

# CLUB TYRONE ANNUAL REPORT

'An lámh a bheir, 's i a gheibh ...  
The hand that gives is the hand that gets'

# 2016

**Club Tyrone**  
Cumann Thír Eoghain



**Dragain**  
Thír Eoghain



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# WORKING AS A TEAM

# TYRONE GAA &

# OUR SPONSORS

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## LE CHÉILE AR SON THÍR EOGHAIN

Coiste Chontae Tír Eoghain C.L.G. wishes to acknowledge the generous financial support provided towards its County Teams and the Association in Tyrone for 2016 from all of its sponsors.



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# FAILTE WELCOME

**Because it's good to talk about things that are uplifting, it's always good to talk about Club Tyrone.**

This year has been another great one for us all, underpinned by your remarkable investment of £286,054 in the Tyrone GAA cause. That brings your contribution to £4.75m since we started as The Millennium Initiative back in 1995. Whilst our income is now reducing, as planned, from our 'peak Garvaghey years', Club Tyrone remains Tyrone GAA's single largest income stream.

We don't raise money for the sake of it but to invest in things that make life better for Tyrone and its people. The old Irish saying is very true - 'Déannan sparán trom croi éadrom ... a heavy purse makes for a light heart' - and your contributions make Tyrone GAA life far, far easier than it otherwise would be.

The power of Club Tyrone is based on things that go to the heart of what the GAA should be about. Firstly, we have a County and people in it who know and appreciate the GAA

and who therefore support it so selflessly. Secondly, we have a GAA County that's very well-managed, with a County Committee, Sub-Committees and Officers who take measured decisions, particularly when it comes to the financials. And finally, we have a Club Tyrone Committee made up of talented, selfless and totally committed people who just want to see Tyrone GAA do well and who spare no effort to help make that happen.

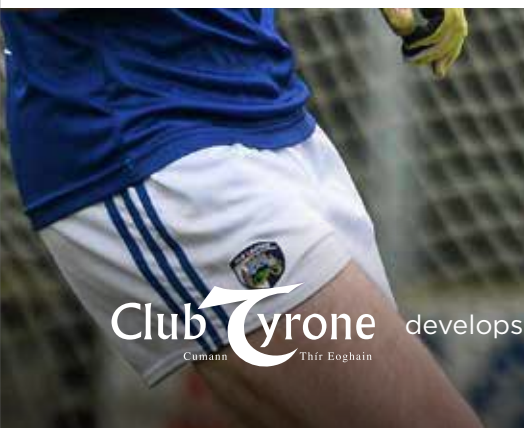
It remains our honour and delight to work with all those people. Few others in life have such a privilege. 'Go mbeirimid uile beo ar an am seo arís/May we all be here this time again.'

*Maic Mac Conuáidhe*

**Cathaoirleach**



**Mark Conway**  
Chairman, Club Tyrone



# CLUB TYRONE WHAT WE'RE ABOUT RÁITEAS FÍSE



We draw no salaries, claim no expenses but just feel privileged to do what we do.

**Club Tyrone is a dynamic coming together of special people to celebrate, promote and develop the games, language, history, heritage and culture of Gaelic Tyrone.**

We do this by raising money (which we place under the full control of the elected Tyrone GAA County Committee) and by organising/delivering events, seminars, talks and publications with the aim of deepening our understanding of our place, our heritage and our Tyrone common bonds.

We do what we do as willing volunteers because we cherish our Tyrone heritages, people and communities. We're also wedded to the fundamental GAA values of volunteerism, self-help, 'We not me' and 'Putting in, not taking out'.

## FOR US THE GAA IS NEVER ABOUT BURDENS.

We're not just precious about WHAT we do and WHY ... we're also precious about HOW we do it. We fit wholly and unequivocally within the Tyrone GAA governance structure, work to an approved annual work-plan, meet and report monthly to the Tyrone GAA County Committee and then to the annual Tyrone GAA County Convention.

Our financials are audited as part of the Tyrone GAA audit process. We also Report annually to our donors and this 2016 Report format reflects the important requirements of the Charity Commission for NI.

**Club Tyrone**  
Cumann Thír Eoghain

Club Tyrone Members gift £500 a year to help develop and sustain Tyrone's GAA vigour

**GARVAGHEY**  
HOME OF TYRONE GAA

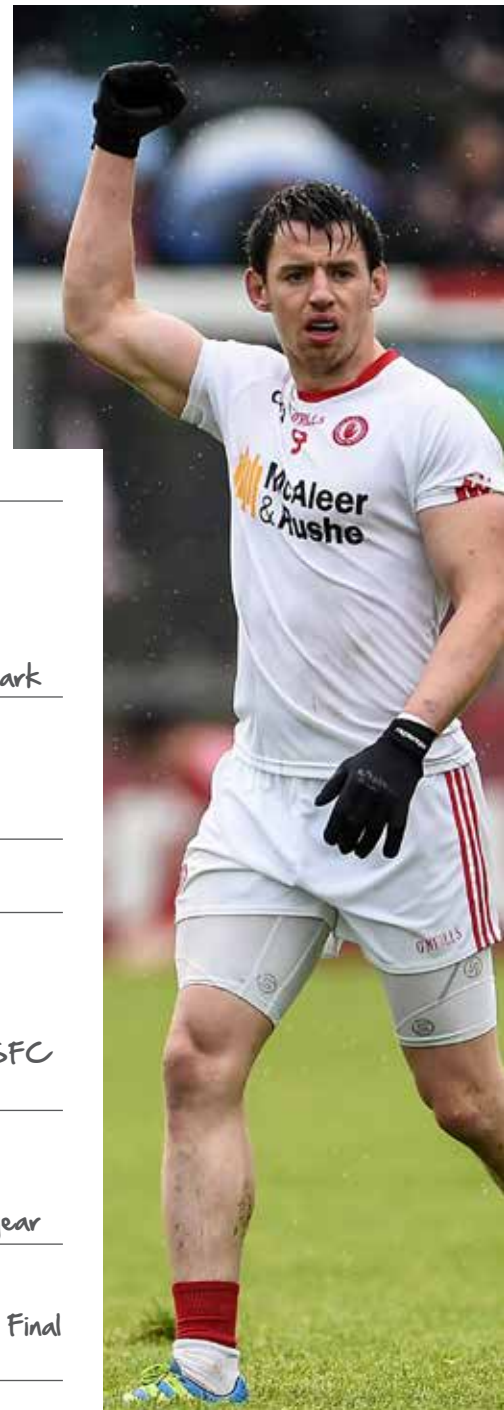
Garvaghey Patrons donate £5,000, usually over five years, to put their mark on Ireland's best GAA concept, our County GAA Centre at Garvaghey

**Dragain**  
Thír Eoghain

Dragain Thír Eoghain also donate £5,000, usually over five years, to help secure the playing and personal futures of our young people



November 2015	Monthly Committee meeting - 12/11 Organise and host National GAA Fund-Raising Seminar - 28/11 at Garvaghey
December 2015	Monthly Committee meeting on 10th County Convention/15th 20/12 - Tyrone win O'Fiaich Cup
January 2016	2015 Annual Report published and posted out Monthly Committee meeting on 14th 2016 Schools Fanzine - write/print/distribute 20,000 copies! 23rd/Tyrone win McKenna Cup
February 2016	Monthly Committee meeting on 11th Organise Sponsors' NFL tickets 22/02/16: 'Fr Louis O'Kane Tapes' - Dónal McAnallen talk @ Garvaghey
March 2016	8 March: show/explain Garvaghey to IFA group Monthly Committee meeting: 10/03 at 8.00pm 19th: organize and host national GAA sponsorship seminar at Garvaghey 21: 'Little Book of Tyrone' talk at Garvaghey 26 March - young people's 'Meet the Players' event at Healy Park
April 2016	Monthly Committee meeting on 14th 24/04 - Tyrone win Allianz NFL Division II 'Decade of Commemorations' - daily Facebook posts re 1916 and Tyrone
May 2016	Monthly Committee meeting on 12th 19 May - Annual Club Tyrone Members' Night
June 2016	Monthly Committee meeting on 9th 16 June: 'The Somme and Tyrone' (Talk at Garvaghey) Club Tyrone 'Business of Winning' event at Garvaghey (23/6) July 2016 17 July - Tyrone's 14th Ulster Senior Football title! Friday 29th: Oíche Cheiliártha ... marking Tyrone's first Ulster SFC '60 years on' @ Garvaghey
August 2016	Saturday 6th - not-so-good ... Tyrone lose to Mayo! Monthly Committee meeting on 11th 16th - 'heads together' with Club Down colleagues Final Summer Camps ... 5,041 children attend 53 Camps this year
September 2016	Monthly Committee meeting on 8th Wednesday 14: welcome Cricket Ireland to Garvaghey 21st: Oíche Cheiliártha II ... 30th Anniversary of 1986 All-Ireland Final ... night of celebration at Garvaghey
October 2016	Monthly Committee meeting on 13th 'Tyrone and 1916' booklet published for 1916 Exhibition at Garvaghey- 28/29 October 31st - Oíche Shamhna Thír Eoghain (traditional Halloween night) at Garvaghey 1,050 people attend Club Tyrone events this year!



An inspiring year-end total of £286,054 raised by Club Tyrone!

# ÁR BLIAIN SEO CAITE OUR PAST YEAR

# TYRONE'S FINANCIALS

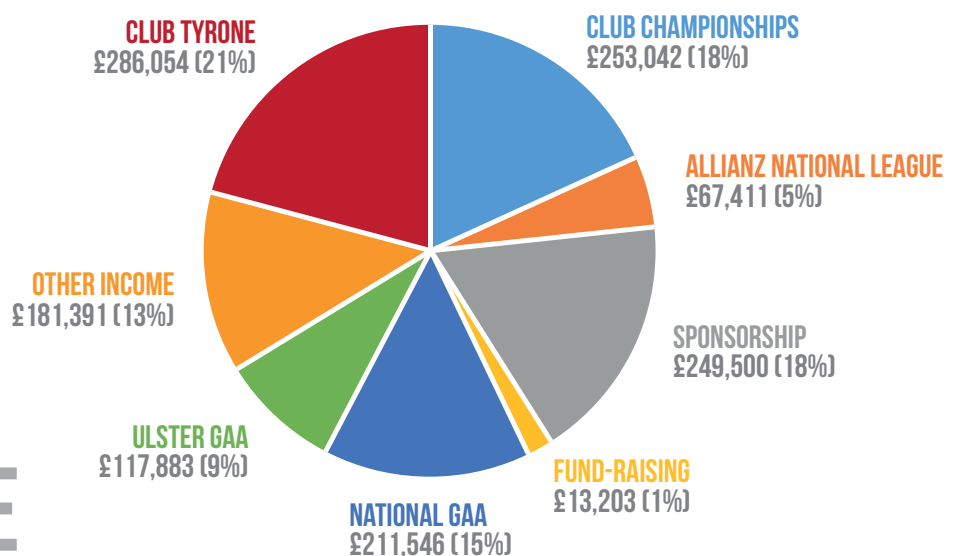
## YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2016

Yet again Tyrone has posted a surplus (£146,849) after a year's intensive work. Our borrowings for Garvaghey however stand at £1.226m, an increase of £130,000 from last year which is due solely to the 'post-Brexit' fall in sterling (our Garvaghey loan is in Euros).

**With your continued support we'll clear the debt on schedule. But we do have work to do!**

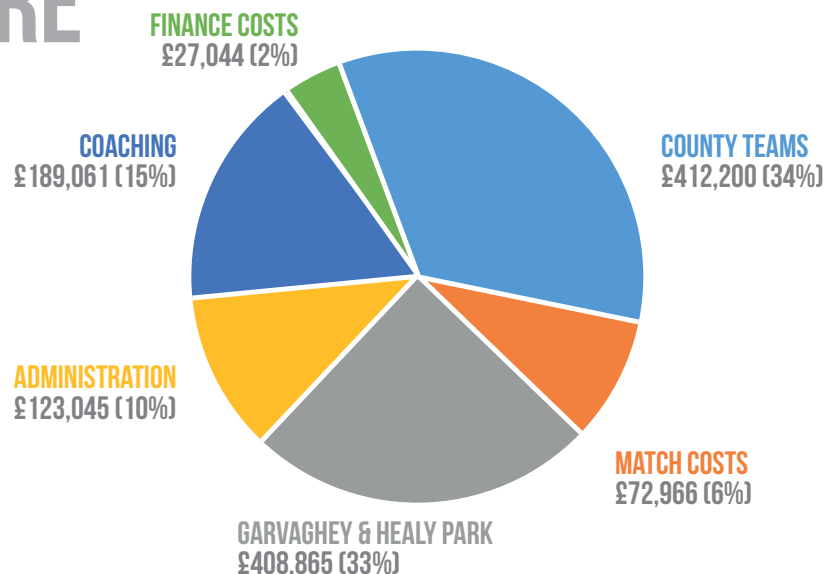
## INCOME

TYRONE'S 2016 INCOME: £1.38M



## EXPENDITURE

TYRONE'S 2016 EXPENDITURE: £1.23M



# DIFRÍOCHT A DHÉANAMH MAKING A DIFFERENCE

**Public benefit drives both the GAA and Club Tyrone. Club Tyrone made a difference in 2016 by supporting Tyrone GAA to:**

- Provide and manage Gaelic sporting and cultural activities for 55 GAA Clubs, 550 teams and 12,000 participants across Tyrone
- Deliver coaching in Clubs and Schools across Tyrone and through 53 Tyrone GAA Summer Camps
- Prepare, organize and field six different amateur adult and underage Football and Hurling teams to represent our County and its 182,000 people
- Resource Acadamh Thír Eoghain, which energises the sporting and personal development of 200 of our young people

- Manage and maintain the Garvaghey Centre, our multi-layered facility which delivered Gaelic sporting and cultural activity for 52,000 people this year
- Build pride and contentment in self, in community and in place for everyone living in Tyrone

We run our specific Club Tyrone events to improve people’s appreciation and understanding of Tyrone as a place and of its people, history, culture and heritage. Whilst primarily focused on Gaelic Tyrone we’re committed to Tyrone in its entirety:

**WE DON'T NEED TO AGREE ON OUR HISTORY TO SHARE IT.**





# FAILTE GARVAGHEY

**Tyrone GAA's 43-acre £7m Garvaghey Centre celebrates Gaelic Tyrone through its six floodlit GAA pitches, training area and ball-wall, 10 changing rooms, 200-seat auditorium, reception/foyer area, canteen and team support facilities, meeting and office spaces plus external walkways and environmental area.**

We built Garvaghey as our bulwark against growing service centralisation, the flight to the cities and ever-increasing globalization whereby local variety, difference and tradition are steadily weakened. Garvaghey speaks quietly but clearly that for non-metropolitan Ireland the good things in life are not always to be found somewhere else, that the local and indigenous have a

unique and precious value and vibrancy. It is about creating value for Tyrone and its people. Above all, Garvaghey is about Legacy, about this generation leaving something important and sustainable to those who come after us.



**More than  
52,000 people  
used Garvaghey  
this year.**

Club Tyrone is honoured and proud to have raised some £6.3m for Garvaghey and to continue to support its year-on-year running costs.







# MAR A FHEICEANN DAOINE EILE A DHEANAMH LINN AS OTHERS SEE US

**Garvaghey and what happens there is part of your unique, inspirational and powerful legacy to Tyrone. The Irish Examiner's Kieran Shannon wrote the following about it on 13 December 2016.**

"On the 10th December (Tyrone) opened the doors of their Garvaghey Centre for a coaching clinic by one of the world's premier skills coaches. As a measure of their generosity as well as their ambition, the invite extended to everyone from everywhere, but was ultimately taken up almost exclusively by coaches from within their own province, and predominantly from within their own county.

The facility is three years old now, but looks as immaculate and as clean as it did upon its opening. With five grass pitches, two 3G pitches and a main building designed in the shape of a curved Celtic T, it stands as both a shrine to the past and a statement about the future.

In the large open-plan main foyer, information boards outline the history and vision of Tyrone GAA. Though the figure and image of Mickey Harte and his All-Ireland- winning teams feature prominently, there's no chance here of ever thinking Tyrone football only started in 2003.

All strands of Tyrone GAA are represented. As modern and polished as the place is, there is a soul about it. In other centres of excellence ... the surroundings can be sterile and detached from the rest of the county's GAA experience, or else staid and even haunted by black and grey images and ghosts of the past.

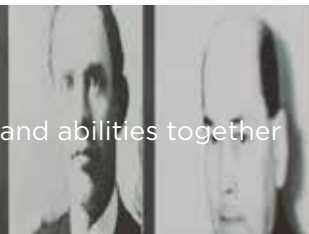
Here there is a sense of everything being connected:

**The past, present, and future; player, coach, official, and supporter; club, schools, and county."**

# AN CHÉAD CHÉIM EILE AR AN TURAS THE NEXT STEP ON THE JOURNEY

**Whilst Annual Reports look back, it's vital that we keep an eye to what comes next. Maintaining Club Tyrone as a key part of the Tyrone GAA fabric must persist as our key task.**

During 2017 we also plan to drive forward the recruitment of new Dragain Thír Eoghain, people who will invest confidently in the development of the next generations of Tyrone Gaels.



# DRAGAIN THÍR EOGHAIN



**Since mid-2015 Tyrone GAA has had an innovative, rounded Acadamh Thír Eoghain in place, working with our talented young Gaelic players in the contexts in which they live their lives – home/family, school/college, Club, career path and personal needs and ambitions.**

The job is to help our young players grow and develop as people as well as players. Around 100 Tyrone GAA volunteers – including a 'full team' of All-Ireland Senior medal holders – have signed up to help deliver all this.

'Dragain Thír Eoghain' (Tyrone Dragons) is Club Tyrone's key vehicle for supporting this vital work. In the business world Dragons invest in good ideas which will give them a good return. Dragain Thír Eoghain invest in Acadamh Thír

Eoghain because they believe it will give a good return to our County and its people, and particularly our young people. Dragain Thír Eoghain commit to us in a traditional Club Tyrone planned giving way, by gifting £5,000, usually over five years.

Their money is unequivocally ring-fenced for Tyrone GAA youth development and is therefore dedicated to securing Tyrone's GAA future.

Bi linn is cuidigh linn:  
come and join us,  
do your bit!



## ÁR DAOINE ... OUR PEOPLE

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We're also supported with precious advice and input from Niall Laird (Omagh), Hugh McAleer (Beragh), Paul McAnallen (Moy), Bernie McGirr (Augher), Brian Murray (Drumragh), Fehin Quinn (Killyclogher) and Jimmy Treacy (Carrickmore) as well as from the Tyrone County Committee, its officers and its other Sub-Committees.





IS MAOL GUALAINN GAN BHRÁTHAIR  
A SHOULDER IS BARE WITHOUT  
**A COMPANION'S HAND**  
(WE ALL NEED EACH OTHER)



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