

Roscommon Gaels Underage Team Reports Year 2016

U8 Camogie Report 2016

We commenced training indoor on the 11th February in the Convent gym on Thursday's for 45 minutes 6:30 – 7:15pm. The numbers were small at the beginning. Theresa Hession, Laoise Ní Chonnailí and Orla Connaughton visited the local schools to recruit players and the numbers grew rapidly after this. We moved out doors to Lisnamult in mid-March and trained for one hour on Friday evenings 6:30 – 7:30pm. We eventually had over 40 registered players and an average of 30 for training sessions and Blitz. That said the numbers fell drastically during July and August. We split each session into 2 groups, consisting of the older and younger girls.

We played 2 indoor blitzes in April and 2 County blitzes one on the 20th May that we hosted in Lisnamult and the other in St Dominicks in September. We had 3 teams at each blitz. Between the County blitzes we played 6 games that were arranged by the Camogie County Board. One game against each club, with the exception of Pdraig Pearses, as they had no team to field. Due to our large numbers the games against other clubs were of limited use to our girls. They would only get about 7 minutes of play and the players on the opposing team would get 25 or 30 minutes over the hour. Also some clubs would not play any girl under the age of 7. The blitz format of the previous years is much more beneficial to our girls because we can enter teams in relation to our numbers. We got invited to play in two blitzes outside of Roscommon. For the first one we only took the girls in their last year of U8. They really loved the new challenge and performed well. In the second one on the 25th of September we used it as our end of season trip and final get together. This was a great day out for all.

The following deserve great thanks for their dedication and making the year a success.

Mentors: Deirdre McDermott, Nicola Crosbie, Liam Gately, Marie Cormican, Orla Connaughton, Jason Connaughton

Assisted by: Laoise Ní Chonnailí, Dervilla Hoare, Caoimhe Shannagher, TY'S Lisa Mullen, Niamh McCourt, Emer O Rourke



U10 Camogie Report 2016

We commenced training indoors in mid February in the Convent gym on Fridays for one hour 6.45-7.30pm with the U8s. The numbers were good and we used the ABC and RJT kit which was purchased last winter and concentrated on agility, balance, coordination and running, jump and throwing and catching for 7 weeks. We moved out doors in March when the time changed and trained for one hour on Friday evenings at the same time as the U8 and U12 camogie panels.

We eventually had a total of 31 players who attended training and blitzes- some participated more consistently than others. We played in 4 go games matches, from June until Sept as Pearses, Athleague and Boyle did not have U10 teams. We played few challenge matches away to Ahascragh and Mountbellew (half time exhibition match at a county match). The year finished in October when the available players participated in a half time exhibition match in the Senior Co camogie final in Oran. It was a good year of camogie for the girls but they did not play enough games to bring on their game sense and team work skills.

The 2016 Ros Gaels u10 Camogie Panel

Ella Bailey, Ava Brennan, Maeve Burton, Grace Campbell, Lauren Fallon, Molly Rose Finneran, Grace Geraghty, Lauren Giblin, Laura Glynn, Katie Harlow, Aisling Harlow, Siofra Hession, Emma Hough, Ciara Killeen, Jane King, Leah Lennon, Jessica Mc Sharry, Lile McCaffery, Eve McNeill, Martha McSharry, Ava Naughten, Emma O'Farrell, Ellen Ryan, Alannah Sutton, Molly Tully, Mary Hoare, Ava Brennan, Anna Kiernan, Shauna Carty, Shona Kennedy, Shauna Walsh

Mentors Sinead Killeen and Teresa Hession

Assisted by Bridget Giblin, Lizzie Glennon , Aífe Feeley (TY), Roisín McCaffery (TY), Tara Dolan (TY)

U12 Camogie Report 2016

The Under 12 Roscommon Gaels camogie squad met in February 2016 to start their 6 week indoor training sessions. 32 girls participated in U12 camogie this year and there were two teams the Hawkes and the Eagles.

The squad were managed by Una Ni Chuinn, Bernie Mulry, Paula Connaughton and Stephen Lohan and helped out by transition year student Eimear Mc Cormack.

Training moved outside to Lisnamult Pitch at the end of March and between February and October 2016 the squad held over 60 training sessions. The group took part in three blitz and played in the U12 County league competition. They travelled to Galway for the Camán to Connaught event in June meeting and beating County Galway teams. The older team won the County B U12 League final beating Oran and the younger team won the County D League Final beating Tulsk. We look forward to this team of girls progressing into U14 and beyond.

U14 Camogie Report 2016

We had a panel of 29 very dedicated girls. Training commenced on 19 January 2016 and ended on June 14th. Some girls progressed to play and train with u16 panel and six girls were selected to play on the county u14 panel. We trained twice a week with on average 80% attendance.

We participated in Feile na nGael competition reaching the county semi final where we played Four Roads . We then went on to play in the u14 league. A great year was had by all.

A special thanks to the management and coaching squad of; Tricia Torpey, Mary Mc Neill, Tom O Farrell and John Casey

U16 Camogie Report 2016

In 2016 our U16 team camogie reached the County 'A' Final for the first time and while we didn't win, we competed well and represented the Club proudly. We just haven't got the knack of winning yet, but we will, I have no doubt. This year at U16 we had a panel of 23 players which is testament to the success of the conveyor belt we've been operating for the last 8 years since the re-establishment of Roscommon Gaels Camogie Club.

The panel trained twice a week from the first week of May and the Final was played on 15th October. We fulfilled all fixtures and managed to get one challenge against Abbeyknockmoy, Co Galway.

John McCourt, Tom Madden, Mark Gannon and Peter Mullen co-sponsored half zips for this panel of players and we are very thankful for their support. The girls looked very smart on the day of the 'A' Final as a result.

The panel was presented with U16 runners up medals at the Ros Gaels Family Night in the Hyde recently and Jessica Lalwani was chosen as the 'most improved U16 player' in 2016.

We participated in the Connaught U16 seven-a-side blitz in the Connaught Centre of Excellence in July.

Roscommon Gaels had 10 players on the County Roscommon U16 camogie squad in 2016.



U8 Boys Football 2016

The season commenced on the 2nd April with 3 indoor 'ABC' sessions. These indoor sessions worked on the areas of agility, co-ordination and balance which are seen as very important early learning for kids of this age.

We then moved outdoors to Lisnamult, training from 10-11am each Saturday morning.

We worked off a list of 70+ names with 45 to 50 players attending training on a weekly basis. This included approx. 15 to 18 Beginners (5/6 year olds) who were coached in a separate Group. Some very talented Beginners joined this year.

We split the 7 and 8 year olds into three Groups. Each session concentrated on key skills followed by a game for approx. 25 mins. We aimed to have the games with no more than 7/8 a side which is more beneficial to the weaker players and gives them more chances to get involved in the game with the hope that this will build skills and confidence. We also restricted 'plays' during these games to encourage team work and encourage the development of the weaker players. Players that were seen to be struggling with certain skills on occasion were given some extra coaching when possible.

We attended all the Go Games Blitz's and these were very beneficial to the development of skills and confidence. We arranged a number of extra challenge games and attended the St Dominic's Tournament. All blitz and challenge games were very well attended with 30 to 35 7-8 year olds usually attending. We ran the Bernie Hoare Tournament in early October in Lisnamult to finish the season and this was attended by 50 players from Beginners to 8 year olds and was a great success.

The Beginners had 3 challenge games which introduced them to the idea of games and playing other teams / clubs.

U10 Boys Football 2016

Training

The year commenced on March 12th and our first two sessions were held indoors. We moved outside to Lisnamult on March 26th from 11.15-12.15 am each Saturday. All sessions started promptly with coaches arriving 15 - 30 mins early to set up each session. We worked off a list of 34 players with 15 of these turning 10 during the year and the other 19 being available for U10 again in 2017. The average turnout each Saturday was about 23/24 lads. We did notice however that when attendance did drop surprisingly it was in July and August.

Each session aimed to concentrate work on 2 key skills followed by a game for approx. 30 mins. At the start of the year we made a conscious decision to try and improve each player passing and kicking off their 'weaker sides'. We also tried to give exposure to playing in goal to numerous players in the hope that at older grades teams might have more goalkeeping options available. Where possible the skills practice took the form of modified games where the lads had to try and practice their skills whilst under pressure. When it came to game time, when numbers facilitated, we preferred to keep the games to no more than 7 a side and played on a small area. The aim of small sided games is to ensure that all players playing get as much time as possible on the ball and to put the skills learned into practice. We also continued to restrict 'plays' during these games to encourage the notion of team work, moving the ball fast and to assist the development of some of the weaker players, as a restriction on 'plays' would allow more contact time with the ball for everyone. Any players that were struggling with certain skills on occasion were given some extra coaching and encouragement/ praise. Any areas of weakness noted during blitzes / games were worked on with the appropriate drills at the next training session.

Games

We attended 6 blitz days in total during the year which included the county blitz in the Connaught GAA centre, one hosted by ourselves in Lisnamult and the St. Dominic's tournament. In addition, we played 4 games against Athlone, Boyle and St. Marys (Carrick on Shannon) twice. We fielded 2 teams each day and on some occasions 3. In situations where we had subs we ran subs in and out every 2 mins. Performance wise we were very strong at all the blitzes and games which bodes well for the future. Our last outdoor activity was at the Knockcroghery tournament on October 2nd. We were disappointed that for varying reasons throughout the year we had 5 / 6 matches cancelled and this is something that we already have plans to remedy in 2017 paying attention to the fact that our strongest attendance numbers were outside July and August.

Pella

This year we embarked on trying to extend the playing season and arranged with permission of the Covent secondary school to install 'Pella' nets in their gym. Pella is an indoor version of Gaelic football with modified rules. We ran it for 7 weeks from October 20th and are very happy with how it went. The lads enjoyed it and we had strong numbers (approx. 25 per week). We look upon it as a fun outlet once a week, gaining exercise, building on the continuity of team work from during the year, whilst all the time improving the skills of movement, passing, shooting, defending and ball handling. We have planned that next year we will start and finish the year with a 7-week slot and hope that improvements achieved through Pella will transfer to the pitch.

In total, we had 36 sessions between training, games and Pella. Details of each training session was communicated to parents each Wednesday / Thursday by text (or earlier in the week if trying to confirm numbers for blitz / game attendance). We had a very dedicated group of coaches involved and it's so vital at this age group to have an adequate number of coaches. The group involved (Trevor Finneran, Ollie McGuinness, Seamus Carthy, Paul Biesty, Derek Dolan, Gary Dunne, Gareth Carroll, Marty Rodgers, & Jason Hoare) deserve a big thank you and like all coaches involved should be continually encouraged to keep giving up their time and energy.

Finally, we plan to take the group away to an indoor sports activity centre during Christmas to bring the curtain finally down on an enjoyable year.



U12 Boy Football 2016

Panel : We had 32 boys registered.



U12 Football Panel (missing from photo are Brian O'Connor and Wayne King)

Management Team :

The management team comprised John Donnellan, Finbar O'Reilly, Gary Kelly, Mick Dowd, John Dolan with assistance from Michael McAteer, Seamus Carthy and Colin Donnelly.

Training :

Training started on the 18th February and was run over two sessions a week - Thursdays & Sundays, with matches slotted in accordingly.

Over the season we held ~ 42 Training Sessions.

Games :

We competed in the Spring & Summer Leagues and fielded two teams in both competitions.

Spring League

Div 1 Team :

We competed against Clann Na nGael, Padraig Pearses, St Brigids, Boyle, & St Ciarans.

We played well in the league matches to reach the final. In challenging conditions in Kilbride the lads had a fantastic final win against Boyle to secure the Spring League trophy for Ros Gaels for the first time in a number of years.



Div 1 Spring League Winners

Div 6 Team

Our second team competed in Division 6 of the Spring League where we played Clann na nGael (C), St Dominics (B), Kilbride (B) and St Ronans,

We played well in our league games to eventually reach the Div 6 final in Knockcroghery where we had a great win against a strong Clann na nGael team.

As a result of this victory the Div 6 lads were promoted to play in Div 5 of the Summer League.



Div 6 Spring League Winners

Summer League

Div 1 Team

We competed against Clann Na nGael, Padraig Pearses, St Brigids, Boyle and Strokestown.

Playing good football though the league games we reached the summer league final.

In the final, we were beaten by a very good Boyle team on the day.

Div 5 Team

We competed in Division 5 of the Summer League, playing Boyle (B), St Brigids (B), Kilglass and Padraig Pearses (B).

The lads put in a massive effort in every game and reached the final against Boyle (who had beaten us narrowly in a titanic league game that went into extra time).

In a tremendous final played in Castlereagh, we overcame Boyle by 2pts to claim the Div 5 Summer League trophy.



Div 5 Summer League Winners

Challenge Games

In addition to Spring and Summer League games, we arranged challenge games against Longford Slashers, Oran, St Marys Carrick-on-Shannon, Caherlistrane and St Brigids (Blanchardsown).

Internal End of Season Game for Jackie Brennan Trophy

In ideal conditions, we played our traditional internal end of season game for the Jackie Brennan Trophy in Lisnamult. *The Purples vs The Whites* was a super game with the Purples, captained by Fionnan Wynne winning out.

Conclusions :

Our U12 Footballers had a great season.

Between Spring and Summer League games and challenge games we played approx. 30 games across the season with ~42 Training Sessions, so our lads got the opportunity to play lots of football.

The turnout for training and the attitude of the lads during the sessions was first class.

The progression of the group was excellent, with the skills level of the boys improving steadily over the season.

There is no doubt there are very good footballers in the group and, as a club, **we need to manage their progression over the coming years to ensure that they continue to enjoy playing Gaelic Football and develop all the skills of the game. They can be competitive at the top table of Roscommon underage football.**

Appreciation :

A BIG THANK YOU to the following :-

- Ros Gaels U16 Football Manager Kevin Keegan who held a super training session with the U12's.
- Ros Gaels U12 Hurling Manager Teresa Hession for being so accommodating with day swaps during the season.
- Thanks to Ros Gaels pitch co-ordinator Philip Mullen for accommodating the U12 Football Management with access to main pitch for games during the season.
- Thanks to Shane Hoare for opening up the main pitch at short notice on a number of occasions.
- Thanks to Roscommon Town U12 Soccer Manager John Hannon for being so accommodating throughout the season when our matches clashed with soccer training.

U14 Boys Football 2016

The U14 Footballers were managed and coached by Paul Hoare and Mark Kelly with help on occasions by Jason Hoare.

We commenced training in February. Training was every Tuesday, Thursday and Sundays at the start of the season. Matches were every Thursday evening. We had a panel of 24 players to work with. Training most of the time was well attended. We commenced competitive action in the middle of March in Division 1 of the league. After beating St Ciarans in our final league game we then had to play them in a relegation playoff in Fuerty. After a tough battle we lost out narrowly thus been relegated to division 2 for the championship.

We played 6 games in the Division 2 championship winning four and losing two. The 1st match took place at the end of June and the last one in the 1st week of September. We lost out in the semi final to Elphin- Ballinameen who we defeated the previous week in Elphin. This game was played at 5.30pm on a Thursday evening in Elphin as this was the only time that we could agree with Elphin. The Co board would not put the game back to the weekend as they stated the final was to be played then. Low and behold the final did not take place that weekend. It was totally unfair on the team to come straight from school to play this match. Some players did not make it down on time for the throw in.

We were entered in the u13 Feile but due to the unavailability of 10 players we were unable to field. This game was fixed by the Co Board to be played during the October mid-term break from school. I feel the Co board must look at when it is playing its competitions.

As we had a small management team it was very hard to train the lads. There were only two of us involved for training (Mark Kelly & Paul Hoare) on most occasions. Some nights there was only 1 but we still trained even though we should not have. For some matches and training sessions we had to call on some parents and I would like to thank Cahal Mahon and Jason Hoare for helping out throughout the year. To those parents who brought kids to matches as well as helping out at matches we are very grateful. I would like to thank Cahal and Finbarr for their help with fixtures.

One worry for me going forward, seems to be the struggle to get coaches or people to help out with teams. At times this year I felt like walking away from it all. For someone who has played and coached with the club all my life, I find it hard to believe that some of the people I played with whether it be u12, junior or senior won't give time to help the youth of our great club. We are the keepers of the flame and have a responsibility to the youth of the community. We are all too busy but yet we want someone to provide coaching for our youth.

Yours in sport,

Mark Kelly & Paul Hoare

Minor Football 2016

The minor football season commenced with indoor training in the Hyde in January under Kieran Kilcline. The League commenced on the 13th of February with a loss to Elphin. A narrow defeat to Tulsk followed however subsequent victories over Eire Og, St. Ciaran's and Shannon Gaels saw the team through to the semi-final, where we received a walk over from Eire Og and in the final we contested well on a wet evening before losing out to Tulsk.

The championship proved to be difficult for us when we lost all of our 5 matches. We did contest well in all matches losing by small margins.

The total panel for the year was 22 players which included 4 under 16's. However while the group was small there can be no doubting their commitment. They attended nearly 60 training sessions as well as 10 league and championship matches and a number of challenge matches during the season. The level of fitness and commitment during training was excellent however the transition to match days particularly during the championship could have been better.

There is an excellent core group of players available to the minor team in the coming year and I have no doubt in their ability to be competitive in 2017. It should also be noted that a number of this panel featured on the under 20 team and the junior B team this year.

I would like to extend our congratulations to James Featherstone on his selection to the county minor team, to Patrick Fannon and Reece Gilligan on their selection to the county under 17 team, and to Dylan Horan on his selection to the county under 16 team. All 4 featured with the minor panel this year.

Finally my thanks to Shane O'Donnell and Hugh Murphy for their time, effort and advice during the year, to Anthony McCormack, Cahal Mahon and Finbarr O'Reilly for their support and assistance throughout the season.

John Walker



U8 Hurling 2016

The 2016 season started indoors in the Convent Gym mid-February for a 7-8 week period. At the commencement of the year indoors, we reached figures of 43 hurlers. Thanks to all the coaches and parents who got involved this year in running the U6/U8's without whom the task would not be possible.

Coaches included Mike King, Mike Hennigan, Liam Corcoran, Stephanie Walshe, Tommy Mulry, Jason Connaughton, Fergus Halligan, Shane Nerney.

U6 & U8 hurlers participated in 5 blitzes during the year including hosting the following in Lisnamult:

- Club hurling blitz during Summer
- County Hurling Blitz in September

U6 & U8 hurling teams also hosted and travelled to challenge games with our U-10 colleagues throughout the year.

Structures

- Membership - Encouraging as many children as possible join the club from an early age, it is important to realise not all nationalities are aware of GAA structures in Roscommon town. A promising new U8 hurler who joined the hurling at the start of the year was not aware of the U8 Football club until end of September. As members we need to be aware that not all families are aware of the club & structures. I would propose that children and parents alike take the time to inform all families in our community of the GAA and Roscommon Gaels club and invite a friend who may not be aware of the GAA to the start of the new season training sessions. This could be encouraged via text in advance of registration night.
- Communication – sharing the club membership contact details as soon as possible after registration (in advance of start of playing season mid-Feb) is a heavy administrative effort. Sending updates of new members joining thereafter would also help ensure team managers include new / later members in our communications list.
- Registration – the registration night for the 2016 season was well organised. The night is a great opportunity to welcome new members to the club and to request new members get involved with the running of the club (coaching, helping during training etc).

Equipment requests for 2017

- Short light hurls for purchase (Lisnamult store to be inventoried)
- New Training bibs
- New bags of Sliotars
- Bag of poles / stakes

Training / Coaching underage

- Propose each underage grouping formalise a 6 weekly review of training drills and choose which skills and associated drills to concentrate on during next 6 week block. Benefits are:
 - Allows for coaches to be familiar with drills in advance of training sessions
 - Affirmation for new coaches that they are doing fine
 - Preparation to ensure all coaches in group are working off planned activities
 - Ensure sessions are planned with emphasis on fun activities for younger age-groups
- Successful training @ U6 / U8 level requires a significant number of coaches to ensure training is enjoyable and successful. With the large numbers in 2016 across both U6/U8 groupings, we are continually looking for more help.



U10 Hurling 2016

Under 10 hurling commenced on 8th of February indoors in the Convent Gym, on Monday evenings. We moved outdoors on the 4th of April where training again was on Monday evenings at 6:30p.m. Numbers were always generally good. During the year there were four blitz's and the lads partook in all of them, often having two teams. Also we played four friendly matches with neighbouring clubs on a home and away basis. The boys are improving steadily and we believe it is through games that this should be maintained. On the 15th of October we hosted the county blitz for Under 8's and Under 10's . This was a great success and the boys played really well and played five games overall. Special thanks to Peter Mullen, Philip Mullen, Francie Hoare and Shane Hoare who helped organising and running the blitz. Thanks also to our young referees on the day. We would also like to thank Derek Dolan and his football coaches for facilitating our Saturday blitzes. Good luck to all the lads moving up to Under 12 including coach Ray Mulry and it is hoped we will train together in the new season. Finally thanks and well done to our great Under 10 hurling boys for a very enjoyable year. These lads love to wear the Gaels jersey and take great pride in playing for our club and it is our aim to maintain and grow this long into their playing future.

Sean Mulry, Ray Mulry, Fergal Cormican

U12 Hurling 2016

Roscommon Gaels U-12 hurlers had a memorable, enjoyable and successful year. They won the U-12 hurling championship, and along the way they also brought pride to their families and honour to the Gaels club through their style of play, dedication and excellent attitude.

Over the course of 54 training sessions from early spring until October, the 22 players worked diligently at honing their skills. Following wins in challenge matches against Longford Slashers and Southern Gaels, they topped the group section of the championship, winning four of their six games.

After a challenge match victory over Four Roads, the Gaels hit their stride in the knock-out stages of the championship. They beat Carrick-on-Shannon impressively in the semi-final before producing a masterful performance to defeat Athleague/Tremane by 5-17 to 7-1 in the county final in Athleague.

Two aspects of the final were particularly pleasing: the team delivered their best performance of the year in their biggest match of the year, and all the available players got to play in the final. Team captain DJ Hession received the Michael Hanley Cup - the third time Roscommon Gaels have won the U-12 championship - while Ryan Conlon was a worthy recipient of the man of the match award.

The day after the county final the Gaels Team of Four rounded off a hectic weekend by winning the county skills final. The victorious quartet was: Ryan Conlon, James Connolly, DJ Hession and Senan Lambe. They further distinguished themselves at provincial level by finishing third in the Connacht final. Roscommon Gaels was proudly represented on All-Ireland hurling final day when DJ Hession played in the Cumann na mBunscol exhibition. Jack O’Gara was a popular and deserving winner of the Most Improved Hurler of the Year. The hurlers rounded off the year with a most enjoyable trip to Dublin along with the U-12 footballers.

Roscommon Gaels U-12 hurling team and management: David Hough, Senan Lambe, Ethan O’Reilly, Ben Johnson, Rodhan Dowd, Jack Fleming, DJ Hession, James Connolly, Ryan Conlon, Aodhan Looby, Rory Carty, Jack O’Gara, Peter O’Mara, Thomas King, Adam Connolly, Cormac Feeley, Ethan Fallon, Brian O’Connor, Nathan Halligan, Thomas Connolly, Liam Og Corcoran, Cian Regan. Management: Teresa Hession, Noel Fallon.



U14 Hurling 2016

We had a panel of 21 Players.

We gave a good account of ourselves in the Feile Championship.

We Reached the County B Final against St Mary's and were narrowly beaten in a cracking game of Hurling. There are some outstanding Players in this group and they gave their all to the Club this year.

I want to thank John Casey Noel and Killian Egan for their help with this Group.

Tom Killion

U16 Hurling 2016

The U16 hurling year commenced on the 11/6/16 when training for the league began. There was good attendance at most sessions with a few players starting to play with us and a few more returned to playing after a lapse from it.

The league kicked off in late June and we played Carrick on Shannon (home & lost), Athleague/Tremane (home & lost) and Dominics (home & lost). This finished the league for us without a win but having played some good hurling. We were very competitive in the first game v Carrick when we lost the game in controversial by one point. Carrick eventually went on to win the league.

We played four games in the Championship which commenced in late August. We played Four Roads, Dominics, Athleague / Tremane and Pearses and lost all of them. Our skill level was good but our physical size and lack of self-belief seemed to go against us. We were competitive with two of the teams for over half the game but always seem to fade away. Our last game in the championship was v Oran who did not field against us. Despite great efforts on our part to play the game, which we felt we could compete and possibly win, Oran gave us the points when we would have preferred the hurling.

Our year finished in September with no win despite the lads best efforts. The performances were hampered by the lack of U16s (5 in total) on the panel and we were very unfortunate that some of our key players were injured for the playing season and that most of our games took place in the summer months when absences due to holidays are at their peak. We often had to get U14 hurlers to travel to our games to ensure having subs / team.

However they are a very dedicated bunch of lads who come in great numbers and always give of their best in matches. We are hoping that the year ahead will be more successful for them to reward their efforts. Orin Hoare, Simon Walker and Aodha Hession all played Co U16 hurling all year.

U16 Hurling Panel 2016:

McNamara Conor Rohan Conor

Hoare Orin

Horan Dylan

Lambe Tim	Conlon Dean	Connaughton Oisín	Coyle Ciarán
Doyle Leigh	Farrell Oisín	Farrell Tom	Feely Diarmuid
Hanly Dylan	Hession Aodha	King Richard	O'Doherty Eric
Tully Sean	Walker Simon	Keegan Jack	Hickey Niall
McGovern Nathan	Louis McCaffery	Mark Purcell	Ronan Lambe
Kevin Glynn	Kiernan Eoin	Hanily Coman	

Coaches: Pat Clancy, Teresa Hession and John Walker.

U12 Girls Football 2016

The u12 ladies had a busy year and turned out in big numbers every Wednesday evening. Between 20 and 30 young ladies turned out each week. Training commenced in March and continued until the beginning of September. The girls were diligent and dedicated and gave of their all at each training session and game.

We played a number of games and while we were not successful in reaching the later stages of the competition, the girls' energy and vibrancy radiated through the whole squad.

Team-work, organisational and footballing skills improved undoubtedly.

Well done to each of the girls for their dedication. The girls were managed by Aisling Mc Neill, Serena O Farrell and Emily Dolan.

U14 Girls Football 2016

The U-14 ladies took part in Feile but were defeated by Clan na Gael. They played all their games in the league and reached the final. Unfortunately the final was not played but we were deemed winners. We played a summer league which was very successful and we also reached the final of this competition. In the championship we also reached the final and we were disappointed to lose to Four Roads. The girls were very competitive in every game they played and were a privilege to manage. Thanks to Chris Cleary, Michael Crean, Mary Kelly & Colin Looby for all their help. Thanks also to Pdraig Mannion, John Horan, Linda Madden, Paul Biesty & John G Dolan for sponsoring tops for the ladies.

Anthony