



Club Tyrone

Cumann Thír Eoghain

*Celebrating  
25  
Years*

**CLUB TYRONE  
ANNUAL REPORT 2019**

Ag Treabhadh Chun Cinn ... **Forging Ahead**



You help make  
Club Tyrone  
Very Special



# TO START WITH...

## Réamhrá...

**This year marks a special milestone on the Club Tyrone journey as we celebrate our first quarter-of-a-century together.**

It's therefore very fitting that the year that's in it should be yet another outstanding one, with your contributions to the well-being of Gaelic Tyrone moving back above the £300,000 mark, to an inspirational £310,322.

The past twenty-five years have been unprecedented in the history of Gaelic Tyrone. Among much else, they have seen us win 25 major Ulster and 14 major National titles. They have seen us complete our Garvaghey project on plan, on time and on budget. They have seen Tyrone GAA grow, develop and flourish across many fronts. **And, making a stand-out contribution to all that, they have seen you, our peerless Club Tyrone people, gift some £5.56m net to Gaelic Tyrone.**

Everyone associated with all those achievements should be very proud and content. Too often in life people and organizations promise much but deliver little. But that has not been the case here. Together we have achieved something extraordinary. And that's why it's vital that we continue doing what we do. **Kindness and selflessness have maybe become old-fashioned virtues. But they lie at the heart of what Club Tyrone is about. And we intend to keep them there.**

This past year also saw Club Tyrone progress in two new areas, setting up a group in Philadelphia and driving forward the funding of Tyrone's Performance Hub at Garvaghey. Both are strong proof that our people are not content to sit back and wait for things to happen nor just expect others to do it for them.

Thank you again for being with us. You help make Club Tyrone very special. Let's look forward together to the next quarter-century!

Mairc Mac Conmidhe

Cathaoirleach, 28 Mí na Nollag 2019



# John Mulgrew

*Fíor Gael. Fear Feasa*



In 2019 we lost our dear friend, colleague, mentor and inspiration, John Mulgrew. John's contribution to the GAA, and much, much else in Tyrone over several decades was immense, and always delivered with class, style, integrity, dignity and total generosity. He was central to our Club Tyrone journey and his legacy across the board – business, community, faith and GAA – can't be measured.

A modest and even secret person, John's life was a blessing on us all. It will not be possible to replace this remarkable man.

The chair that John sat in at our Club Tyrone meetings continues to be deliberately kept vacant when we meet.

## I líonta Dé go gcastar sinn.



Náomh Padraig  
Domhnach Mór





# I CLUB TYRONE: WHAT, WHY, HOW, WHEN, WHERE, WHO?

## Cumann Thír Eoghain: Cad é, Cad chuige, Cén chaoi, Cathain, Cén áit, Cé?

- Because people's lives need structure, focus, support and a clear sense of Who they are and Where they're from, Club Tyrone responds by celebrating, promoting and developing the games, language, history, heritage and culture of Gaelic Tyrone
- We progress that largely by raising money, which we place under the full control of the elected Tyrone GAA County Committee
- We also organise/deliver events, seminars, talks and publications that will deepen people's understanding of our place, our heritage and our Tyrone common bonds
- We sign up to this as volunteers, drawing no salaries and claiming no expenses, simply because we cherish our Tyrone heritages, people and communities
- We work wholly and unequivocally within the Tyrone GAA governance structure, delivering an approved annual work-plan, meeting and reporting monthly to the Tyrone GAA County Committee and then to the annual Tyrone GAA County Convention, with our financials audited as part of the Tyrone GAA audit process
- We Report annually to our donors and welcome the positive involvement of and feedback from all

# I THE HEART OF THE MATTER

## Croí na Ceiste ...

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



**Hub Patrons** donate £5,000, usually over five years, to core fund Tyrone GAA's leading-edge Performance Hub facility at Garvaghey



Tyrone continues to suffer some of the worst public service and facility gaps in Ireland. For too long our people have been told that 'the best things in life are always somewhere else.'

Tyrone GAA tackles these inequalities head-on. By supporting Club Tyrone, you help make life better here. We're adamant that's what our people deserve.



# I DOWN TO BUSINESS, CLUB TYRONE AT WORK IN 2019

## Le Gnó a Dheánamh

- Oversaw and managed a net cash contribution of **£310,332 to Tyrone GAA** which very significantly facilitates its public benefit work

- Secured a 'gift aid' tax repayment of just over **£12,000** from HMRC



- Produced and circulated to every school in Tyrone 20,000 copies of the **Red Hand Fanzine** for our 'six-to-sixteen-year-old' population and supplemented this with an on-line digital follow-up over the spring and summer

- Hosted the Annual **Club Tyrone Members' Night** in May, attended by over **200 Patrons, Members and friends**

- Scoped, launched and recruited over 90 members for a 'Hub Patrons' planned giving funding scheme for Tyrone's new Performance Hub project at Garvaghey and secured on behalf of Tyrone GAA **£20,000 in funding for the project from the Fermanagh and Omagh Council**

- Held our now annual 'Meet the Players' event after the Galway Allianz League game in March involving over **300 children and young people**

- Established a Club Tyrone Hub in Philadelphia and delivered a third annual Club Tyrone New York Golf Event in Hudson National, New York



- Hosted at Garvaghey, a **Nollaig na mBan ('Women's Christmas')** event (6 January, 54 people) and **workshops/seminars on St Brigid's Cross-Making (31 January, 30 people)** and on the social and economic issues facing Rural GAA (30 March, 34 people)

- Developed a new digital celebration of our Members at Garvaghey

- Contributed to Tyrone GAA's Red Hand View match programmes



## Met formally as a Committee **12 times**



- Reported monthly to the Tyrone County Committee and to the County Convention
- Published the 2018 Club Tyrone Annual Report and circulated it to Members, Patrons, others and The Charity Commission

- Attended **'brother/sister County GAA events'** in Antrim (Saffron Business Forum) and Derry (Club Derry Golf Day) and **met to talk business with fellow Gaels** from Cork, Mayo, Monaghan and Scotland.



# ACTIONS TO MATCH OUR WORDS

## Beart de réir ar mbriathar

Club Tyrone is not about shallow 'do-gooding'.  
It is about:

Identifying community  
needs in Tyrone



Coming up with ways of  
tackling those needs



Taking action in business-like  
ways to make things happen



Staying the course together,  
through thick and thin

# CLUB TYRONE ... BEYOND THE BUSHES

## Cumann Thír Eoghain

In spring 2019 we were delighted to see Tyrone Gaels in Philadelphia launch a Club Tyrone 'Hub' in that great city, a place that has powerful historic links with our County.

In the autumn our Club Tyrone colleagues in New York delivered a third Annual Club Tyrone Golf Classic in the wonderful setting of Hudson National.

That connectivity and mutual support are very important for us as Tyrone people and are things we plan to develop and build.





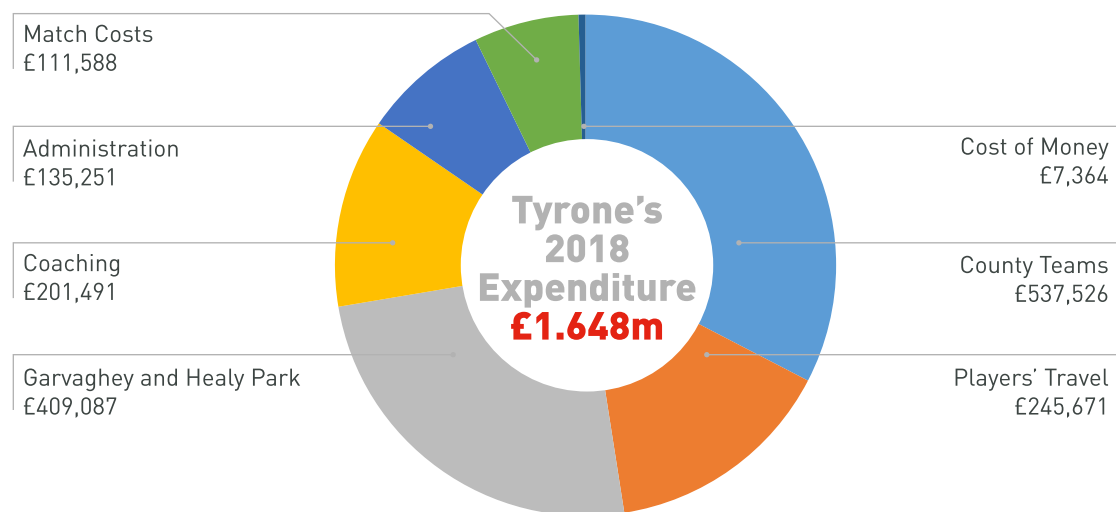
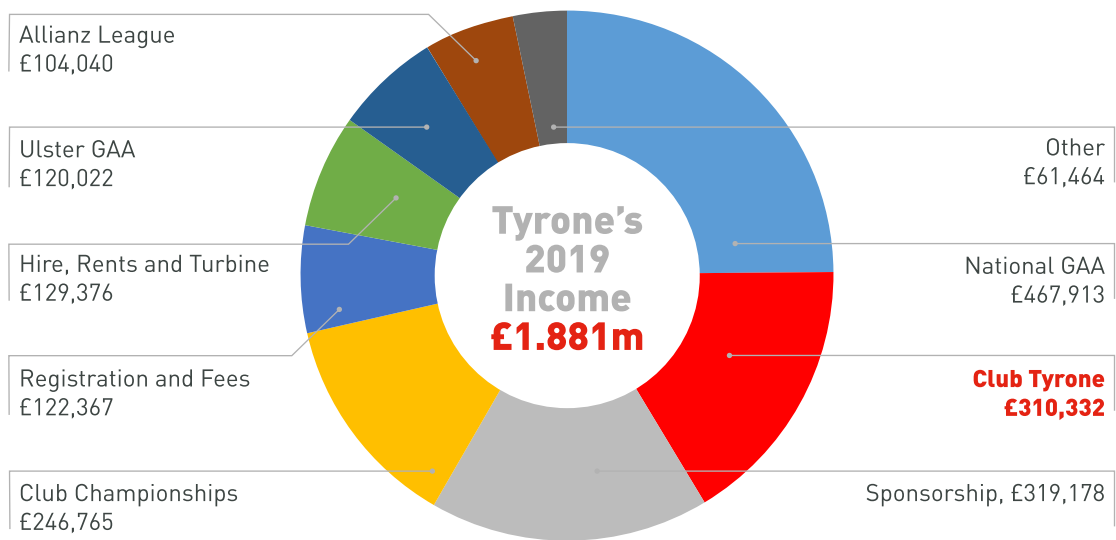


# FINANCIAL RIGOUR

## Smacht ar Airgeadas

Yet again Tyrone has managed its finances well and at the end of 2019 posted a surplus (£220,521) after another year's intensive work. But we still have borrowings of £599,923 against Garvaghey (reduced significantly from £749,643 a year ago) and are now also spending on the significant capital investment of the Performance Hub at Garvaghey.

Your Club Tyrone contributions remain central to Tyrone GAA's financial vigour, accounting for one-pound-in-six of its 2019 income:



**Ní bhíonn an rath ach mar a mbíonn an smacht ...**  
There is no prosperity except where there is discipline.

# I PUBLIC BENEFIT

## Tairbhe don Pobal

Public benefit has always driven both the GAA and Club Tyrone. Club Tyrone created significant public benefit in 2019 by supporting Tyrone GAA to:

- Provide and manage Gaelic sporting, cultural and heritage activities for 55 GAA Clubs, 550 teams, 11,872 adult and 8,596 youth participants across Tyrone
- Deliver coaching in Clubs and Schools across Tyrone and through 53 Tyrone GAA Summer Camps involving 5,364 children
- Prepare, organise and field seven different amateur adult and underage Football and Hurling teams to represent our County and its 182,000 people, and which this year attracted a gross attendance of around 300,000 people at different venues across Ireland
- Resource Acadamh Thír Eoghain, which continues to energise 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 over 55,000 people this year
- Deliver a range of initiatives to support and develop individual and community health and well-being
- Build pride and contentment in self, in community and in place for everyone living in Tyrone and help us all to better understand and appreciate our people, history, culture and heritage

**Ar scath a cheile a mhaireann na daoine ...  
People live in one another's shelter.**



# TYRONE'S PERFORMANCE HUB TURNING THE VISION INTO REALITY

## Mol Gníomhaíochta Thír Eoghain Ag Déanamh Réaltachta den Fhís

**Since 2016 Tyrone GAA has been scoping and planning a Performance Hub facility at Garvaghey, something which we need to help develop our County teams and to meet a deficit in Tyrone.**

In 2019 work started on building the Hub and, equally importantly, work also started on funding it. Whilst it remains very disappointing that the GAA at national or provincial levels has not responded to our requests for funding support and, beyond a greatly appreciated grant offer of £20,000 from the Fermanagh and Omagh Council, 'civic society/government' here has yet again failed to

engage, it's so positive to report that once again Gaelic Tyrone was not content to just sit and 'curse the dark.'

In April 2019 we launched a Hub Patrons scheme through which people gift £5,000 to the Hub project. As always, Tyrone stood up unflinchingly to the plate and by the year end we had some 90 Patrons committed to us. Tyrone is simply blessed to have these special, visionary and generous people.

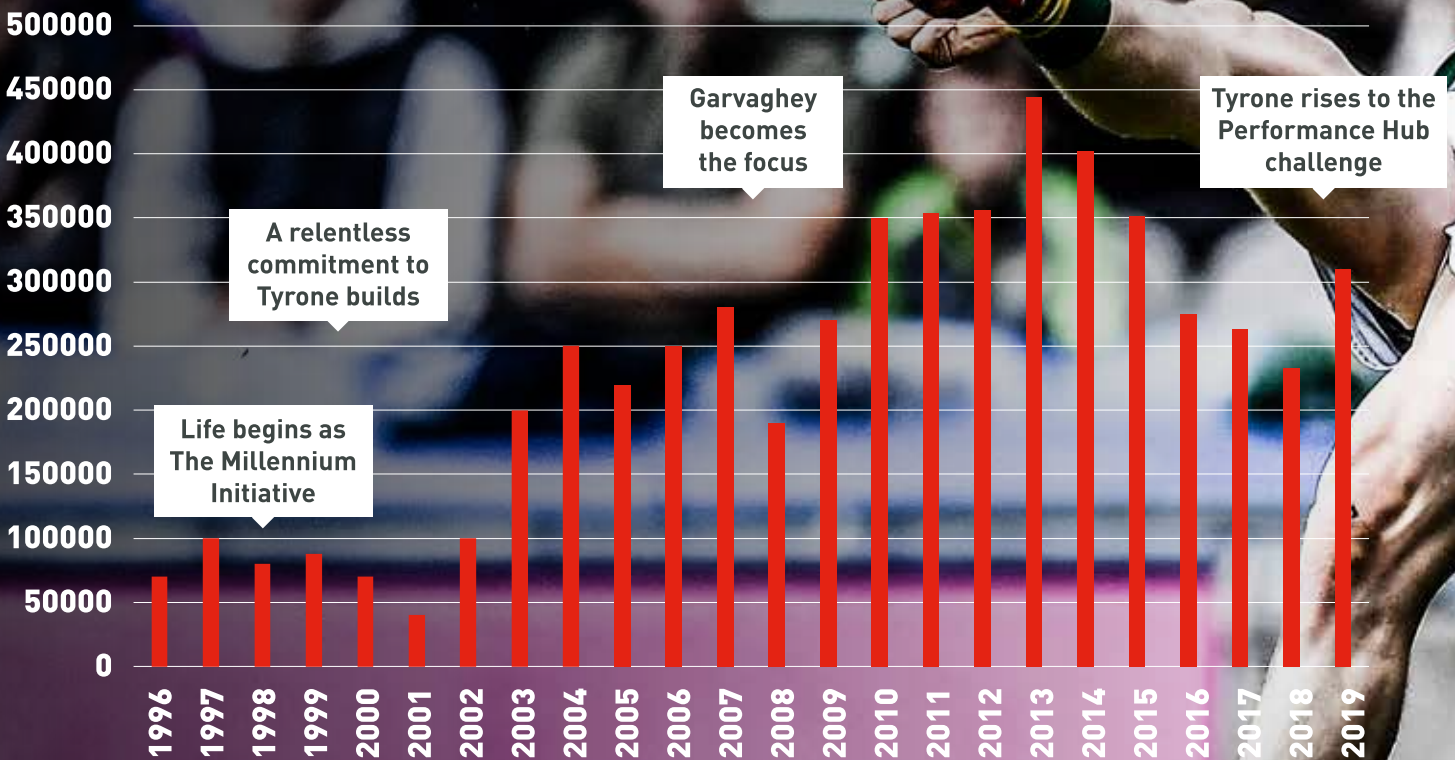
The Hub is on schedule for completion at the end of March and it's our ambition to showcase it to all our Club Tyrone people at our 2020 Annual Members' Night, currently lined up for 14 May.





# UNRELENTING: 25 YEARS OF CLUB TYRONE

## Gan Staonadh





# I OUR PEOPLE

## Ár Daoine



Honoured and delighted to work at helping take Club Tyrone forward in 2019 were:

Mark Conway*, Chair, Kildress	077 1082 1711	Patrick Harte, Pomeroy	028 9064 0544
Declan Devlin, Secretary, Omagh	077 9518 2257	Damian Harvey*, Cookstown	077 1709 5852
Roisin Dooher*, Treasurer, Owen Roes	077 3441 3993	Martin Haughey, Gortin	079 7790 1103
Adrian Colton, Dromore	028 9069 1065	Eugene McConnell, Clogher	077 7553 2917
Eileen Connolly, Newtownstewart	079 0446 0870	John Mulgrew	RIP, 9 March 2019
Jackie Duffy*, Moy	028 9062 0700	Michael Winters, Trillick	075 4250 3145
Patsy Forbes, Ardboe	028 8673 7348		

\*Club Tyrone Charity Trustees

We're also supported with precious advice and input from Peter Canavan (Errigal Ciaran), Niall Laird (Omagh), Hugh McAleer (Beragh), Paul McAnallen (Moy), Bernie McGirr (Augher), Brian Murray (Drumragh) and Jimmy Treacy (Carrickmore) as well as from the Tyrone County Committee, its officers and its other Sub-Committees. And in New York and Philadelphia we're very thankful for the work put in by Mickey Coleman (Ardboe), Anthony Daly (Derrytresk), Fay Devlin (Pomeroy), Declan Gormley (Errigal Ciaran), Kevin McCabe (Clonoe), Dermot McCartan (Loughmacrory), Brian McGarrity (Cookstown), Frank McGuigan (Ardboe) and Bill McInerney (New York).

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# CEANGAIL LINN INNIU AGUS FEABHSAIGH AN TODHCHAÍ ...

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TO MAKE PAYMENTS DIRECT FROM YOUR ACCOUNT.**

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL THE FORM:

(Banks and Building Societies may refuse to make such payments from some types of accounts)



## STANDING ORDER BUY INTO THE FEELING

1. I wish to enrol as a

Garvaghey Hub Patron (£1,000/\$1,000 per year)

Club Tyrone Member (£500/\$500 per year)

2. Name & postal address of your Bank/Building Society:

3. Name(s) of Account Holder(s):

4. Account Number:

5. Branch Sort Code:

6. Please pay:

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Account Number: 8537 1264 Sort Code: 90-50-02

Bank of Ireland, 23-25 Campsie Place, Omagh,

Co Tyrone BT79 OAE

The sum of £

Annually £1,000/£500 £

Quarterly £250/£125 £

Monthly £83.33/£41.67 £

from the account detailed on this instruction

commencing on:

ending on:

8. Signature:

Date:

Print Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Tel No:

Mobile:

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9. I am a UK taxpayer. I would like income tax to be reclaimed on my donation under the Gift Aid scheme.

Yes  No

10. Please make immediate payment if the first payment date is missed.

Please tick

Please confirm that you consent to use of your personal information in line with our privacy policy as at:

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Please send the completed form to: Roisin Doohar,  
C/O Tyrone GAA Centre, 230 Radergan Road,  
Garvaghey, Dungannon, Co Tyrone, BT70 2EH

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**“Is é an t-ionchur, chan an tairbhe,  
a bhfuail luach air anseo ...  
It’s about putting in, not taking out.**

**Déanann an áit seo dearbhú maidir  
le cé muid féin agus cá has dúinn ...  
It’s about making a statement about  
who we are and where we’re from.**



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