ready

Naomh Ólaf Gym

Aerobic Section

All weather Sand Based Pitch in 2024

Work has begun on the upper **DLTR Pitch and we hope to have** in play by September 2024.

Naomh Ólaf Gym

In 2023 What's happening off the pitches and Facilities changes



What happening re the **Astro Walls Extension**? - Planning was received but pending a winter 22/23 survey of the Brent Geese on the lower Benildus pitches — We have resubmitted planning with the outcomes of this biodiversity survey request from DLRcoco. Funding will be a combination of Grants and Fundraising.





- In this coming Dec 2023 the upgrade the clubs electricity infrastructure upgrade works
 will take place
- Once complete we will be in position to finally, at last by late Jan Feb to install our Floodlights to modern LED And charging points for EVs Electric Vehicles.

Out with the old



The club is invested with the aid of a grant in a **new tractor**Thanks to Pat Kavanagh and Neil Fogarty for sourcing it and what a servant the old Ford Tractor has been for the club. A member bought it to do it up for shows which is great.

In with the new



New bike Rack for members cycling to the club – Thx to Cllr Oisín O'Connor and DLRcoco

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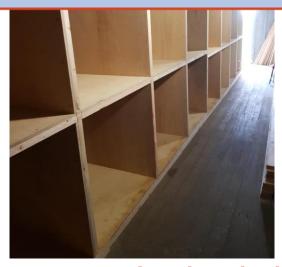
Your Function and Club bar have a new dartboard, two folding table tennis tables and pool table on the way – to encourage social aspects and some team building: Note: U18s will need supervision/mentors/parents when using any of these as their own risk.





Storage: The container on the Benildus pitches is being converted into a storage area with each team being assigned a lockable

boxed shelf to store team gear and free up mentors cars/sheds.



Note: secured and each shelf a door to be locked and the main door also secured







'Coaching the Coaches' Strategy: Purpose: To improve our mentors/coaches education to help all the players improve and get to be the best they can be. Eddie our Director of Coaching and we like to express our thanks for their fantastic work he has delivered. Over 200 mentors trained been this and last year, 600 children at various camps and 1,600 children coached in our schools in six week blocks. Strength and Conditioning and Planning for Success workshop are underway and show the framework and level of detail that will help teams get the best out of themselves.

Partners/ Sponsorship:

- Last year we secured the extension of our Sponsorship with IRES for another 5 years hence for our Adult Section. They have signed up to be one of three partners with our Sustainability initiatives. So we now have **openings for two more partners for the main sustainability initiatives alongside IRES**
- IRES have agreed to allow us to offer our **both Juvenile and academy sections for additional sponsorship opportunities**. So if you know of any entities that may have CSR budget and wish to partner with the club please do let us know. Regarding the extension with IRES the executive wish to express their sincere thanks to Conor Watters, a Senior football player and finance committee member who helped negotiate the new agreement.

Pitches and Facilities:

- We wish to thank **Brother Damien** of the **De la Salle Brothers** for the continued use of the lower St.Benildus pitches and is delighted to support our sustainability initiatives.
- We engaged the same company that DLR CoCo use to fertilise and aerated the lower Benildus pitches and this has made a marked difference to our playing surfaces. We intend to do this yearly at a minimum. We are in the process of refitting the two containers to provide stage lockers for each team's gear
- Club Gym Is now open to Adult players and over 65s (off peak) for 50 euro. We are looking at extending this to active volunteer mentors as well.
- Sports Grants we are looking to repurpose our sports grants for the like of upgrading the existing floodlights to LED heads. To maximise light it s best to have lights on both sides facing each other. To help achieve this we have invested in a set of mobile lights to extend our training areas.
- We have secured the **new Rosemont school floodlit Astro pitch in Fernhill** for our girls academy on Sunday mornings during the winter.
- Planning Permission was sought for our Astro and Skills Wall extension and received in June this year. The DLR biodiversity officer has requested a winter survey regarding the Brent geese to ensure they won't be disturbed during any building works and hence the delay. Please support the fundraising campaign that will go towards the cost of this extension and future pitch improvements.
- We wish to thank Paul Lyons, our clubhouse manager who in addition to his role as our head barman, for taking on the pitches allocation role seamlessly, engaging and maintaining relationships with all the various sponsors, Tribe and the clubs and the use our club.
- Thanks to John O'Brien and Paul O'Sullivan for regularly marking the pitches and Neil Fogarty for cutting the grass and both for keeping the pitches looking so well.

Important Womens Health Wellbeing and Performance talks with hersport.ie were organised thanks to Katie Grimes, Adult player and Executive member from U12s to Adult and Mentors. We received valuable insights on we can help encourage and retain more female players and female mentors.

The second **Corporate Lunch (36 tables)** in three years was held in September in Croke Park – Fran O'Dwyer was presented with the Club's Hall of Fame Award in front of 360 attendees. A big thanks to organisers Micheal Touhy, David Glennon, John Hugh Colleran, Paul Lyons (for pulling it together) and Mary Shivnan for organising. And to Emer Cleary and her Emu Ink team in promoting the event.

Our **Golf society** led by its captain Conor Foley and Secretary, Eileen Hickey had multiple successful outings this year and thank you to those that support this important social outlet. The irrepressible Brendan McGlynn continues to do trojan unseen work and connections with our local parish church of Balally and Fr Lane and Fr Caffrey.

Please support our **club lotto** diligently run by Mick Browne our Club President and his committee. https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=297&ID=765888&RP=1#Anchor

The Executive encourages everyone to listen to the link below which discusses **respect to referees and behaviours on and** from the side-lines

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https://www.newstalk.com/podcasts/highlights-from-off-the-ball/the-saturday-panel-referee-abuse-silent-sidelines-pushy-

Our **Social Hurling group** organised fantastic multi club blitz in April and set a marker for future events and made a special appear at half time at Croke Park. Our Juvenile Mini Irelands 470 children enjoyed themselves with a massive thanks to **Louisa Colbert and Sadbh Dolan**. A big special thanks to the **Parents of the U15/16 Girls** who made the club proud by organising a brilliantly run mix of Shinty Camogie Hurling. It was very well received by the Scottish touring party. Thankfully no bad injuries occurred.....

https://www.naomholaf.ie/the-club/sustainability.738.html

Thanks to Pat Kavanagh for his work on the clubs tractor and manging and harvesting honey from our 3 rooftop Beehives with the assistance of Pat Gogarty. Due to a long winter and poor weather the harvest was smaller than expected. The beehives are sponsored by Brennan and Co, Clayton Hotel Leopardstown and SBD, Sandyford Business District.

Mastercard staff and charities committee have raised money to plant smaller native tree copse sized Pocket Forests along the Benildus Avenue wall/fence. Planting will take place in Jan /Feb and with Br Damien's permission.



Thank you to everyone for getting our players to matches, coaching them though all weather and dark evenings. I echo all the thanks noted in both Ronans Adult and Kevins Juvenile and Jennifers Secretary's report and wont repeat them here. Thank you to every single volunteer, all our players and parents/families that support them, making the daily commitment to ensure these players of all ages attend training and matches, make friends, learn life skills, become better people and stay active as long as possible in the club.

Maoilíosa Ó Dubhthaigh your Vice Chairperson and Children's Welfare Officer does trojan work in the background and please continue to support and cooperate with his critical work. **Our county board delegates** Kevin Birrane Snr, Declan Naughton and Sinead O'Toole and Eoin O'Riain. It's great to see so many Senior players begin to help with coaching younger teams as Barry O'Brien did 20 years ago. The U16 girls are heling out with the boys and girls academy and we encourage pther teams to try this as well.

Thank you to all our mentors, especially those who lead groups and take on the challenging but rewarding role of coordinating a group of young people to promote physical activity, positive mental health, our games and our club. We can all now look forward to supporting each other into the decade ahead and what it may bring is now tangible in terms of improved facilities and the continuing success and growth of our teams and the friendships and support across the club. Thank you to all our sponsors and please do let us know if you can source more to take on our Academy of 400 children and Juvenile Section. We continue to be very proud of all our players involved with Dublin/Development squads who increase year on year and its a testament to their coaches, parents and teammates that they get these opportunities to represent Naomh Ólaf at the highest level, This year Christine Shanahan in Camogie, Jim's daughter, joined David Byrne as a Senior Dublin player. Maith Thú to all our players and mentors across all age groups. Congrats to David on his eight senior all Ireland medal and representing our club at the highest level.

And if isn't too soon, we hope everyone in the community has a happy warm Christmas, no matter how you celebrate this special time. Nollaig Shona. Here's to the year ahead 2024, a brighter future ahead literally with new floodlights coming in January and thank you all again for being part of our Club. Each one of us/You are the club, you are the friendly welcoming Culture and the very same reason more members continue to join in to experience what we creating here by working together.

ÓLAF's ABÚ! Seán Ó Somacháin (John Somers), An Cathaoirleach CLG Naomh Ólaf

So with all the above in mind: To All Naomh Ólaf Members: Please can you help/Support/Sponsor your local community GAA club?

Note: Our academy and iuvenile sections are available for sponsorship



We need more volunteers to help the club as it continues to grow **Towards 3,000 Members**

Support Suggest Volunteer

Your local GAA Club needs you

Naomh Ólaf GAA Club have nearly 3.000 members, 74 Teams, academy of 426 players and growing

> We are looking for new ideas, solutions and support to help develop our club around our community

Do you want to:

- · Give back?
- · Volunteer your own time?
- Help raise funds?
- Manage/support a team?
- · Voice your solutions, ideas, suggestions and follow through with implementing them?

If you would like to get involved please



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CLG Naomh Ólaf Is moving towards 3,000 members:

To put this in perspective:

There are 900 Towns, Cities and Agglomerations in the Rep of Ireland

- 85% or 744 of these towns are less than 2,600
- 15% or only 144 of these towns and cities are larger than our GAA club



Census Town	Clara	Offaly	3,336
Agglomeration	Skibbereen	Cork	2,778
Census Town	Donegal Town	Donegal	2,618
Agglomeration	Boyle	Roscommon	2,568
Census Town	Castleisland	Kerry	2,486
Census Town	Athboy	Meath	2,445
Census Town	Kenmare	Kerry	2,376
Census Town	Killorglin	Kerry	2,199
Census Town	An Daingean (Dingle)	Kerry	2,050
Census Town	Abbeyfeale	Limerick	2,023
Census Town	Enniskerry	Wicklow	1,889
Census Town	Rosslare	Wexford	1,620
Census Town	Clifden	Galway	1,597
Census Town	Adare	Limerick	1,129

Club Strategic Roadmap from 2019 -2024 and onwards



Our Mission/Goals -The Club wants all our players, all ages, genders, codes to play, to enable them to become the best they can be whatever their levels, to have fun and become better people as a result of representing Naomh Ólaf GAA Club. We are working on the cornerstones that allows that to happen

1	Safe Place Support
2	Learn Life Skills Resilience
3	Good Habits
4	Fun Friends Social
5	Player Team Athlete
6	Culture Behaviours
7	Give Back Volunteer
8	Better People – Challenge to get the best out of themselves
9	Connects Community
10	Mindset Resilience

Ólaf Us - The 8 C's Circle The Club's Ecosystem



Culture is the key Pillar & foundation of continued success

- 1. Culture see below
- 2. Connect Care Competence
- 3. Communicate Consistency message Positive Coaching
- 4. Compete Coaching Collaborative Team Work, Creative Skill and
- 5. Critical Thinking and Making Decisions, Performing Under Pressure
- 6. Coaching standards Coaching the Coaches to improve our players
- 7. Circle Back Ólaf Players can then become coaches, managers, club officers
- 8. Community be the centre of our parish and a positive place to visit

Our Club and you, All members, now has the positive challenge of how to maintain our friendly culture as we continue to grow and become more successful on and off the pitches.

There is a definition of Culture that says "it's the collection of observable actions by all those involved in an organisation or club" like ourselves. Respect and Support each other

We/You/Ólaf (Is are our Club Culture.

"The strength and depth of your culture isn't determined by how much you win, but rather by how you deal with adversity and the struggle to succeed. A strong culture involves a group of people who come together in times of difficulty." (Allistair McCaw) Our GAA response to Covid has proved that.

If we as a Club wish to be succeed and be taken seriously then we need to first take ourselves seriously should we wish to progress – So Progression in 2023/2024? – How? What have we done And how are we doing to get there?

To achieve our goals we need to work collaboratively on the following:

- On Funding and Sponsorship to support the club improvements and team/players needs
- **Engage with our community**
- **Our Partners & Sponsors**
- DLR, SBID and De La Salle

On the best equipment and supports

- Strength & Conditioning in place
- Video Analysis in place
- GPS data analytics in place
- Sports Psychologists in place
- Nutritionists in place



AND PLAYING & SOCIAL FACILLIES New Physio Room – Sparc for all - in place

On IMPROVING TRAINING PRACTICE

- New Weights Room and Aerobic Area in place
- New playground and walkway
- **New storage containers**
- New Hall Heating System, new boiler
- **New Security access system**
- **New barrier entrance**
- New Bar ceiling and painting, blinds, sanding
- New outside social area, cleaned up building site

On Ensuring a safe friendly atmosphere

& environment for all

- Juvenile Vetting
- Children Welfare
- GPO into local Schools in place
 - Health and Well Being
 - Sustainability Charter
 - Committees in place



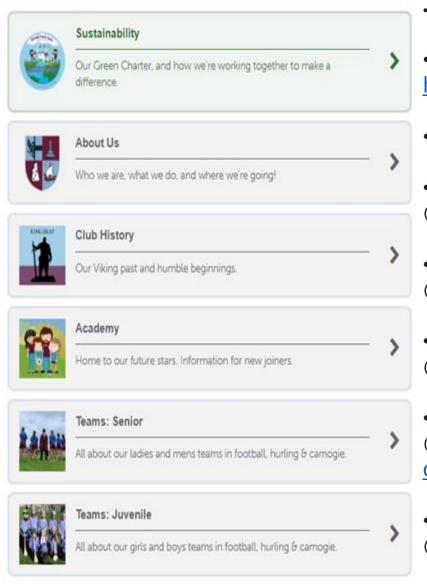


On Improving standards – for coaches and players

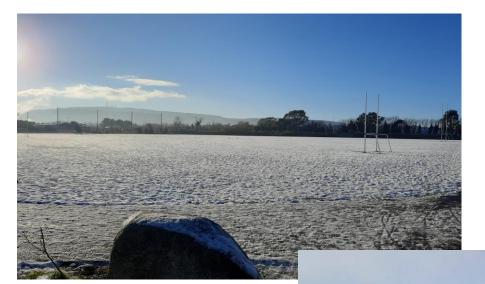
- **Skills Practice**
- Game based training
- Coach the Coaches

Want to know whats going on?

Please take a look at the various Club Website Updates www.Naomholaf.ie (Special thanks to James Shiel)



- "Club Overview" @ http://www.naomholaf.ie/the-club.8.html
- "Club History" @ http://www.naomholaf.ie/the-club/club-history.236.html
- "About Us" @ http://www.naomholaf.ie/the-club/about-us.235.html
- "Fixtures" page now links to Debbie's Twitter listing of fixtures weekly
 http://www.naomholaf.ie/fixturesresults.207.html
- Weekly newsletter embedded into the "News" page
- @ http://www.naomholaf.ie/nuacht.9.html
- "Sustainability & Green Charter" with help from the van Gelderen family @ http://www.naomholaf.ie/the-club/sustainability.738.html
- New Page for the "Gaelic for Mothers & Others" group
 http://www.naomholaf.je/the-club/gaelic-for-mothers-a
- @ http://www.naomholaf.ie/the-club/gaelic-for-mothers-and-others.741.html
- New Page for the "Social Hurling" group
- @ http://www.naomholaf.ie/the-club/social-hurling.740.html



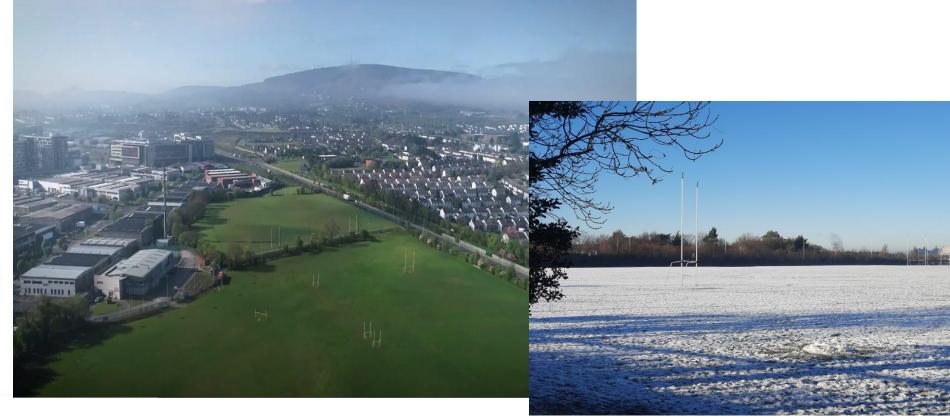
Best of luck in 2024 to all our teams and their mentors from U8's to minor to Junior to Our Seniors















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