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Mar Cathaoirleach Coiste Thír Eoghain, ba mhaith liom buíochas a thabhairt do gach duinne ar chuir ama istí i peil Tír Eoghain. I express the appreciation of everyone within CLG Thír Eoghain to the generations who have contributed so much since the GAA was first established in Tyrone in 1904. Go raibh maith agaibh go leir. Over those 109 years many, many people have contributed to GAA activity across our County and today, on behalf of all Tyrone Gaels, I thank them for what they have gifted us.

Tosaíonn le ré nua lá atá inniu ann. A new era begins today, as Tyrone GAA finally has a place to call home. Having a base like this is vital to our continued development. There are of course no guarantees of success but Garvaghey enhances our capacity to take the GAA here to new levels.

Tá a fhios againn go léir an tábhacht a bhaineann le airgead an lae inniu. Many of you have committed long hours of voluntary effort to Garvaghey's planning, funding, building and commissioning. In thanking you for your vision, your continued dedication and your efforts to bring the project to today's official opening, I pay a special tribute to our Garvaghey Development (and now Management) Committee, led by Liam Nelis and to our fundraising arm (our PR and Marketing Committee, aka 'Club Tyrone') led by Hugh McAleer.

I thank all those who contributed to the funding of Garvaghey - Club Tyrone/our Garvaghey Patrons, the GAA at national level, ARC North-West/DARD, DCAL, Tyrone's Councils, the NI Tourist Board and the Heritage Lottery Fund. Ultimately all that money came out of someone's pocket. Sin rud éigin ní bheidh muid dearmad ach. That's something we don't and won't forget in Tyrone GAA.

Is onóir dúinn go bhfuil ár n-uachtarán i láthair inniu. We are honoured that our Uachtarán, Liam O'Neill, is here to officially open Garvaghey. Liam has provided clear leadership in two vital areas for the GAA - integration across all our Gaelic codes and the importance of the GAA in driving the wider development of communities in an Ireland that faces many challenges. It is therefore very fitting that he officially opens Garvaghey, a project and a place that brings life to those same priorities. Go n-éirigh an bothar libh.

Ciarán Mac Lochlainn,
Cathaoirleach, CLG Thír Eoghain

For the past five years our PR and Marketing Committee/Club Tyrone has, at the request of the Tyrone County Committee, dedicated its entire fund-raising efforts to Garvaghey. We formally launched our campaign on 8 October 2009 and in the five years since have raised over £1.8m of 'our own' money for Garvaghey and sourced over £3.3m in grant aid for it.

It has been hard and incessant work. But at the same time few people are blessed with the opportunity to be involved in such an inspirational project. And very few have been blessed to receive the levels of personal 'hard cash support' that the Gaels of Tyrone have entrusted to us to bring this project to reality. The Club Tyrone/Garvaghey Patron cause brings together over 600 people, companies and Clubs committed to the well-being of Gaelic Tyrone. It is our delight and honour to be associated with them.

Usually the opening of a major project like Garvaghey is seen as the end of a journey. But in Club Tyrone we don't think like that. 'The work goes on, the cause endures.' There is a Tyrone GAA loan here to tackle. There will be other projects to take on. And all the while there is the huge body of Tyrone County GAA activity to be resourced.

Today is not an end. It is instead a significant milestone. And it is good to be part of it.

Hugh McAleer
Cathaoirleach, Club Tyrone



Club Tyrone
Cumann Thír Eoghain

Every member of the 'Tyrone Gaelic Family' is justifiably proud of Garvaghey.

For the first time we have a special place where Gaelic Tyrone can come together and mix and match all our games, all our codes, all our associated activities and interests, all our age groups and all our abilities. And we can do all that in a spirit of proper, meaningful equality and full inclusion. Many of our people have worked very hard to put Garvaghey in place. And many, many others have 'dug very deep' to fund it. The coming generations of Tyrone people will be in their debt. The challenge for us all is to repay that effort and commitment by cherishing and making best use of this unique facility. We certainly are up for that task. And in that spirit of cooperation which has built Garvaghey we welcome all the help we can get to continue with this vital work. Ni neart go cur le chéile.

Martin Conway
Maggie Skelton, Tyrone LGFA

Pat Darcy
Déirdre Níc Ghearáilt, Tyrone Camogie

Peadar O'Tuatain
Una McGlinchey, Tyrone and Ulster Rounders



“These successes are forged by people who serve the Association on a daily basis over life-times ...”

Is cúis mhór áthais dom na focail seo a scríobh ar lá thar a bheith speisialta do Chontae Thír Eoghain agus do gach éinne a bhfuil suim acu in ár gcluichí sa chontae seo.

It gives me great pleasure to pen these words to mark this, one of the most significant milestones in the history of Tyrone GAA and by extension that of the Association as a whole in this part of Ireland.

The last decade has been one to remember for Tyrone. This outstanding facility should assist immeasurably in ensuring that the future can be just as promising.

In many ways it is a legacy to the exploits of the people who have put Gaelic games on the standing they currently occupy in the county. Of course the reach and influence of the GAA extends far beyond the exploits of All-Ireland winning teams.

These successes are forged by people who serve the Association on a daily basis over life-times, identifying with one area and one jersey through their club and fostering an allegiance that some looking on from the outside can find hard to comprehend.

It goes without saying that we are a people based organisation. We thrive and succeed on the energy of our members and family and community lie at the heart of everything we do.

However, it is through facilities finished to the highest standards such as this that we inspire our members and players to take their interest and participation to a highest level.

How we provide for those who play our games and strive for excellence is intrinsically linked to pride of place and in this regard Garvaghy speaks volumes.

To everyone involved in this huge project, I acknowledge your contribution in whatever way you assisted – and there were no doubt many.

And of course for those who are no longer with us but who inspired a love of our games amongst you, they too should be remembered on an occasion like this.

Rath Dé ar an obair,

Liam Ó Néill
Uachtarán Chumann Lúthchleas Gael





“Tyrone is a leading light on the national stage and the development here at Garvaghey is another fine example of leading from the front.”

Cuireann sé a lán áthais orm teachtaireacht chomhghairdis a ghabháil le muintir CLG Thír Eoghain ar oscailt an ionaid nua seo i nGarbhachadh. Bhí ualach oibre i gceist ann agus is mór an gaisce an ócáid seo a bhaint amach.

Tá ardmholadh tuillte ag ‘Club Thír Eoghain’ don mhéid airgid a tiomsaíodh agus don phleanáil chun na háiseanna seo a chur ar fáil. Agus molann an obair na fir agus na mná a bhí taobh thiar di.

Tá súil agam go mbeidh deis ag baill CLG ar fud an chontae, óganaigh agus sinsir, na háiseanna seo a úsáid sna blianta romhainn.

It is a great honour to be present here today for the official opening of Tyrone GAA centre at Garvaghey.

Tyrone is a leading light on the national stage and the development here at Garvaghey is another fine example of leading from the front. I commend their inclusion of the historical records of the GAA in this proud county, within the confines of this new centre. It is essential that those who went before us are remembered.

The fact that this complex was finished on time and on budget is a testament to all involved at County Board and Club Tyrone. In this respect, I commend the work of County Chairman Ciaran McLaughlin and County Secretary Dominic McCaughey.

The level of facilities of the actual building and the playing facilities will leave a legacy for future generations of Tyrone Gaels. These are in place to ensure that all members from all codes in this county will be able to fulfil their full potential and with that the challenge to reach greater heights.

Congratulations to all involved in today’s event.

Máirtín Mac Aibhne
Uachtarán Chomhairle Uladh.

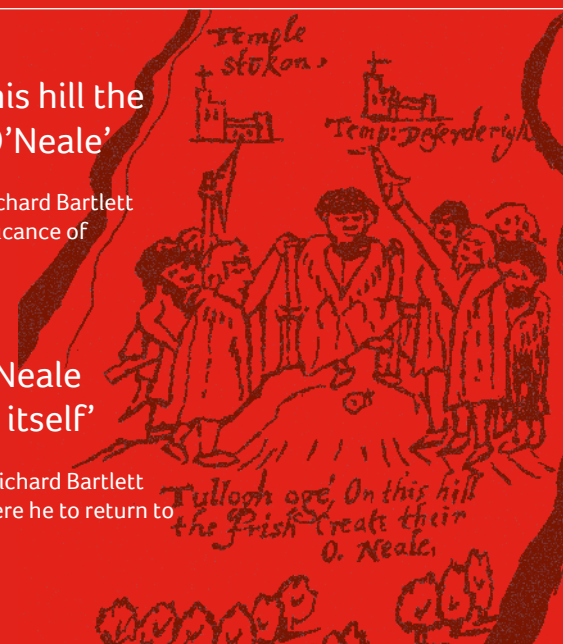


‘Tulloch oge, On this hill the Irish create their O’Neale’

This was how map-maker Richard Bartlett captioned in 1602 the significance of Tullyhogue for Gaelic Tyrone

‘Garbh achaidh,
On this hill The O’Neale
County re-creates itself’

This is how we like to think Richard Bartlett would caption Garvaghey were he to return to Tyrone anytime soon!





An tEispéireas Tionscnaimh Gharbhachaidh The Garvaghey Project Experience

Liam Nelis Chairs the Sub-Committee which oversaw the development of Garvaghey and which now strategically steers its operation. He is also Tyrone's Central Council Delegate and a past Tyrone County Chairman and Club Tyrone Chair.

It was a weird sight to behold, five mature men, three 'wise men' in wellington boots, scrambling through some rough agricultural land in Garvaghey on a cold, wet, windy mid-morning in early September 2007. The task was to judge the suitability of the site for a Tyrone GAA Centre. The consensus after due deliberation was 'the land had to be bought ... we were unlikely to find a similar area of land in the County'. From small steps (and stumbles) great journeys begin!

On the night of 21 February 2013 the Tyrone Senior football squad and backup arrived en masse for their first training session at our new Tyrone Centre. Two days later four different Development Squads and the Tyrone Minor and Senior football squads all arrived for training: the place was packed. On Easter Tuesday, Dominic, our County Secretary arrived to take up residence after a hurried few days moving from the previous County Office in James Street in Omagh. One journey had ended and a different one had begun.

The first journey had taken us five and a half years. In all that time we were supported by the Officers of the Tyrone County Committee, the County Committee itself and all its Sub-Committees, all the Clubs in the County, by our supporters throughout Tyrone and far beyond, by Cumann Lúthchleas Gael at national and provincial level and by local and central government. We received outstanding support from Tyrone GAA's PR and Marketing Committee and the Members of Club Tyrone and the Garvaghey Patrons. Most important of all I personally was supported by the members of the Garvaghey Sub-Committee. We must have convened over a hundred times, formally

and informally. There were telephone calls and more telephone calls, emails and more emails and yet more emails. But we accomplished what we set out to do. The Gaels of Tyrone owe a great vote of thanks to all the members of this Committee and their families who allowed them to give so much of their time to the project. We have benefited from their knowledge, their abilities, their willingness to give of their time freely and without complaint, their undying commitment to the project and perhaps most important of all their enthusiasm for the work that we had to do. It was a great experience and honour for me to Chair this Committee.

From the beginning the Project was couched in the concept of legacy. We defined legacy as 'Something that's cherished (ie Tyrone GAA) which is passed on to someone who is cherished (ie all those Tyrone people who will come after us)'. The whole focus was on what this generation of Gaels in Tyrone would do for all the generations to come. It was to be a legacy for all our school children, our Club players, our elite players and for our people who are interested in our language, our culture and our heritage.

My wish today is that we respect those people who took the brave decision in 2007 to commit to the building of the Tyrone GAA Centre, that we equally respect all of those who will work in and use the Centre over the years and that we respect the facilities that we now have in Garvaghey.

Finally, my thanks to all who have supported us on this great journey and in particular my thanks to Mary Connolly, Mark Conway, Cathal Daly, Jackie Duffy, Brian Hackett, Michael Harvey, Ciarán MacLochlainn, Dominic McCaughey, Michael McGoldrick, Raymond McKeown and John Mulgrew for getting the job done.

**Respect our people, respect this place ...
Tabhair meas dár gcuid daoine, tabhair meas don áit seo**





Radharc ár nUachtaráin Our President's View

Jimmy Treacy is the President of Tyrone GAA and a past County Chairman, Central Council Delegate, Millennium Committee/Club Tyrone Chair and GAA Trustee.

A chairde

Is cúis onóra agus áthais domh glacadh leis an chuireadh píosa gairid a scríobh do Chlár na hOscailte Oifigiúla agus tá mé an-sásta roinnt smaointe a chur os bhur gcomhair.

The Official Opening of the Tyrone GAA Centre is an occasion of great celebration and satisfaction for all members of the Association in this county and particularly so, for all those whose unselfish efforts have contributed so handsomely to the completion of a fantastic project.

Today, I think of and am filled with admiration and gratitude for all the wonderful people, at club and county level, who overcame tremendous odds to establish and nurture the fledgling Association in the early decades of the 1900s. The names of those great Gaels are known to me mainly through the pages of

Joe Martin's marvellous history "The GAA in Tyrone", Michael (Mac) Mc Caughey's excellent history of the West Tyrone Board of the GAA and a long list of very fine club histories.

Their successors through the latter half of the twentieth century took up the challenge to build on what they had inherited and pressed forward to achieve very significant results in all areas of GAA activity.

Now, in the early years of the twenty-first century, it has been our privilege to embrace the challenge of our time to ensure that our legacy to our children and grand-children is an Association that is healthy, confident and vibrant.

It is my fervent hope that this Centre will be a welcoming place, a focal point for GAA development for many decades to come and a place where the values of tolerance, respect and fair play will always prevail.

**Is mise le fíor-mheas
Séamas Ó Treasaigh**



How Tyrone GAA Got Here

Le Scéal Fada a Dhéanamh Gairid

The story of those who went before us was what inspired the creation of Garvaghey in the first place. Community-based Gaelic games are a long-established part of the Tyrone fabric with handball recorded in Omagh in 1797 and 'common' reported in Ardstaw in the 1810s.

In the early days of the GAA activity was sporadic in Tyrone but our subsequent decade-by-decade Gaelic story pans out as follows:

When	What
1900s: Beginnings	First County Board established, Club Championships started and teams representing Tyrone are fielded: Tyrone's first Camogie Club, Fintona Rose Kavanagh's, is established.
1910s: Struggle	Decline sets in followed by a post-1916 revival but political turmoil is ever-present. Tyrone wear the famous white jersey for the first time.
1920s: Courageous Survival	The first difficult years of the new northern state see Tyrone GAA teeter on the edge of bankruptcy but the O'Neills County Cup is purchased and the courage and commitment of the few wins out against all the odds. The foundations for everything that came later are marked out.
1930s: Moving On	First Ulster Minor Football titles are won and a first Ulster Senior Football Final is reached. Administration is re-energised and new Clubs appear: Camogie flourishes across Tyrone with 15 Clubs active. Gaelic Tyrone is on the move ... creating a momentum that has never since faltered.
1940s: Breakthrough I	Tyrone win back-to-back All-Ireland Minor titles and Tyrone players are the backbone of St Patrick's College Armagh's inspirational Hogan Cup-winning team. County grounds are opened in Coalisland, Dungannon and Pomeroy.
1950s: Breakthrough II	First Ulster Senior Football titles are won along with McKenna and Lagan Cups as Armagh, Derry and Down also move up to Ulster's 'top table'. The first Tyrone County Handball Committee is formed in 1952.
1960s: Consolidation	A structured approach, lasting to this day, is introduced to underage football and All-Ireland Junior and Vocational Football titles are won. Tyrone GAA administration and structures are radically reorganised and what we'd now call strategic planning begins. Two Ulster Junior Camogie titles are won.
1970s: To Another Level	Tyrone dominate Ulster underage football and win, as part of a seven-trophy haul, a third Ulster SFC title in 1973. Scór makes its debut and organised Rounders appear. But, as across the rest of Ulster, the conflict erupts and takes hold of local life for the next quarter century.

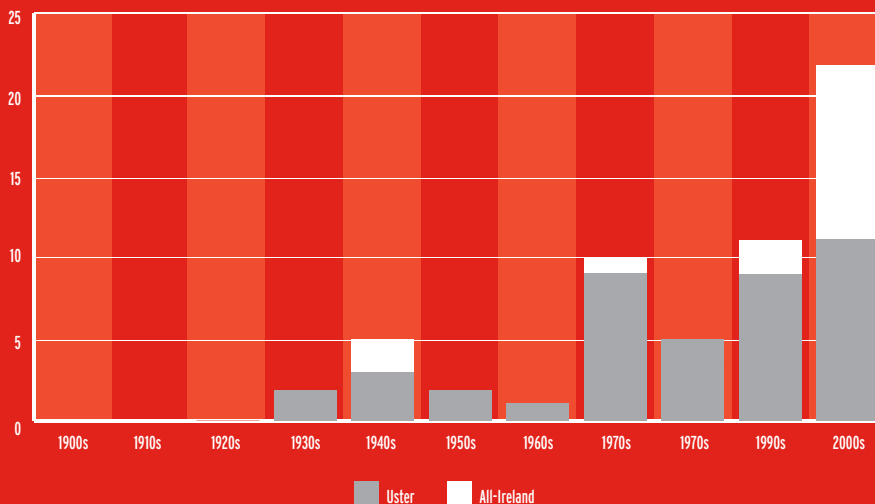


Tyrone's Gaelic story certainly doesn't start with Garvaghey. Nor will it end with it.

1980s: Further Growth	Three Ulster SFC titles are claimed and a first All-Ireland Senior Final is reached. Vocational, Under 21 and Minor titles are also won. Centenary Year sees a surge of Club-based infrastructure development. In Camogie there are 12 Clubs active and the County reaches the All-Ireland Junior Final.
1990s: On the Cusp	Tyrone's presence at national level grows, winning All-Ireland Under 21, Minor, Vocational and College football titles as well as Junior Hurling and reaching the National League and All-Ireland Senior Finals. Ladies Football is formally established in Tyrone and what becomes Club Tyrone is founded.
2000s: Breakthrough III	All-Ireland football titles are won at Senior; Under 21; Minor; Vocational; and College levels as well as first National Leagues. Ladies reach a first All-Ireland Senior Final and Camogs win Ulster Junior and All-Ireland Junior 'B' titles. In Scór Tyrone Clubs win a 30th All-Ireland and a 100th Ulster title. Healey Park is redeveloped and work on Garvaghey and a raft of Club projects begins.
2010s and beyond: Ensuring the Legacy	Garvaghey is completed on time and on budget as part of the driving challenge to hand on Gaelic games in Tyrone in even better shape than they were handed on to us. Forty-eight Clubs now play Football, five play Hurling, seven facilitate Handball whilst there are also 40 Ladies Gaelic and nine Camogie Clubs.



'1.1 Centuries of Progress': Tyrone's Main Inter-County Ulster and National Football Titles 1900-2010



Smaoineadh agus Scóipeáil Gharbhachaidh Visioning and Scoping Garvaghey

This place was a long time in the thinking and planning!

In the late 1960s the County had identified the development of Club grounds as its strategic priority and retained that focus for the next third of a century. By the mid-1990s our Clubs' physical infrastructure was second to none but a growing concern with spectator health and safety shifted the focus to County grounds. Between 1996 and 2007 Tyrone transformed Healy Park in Omagh, adding safe concrete terracing, a 4,600 seat cantilevered stand incorporating changing and team facilities and 850 lux floodlights.

Ever since Derry GAA developed its pioneering Owenbeg complex in the early 1990s Tyrone had batted the idea of its own County Centre back and forward. In 2007 'Ag Ardú na Láimhe Deirge', our first strategic plan, saw the Gaels of Tyrone commit to developing a centrally-located Tyrone County Centre. Over the next two years far-reaching and detailed

consultations were carried out and a €6.7m project emerged, incorporating:

- Five sand carpet grass pitches and a 3G pitch and drills area, all fully floodlit
- Ten changing rooms, four designated for women
- Team support, physio, recovery and medical facilities
- A 200-seat auditorium
- Meeting and break-out rooms and a large foyer/exhibition space
- Kitchen and café area and a multi-purpose foyer
- Offices for Tyrone GAA administration
- A clear culture and heritage dimension
- A focus on the natural and man-made heritages of Tyrone
- A commitment to proper sustainability
- A clear Tyrone Gaelic branding

Oidhreacht ... Legacy ...
Something that's cherished which is passed
on to someone who's cherished

What you now see round you is the result of the thoughts and suggestions of literally hundreds of Tyrone Gaels and many others. Everything that's here can be tracked back to something that someone somewhere said or suggested.

The notion of Legacy - ie this generation leaving a Legacy for those who come after us - underpinned the project from the start. That idea of Legacy excited people and helped create a very meaningful sense of ownership.

The Gaels of Tyrone planned, developed and largely funded this place. Now it's up to us to make full and proper use of it!

Buíochas

Many people from elsewhere in the GAA helped us plan and build Garvaghey. We are particularly grateful for the volunteer inputs from Derry GAA (their 'Owenbeg experience'), the GAA's National Infrastructure Committee and its Chair Seamus McCloy, Galway GAA (their 'Loughgeorge' experience') and Louth GAA (their 'Darver experience'). Go gcuire Dia rath agus bláth orthu.

An Cur i bhFeidhm: An Clár Ama Gharbhachaidh Making it Happen: the Garvaghey Timeline

When	At Garvaghey	Meanwhile	And Elsewhere
2007	Tyrone GAA commits to developing an integrated County Gaelic Centre	Tyrone wins an 11th Ulster SFC and a 20th Ulster MFC	Apple debuts the iPhone and Amazon launches the Kindle
2008	Garvaghey's 43 acres are bought and Planning Permission obtained	Tyrone win an All-Ireland Senior and Minor football double	Ireland's banking and property crashes become clear to all
2009	The site is levelled, creating platforms for the pitches and the building	Garvaghey's funding strategy is launched and the first of almost 300 Garvaghey Patrons sign up	Barack Obama is sworn in as US President
2010	The five floodlit sand carpet pitches are laid	National GAA awards €1.60m funding to Garvaghey and Club Tyrone connects with Tyrone Gaels in the USA	Earthquake and tsunami devastate Japan
2011	Work begins on the iconic Garvaghey building	Club Tyrone posts a record €354,000 to the Tyrone GAA accounts: for the first year since 1999 Tyrone doesn't win any of the major Ulster football titles	The 'Arab Spring' blossoms across Tunisia and Egypt
2012	The outdoor events/ performance area, environmental area and children's play area are planned	In November Tyrone GAA secures €1.24m in external funding for Garvaghey	The London Olympics run at a cost of €9 billion
2013	The floodlit 3G pitch and drills area are installed: on 21 February Tyrone Seniors are Garvaghey's first users	Almost 130 new Club Tyrone Members sign up within four weeks of Tyrone's Ulster SFC defeat to Donegal	Argentine Jesuit Jorge Mario Bergoglio is elected Pope



Inclusion: Not Just a Pretty Word

Rounders has traditionally depended on the goodwill of clubs and county committees for playing and changing facilities. As the game grows in popularity however, so do our struggles to get access to good, fit-for-purpose facilities. Tyrone's position from day one that Garvaghey would be a resource for Rounders is typical of its attitude as a progressive and enlightened GAA County.

The layout and number of playing areas at the Garvaghey site is a bonus for our game. We know there will be great demands on the playing areas but it now should be much easier for us to host single/multiple matches and blitzes at the one time in the one place. Garvaghey's wide open spaces and the absence of restrictive fences and walls could accommodate five or six Rounders games at the one time. It offers unprecedented scope to play and coach Rounders for huge numbers of Tyrone and Ulster people of all ages.

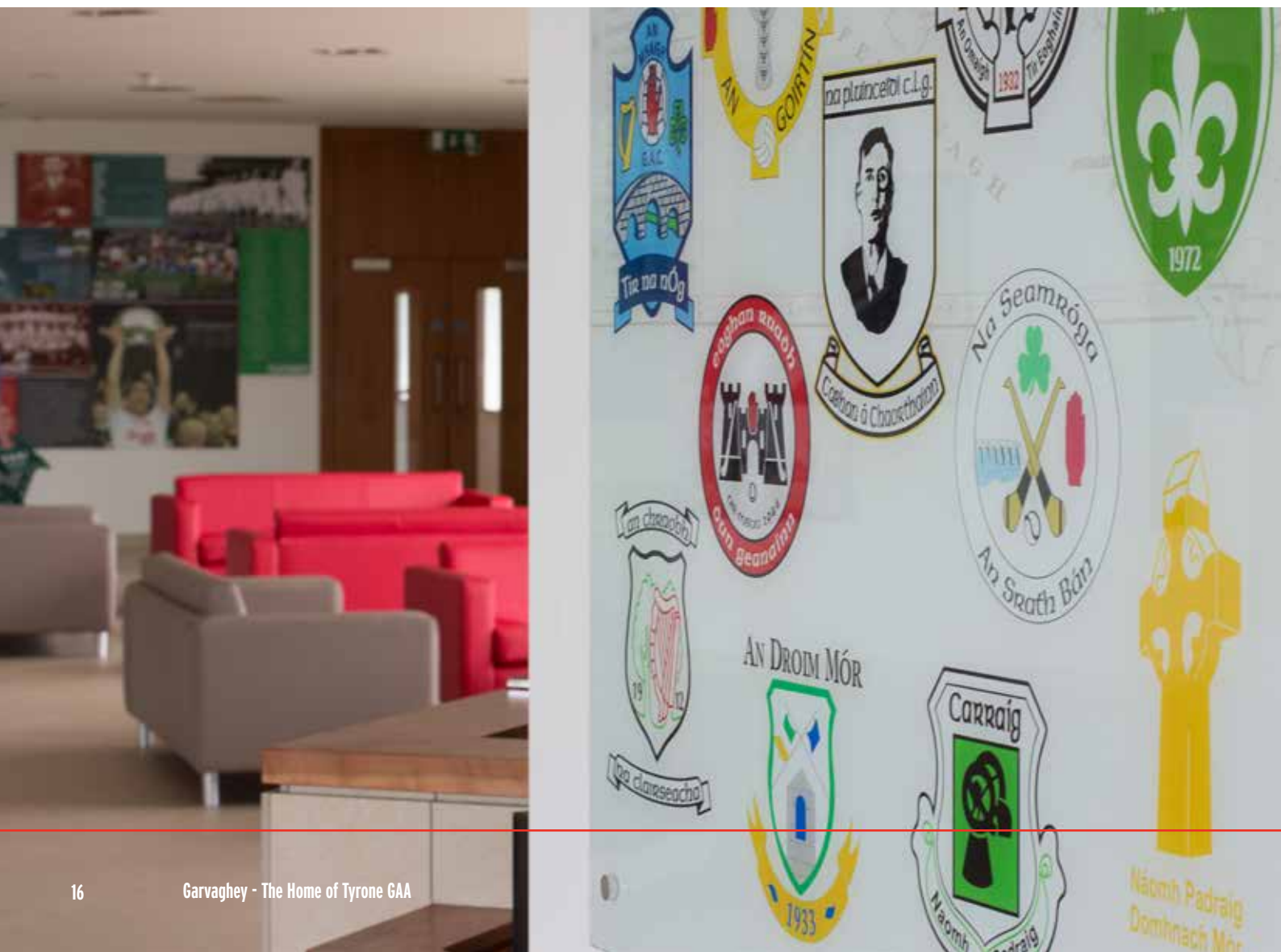
Peadar O'Tuatain

Na Cumainn CLG i dTír Eoghain The Gaelic Clubs of Tyrone

Garvaghey is about Gaelic Tyrone with the games of Gaelic Tyrone its 'core business'. Its true inspiration and owners are the Gaels of Tyrone.

That's why our building features prominently the crests of every Gaelic Club in the County, be they GAA, LGFA or Camogie.

Without them there's no GAA, LGFA or Camogie.
And without them there's no Garvaghey!



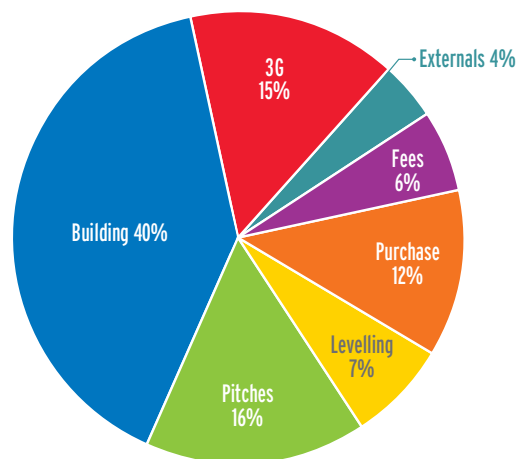
Airgeadas Gharbhachaidh Garvaghey: The Financials

Garvaghey represents Gaelic Tyrone's largest-ever capital investment with the final bill for the project coming close to £7m.

About one-pound-in-every-five went to buying and then levelling the land, nearly a third of the money went on our six-plus pitches and 40% went on our building with its changing, team support and culture/heritage facilities.

The Garvaghey funding picture is equally straightforward. The underlying truth is clear: but for the Gaels of Tyrone and their generosity there would be no sparkling project here in the middle of rolling Tyrone and no multi-million capital investment in the midst of grinding financial austerity.

Garvaghey: Where the Money Went

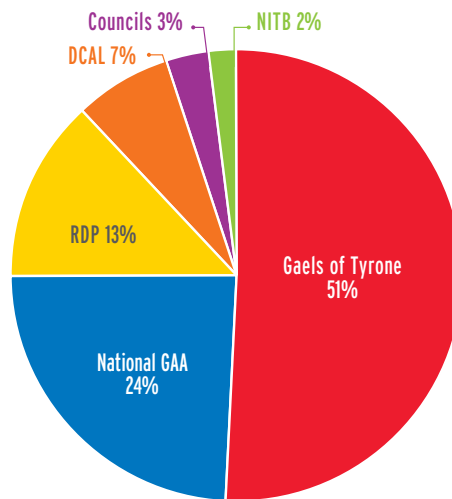




Garvaghey is in, of and for Gaelic Tyrone. It's therefore fitting that over half of its cost has been willingly met by the Gaels of Tyrone. Another quarter came from national GAA whilst the Rural Development Programme, through ARC North-West, contributed about an eighth of the total cost. Central government in the form of the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure helped with 7% of the bill and the remaining 5% came from our Tyrone Councils, the NI Tourist Board and the Heritage Lottery Fund.

We value and appreciate every penny that's been made available for Garvaghey. Each of them has come out of someone's pocket somewhere. They chose to give it to us because they valued what we're doing and trusted us to deliver. Our response to them all is simple and straightforward:

Garvaghey: Where the Money Came From



Go guire Dia rath agus bláth oraibh ...
may God grant that you flourish and prosper



Club Thír Eoghain: Príomh-Fhrithgheallaí Gharbhachaidh ... Club Tyrone: Garvaghey's Main Underwriter

Club Tyrone has been a key driver and under-writer of the entire Garvaghey project. What's now Club Tyrone started life in May 1995 as the 'Millennium Initiative', set up to raise £0.5m by the year 2000 for the development of the GAA at County level in Tyrone. The strategy was simple - to ask 200 Tyrone Gaels and GAA Clubs to each gift £500 a year for five years.

When the £0.5m was reached many Members said they'd like to keep going. So 'Club Tyrone' was created, formally launched on 4 July 2001. The whole concept is built on a number of simple but vital core GAA principles:

- It's about 'putting in, not taking out'
- It's about supporting something that's central to our 'Tyrone DNA', the GAA in our County
- It's based on the reality that the greatest, most valuable 'reward' in life is 'feel-good', the belief that we're contributing to something that's really worthwhile and to people who mean a very great deal to us
- It's about making a statement about who we are and where we're from
- It's fully within the Tyrone County GAA structures

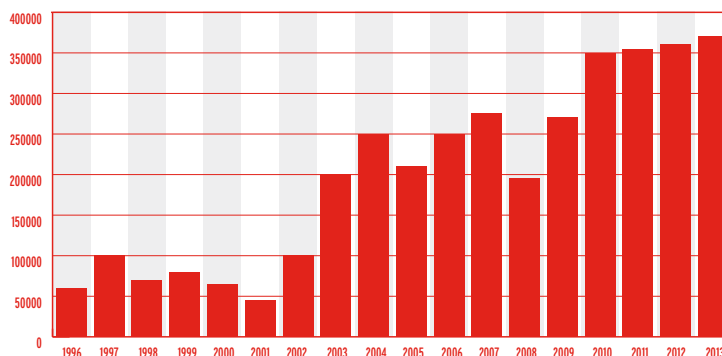
In 2008 the Tyrone County Committee decided to ring-fence all Club Tyrone income for (at least) the next five years for the Garvaghey project. Club Tyrone undertook to raise £1.50m in that time and by the end of 2013 will have contributed £1.70m to Garvaghey ... with more to come. In addition to its own direct fund-raising the Club Tyrone Committee has led on the sourcing of over £3.30m in grant aid for the project.

Our 2013 Club Tyrone Members are listed in a Tyrone GAA place of honour, our foyer area here at Garvaghey. We intend to renew and update the list annually from here on in.



**'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'**

Club Tyrone's £3.63m Contribution to Tyrone GAA



In Club Tyrone we take inspiration from Ted Kennedy's wonderful words: "The work goes on, The cause endures, The hope still lives, And the dream shall never die." For us that's what Gaelic Tyrone is all about.

'Buy into the feeling'

Na Patrúin Gharbhachaidh: Cad é, Cad Chuige agus Cén Dóigh? ... The Garvaghey Patrons: What, Why and How?

In 2009 Club Tyrone added a new strand to its Garvaghey fund-raising, the Garvaghey Patrons scheme. Patrons are people and Tyrone GAA Clubs who gift £5,000 to help make Tyrone's ambitions for Garvaghey a reality. The Patronage concept appeals unapologetically to people's higher instincts, to their belief that Garvaghey will add to the quality of life for many, many Tyrone people.

Above all, it majors on the idea of Legacy, the notion of this generation of Tyrone Gaels leaving something very worthwhile behind for those who will come after us.

Our initial target was 100 Patrons but a stunning response by the Gaels of Tyrone has seen us reach the magnificent total of 294 and with strong suggestions that there are still more to come. Many Patrons gifted

their £5,000 up front whilst others spread it over two-to-five years. Our current complement of Patrons will deliver £1.47m for Garvaghey.

Our Patron's names are etched onto Garvaghey's 'An tOchtagán Ghloine', the centre-piece of our foyer area. It's hugely iconic both in its appearance and in what it represents. One of its glass panels states simply:

**An tOchtagán Ghloine
'Tyrone asked ... They answered'
Laochra Gael Thír Eoghain**

Those words are a fitting testimony to all our Patrons and Club Tyrone Members who have given so willingly to make Garvaghey happen.



Taispeántas Gharbhachaidh: Cad é atá ann agus Cad Chuige ... The Garvaghey Display: What's in it and Why

Garvaghey was always scoped as a Tyrone GAA resource. In Tyrone we believe in and cherish our GAA 'brand'. We see 'brand' as that gut feeling we have about something. It was our gut feeling about Tyrone GAA that conceived Garvaghey in the first place.

That gut feeling tells us we are of the Gaelic tradition, are confident in and proud of who we are and where we're from and believe that Gaelic games make a huge contribution to the well-being of our County and its people. We wanted Garvaghey to sum that all up, to present it, to explain/communicate it and to bring life to it. The display in and around the foyer area is part of that 'life bringing' and runs across three main strands:

Gaelic Games Tyrone

The narrative of Gaelic Games in our County from the earliest and most fragile days of the GAA, including the stories of Camogie and Ladies Football and our various landmark events, all set out by Tyrone's 'master GAA historian' Joe Martin (with inputs from Dónal McAnallen) to explain and celebrate who and what went before us.

Natural Tyrone

A scoping out of the physical nature of the place that made and influences us all, County Tyrone, to help us better appreciate, understand and cherish this one part of the planet that is different from all other parts ... simply because it's 'our' part of the planet!

Man-Made Tyrone

The past shapes us all and it's vital we have a sense of who passed through here before us, who they were, what they did, how they viewed the world and how life treated them. But whilst the past shapes us and we need to learn from it, it's gone and it's not where we live now. The What/Where/

When/Who/Why/How of modern Tyrone is therefore even more important.

We believe firmly that Tyrone is ours and that if we don't cherish and rejoice in it, then nobody else will do that for us. Our display was crafted with that ambition in mind. So take the time to read through it. We want you to understand and appreciate our County and then get a sense of why it is so important to us. Whatever time we have left, we're going to spend it all in 'Future Tyrone.' Garvaghey was always planned as a big part of our legacy to that future.

"The Garvaghey display is modular in form because that allows us to mix-and-match within it and to change and adapt its content as time goes on. We deliberately took that 'mix-and-match' approach because it's important to reflect how all aspects of Tyrone life, the Gaelic, the natural and the man-made are seamlessly woven in together."
Fehin Quinn, Lairdesign

**Garvaghey is in, of and for Gaelic Tyrone ...
Tá Garbhachadh suite agus déanta i dTír Eoghain
Ghaelach, agus is ar mhaithe le Tír Eoghain atá sé ann**



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Inclusion: Not Just a Pretty Word

The opening of Garvaghey is a major boost for all the Camogie Clubs in Tyrone. It's a state of the art facility to play our Club Championships. It's a training complex for our County teams and a prestigious venue for our home fixtures. The central location is ideal for everyone. When other Counties look at Garvaghey they will see a facility that has it all. This can only enhance the pride our Tyrone Camogie community feels being part of such an exciting project, a project that binds the 'Tyrone Gaelic family' together to secure a glorious future.

Pat Darcy and Déirdre Níc Ghearáilt
Tyrone Camogie

An tOchtagán Ghloine

From the start we had always proposed to honour our Garvaghey Patrons by including their names within the fabric of the Garvaghey building.

Whilst the notion of a glass feature carrying the names was toyed with from an early stage, it took almost three years to come up with the final 'An tOchtagán Ghloine' format. Options worked through included a stand-alone glass wall, double/triple glass walls, the use of established glass features in/around the foyer area and a free-standing glass cube. Issues to be resolved included Building Regulations, the best sizes of font to use and 'user friendliness' in terms of reading heights.

As the concepts developed we looked at examples around the world, including the Royal Society of Medicine in London, the USS 'Iwo Jima' and a Holocaust Memorial in Mannheim, Germany. Eventually we settled on a glass octagon, centred on the foyer pillar that's part of the building's steel

skeleton. Along the way Dromore's Colm MacRory, owner of Spires Art in Omagh, popped up with the remarkable offer to design, manufacture and install the piece, all as a gift to Tyrone GAA.

Turning three-quarters of a tonne of plate glass into An tOchtagán Ghloine was a complex job. Initial pencil drawings were computer-digitized and transferred onto 'masks' which were then cut by specialised plotters for a beautiful, perfectly consistent text. The masks were then applied to An tOchtagán's eight separate panels after which each Patron's name was painstakingly hand-etched onto the glass. Each panel took up to 36 hours work. After this the masks were carefully removed and a special washing and drying followed. Finally, a clear protective coating was applied.

"Although we have many years' experience, great design talent and the best equipment that's currently available, this was a daunting assignment for Spires Art, not least because as Tyrone Gaels we ourselves were always totally wedded to its significance. We're very pleased with the result and are quite humbled by the impact it clearly has on everybody who sees it."

Colm MacRory, owner Spires Art, Omagh

Tyrone GAA and Spires Art are proud of the particular legacy significance of An tOchtagán Ghloine.



Ag Cur Luach Leis: Breis ar na Cluichí Féin Amháin ...

Adding Value: More than Just the Games

Garvaghey was always meant to be a GAA Centre in the proper sense, a place where the games would be 'the-core-but-not-the-only-business.' Tyrone's Gaelic culture and heritage were always factored into the mix here.

Garvaghey delivers on these vital agendas through:

- A fully-equipped 200-seat auditorium which can host meetings, lectures, conferences and performances
- A large, multi-purpose exhibition/foyer/display area, supported by three seminar/break-out rooms
- An outdoor events/performance space, modelled on Tullyhogue Fort, the historic 'crowning place' of the Ó'Neills in Gaelic Ulster and matched-up with a replica of Tullyhogue's historic 'crowning stone'
- A five-acre environmental area, complemented by a 1km perimeter walkway, which celebrate and conserve valuable parts of Tyrone's plant and animal life
- An outdoor children's play area, adding to Garvaghey's 'whole family' ethos
- Catering and café/canteen facilities

We are honoured that ARC North-West (through its rolling out of Axis 3 of the NI Rural Development Programme) and the NI Tourist Board (through its Tourism Development Scheme) shared our vision here and helped to make these parts of the project happen.



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A Fine Flowering ... Ó Shíol go Bláth

Joseph Martin is a life-long Tyrone Gael who wrote the acclaimed 'History of the GAA in Tyrone', first published in 1984 and updated in 2003 and again in 2005.

The opening of the Tyrone GAA Centre in Garvaghey is a significant milestone in the history of the Association in the county. It is the culmination of an amazing story of development of GAA facilities in Tyrone, beginning with the three county grounds in Dungannon, Pomeroy and Coalisland in the years 1947-49, and marked regularly since then by the development of excellent club facilities which are the envy of most counties throughout Ireland.

On this historic occasion in Garvaghey, it is appropriate to recall the contribution of one man from this area – Cardinal Joseph MacRory – to the development of the GAA in Tyrone and indeed throughout the province of Ulster. The MacRory Cup which he donated in 1917 for competition among the Ulster Colleges is an ongoing reminder of this great man. Having become patron of the GAA in Tyrone in 1929, he helped to spearhead the drive that led, during the early 1930s, to the establishment of clubs in almost every corner of the county. He would indeed be proud of this outstanding facility, located within a few miles of his birthplace in this parish. His sentiments about the GAA are as relevant now as they were when he uttered them almost a century ago: "These games have a splendid claim on us, for in the days of long ago, they played a very important part in building up of the muscle, sinew and bone of our forefathers."

Garvaghey bears witness to these sentiments. It is a fine flowering of the seed planted more than a hundred years ago and carefully nurtured by succeeding generations. It is a testimony to the enormous voluntary efforts of so many men and women who have kept the GAA alive and vibrant in Tyrone in good times and in bad, who have helped Tyrone to great achievement on the field of play and who have made the Association an integral and essential part of the social fabric of the county.

An Coirnéal Gaeilge

Garvaghey's 'Coirnéal Gaeilge' is a simple idea – a small part of our building's foyer area where we'd like people to speak Irish to each other, or even just listen to others speaking it. We're not into compulsion here. But Irish is part of the fabric and tradition of Gaelic Tyrone. And it's therefore part of Garvaghey's mission to support and help sustain it. Bí linn is cuidigh linn: come and join us do your bit!



Fág an Bealach ... Those Who Led the Way

The Garvaghey Project Group/Management Group 2008-13, which oversaw the development and delivery of the entire project:

Liam Nelis, Chair
Mary Connolly
Mark Conway
Cathal Daly
Jackie Duffy
Brian Hackett
Michael Harvey
Ciarán McLaughlin
Dominic McCaughey
Michael McGoldrick
Raymond McKeown
John Mulgrew
Damian Quinn

The PR and Marketing (Club Tyrone) Committee 2008-2013, which raised/will raise the bulk of the funding for Garvaghey:

Hugh McAleer,
Chair
Damian Harvey,
Secretary
Rosin Dooher, Treasurer
Adrian Colton
Mark Conway
Pat Darcy
Declan Devine
Jackie Duffy
Patsy Forbes
Cathy Gallagher
Patrick Harte
Michael Harvey
Martin Haughey
Brian Jordan
Niall Laird
Michelle McAleer
Ciarán McLaughlin
John Mulgrew
Brian Murray
Jimmy Treacy

The Tyrone County Management Committee 2008-2013, which strategically managed Tyrone GAA's business, including the Garvaghey project, during this time:

Ciarán McLaughlin, Chair
Pat Darcy, Past Chair
Dominic McCaughey, Secretary
Raymond McKeown, Treasurer
Damian Quinn, Past Treasurer
Michael Harvey, Past Treasurer
Gerard Bradley
Cathal Daly
Cuthbert Donnelly
Brendan Harkin
Damian Harvey
Brendan Harpur
Roisin Jordan
Sarajane Kelly
Clíodhna Kerr
Enda Kilpatrick
Eunan Lindsay
Donal Magee
Michael McCaughey
Eugene McConnell
Seamus McDonald
Michael McGoldrick
Ciarán McHugh
Liam Nelis
Sean Teague

The Garvaghey Opening Group, which planned and delivered today's opening:

Ciarán McLaughlin, Chair
Mark Conway
Clíodhna Kerr
Eunan Lindsay
Dominic McCaughey
Barry McMenamin
Brian Murray
Liam Nelis

Tyrone professional services businesses which made significant pro-bono contributions to the project:



Aerial photography

Lairdesign

Design, marketing and promotion



McALEER | MULLAN | JACKSON
Chartered Accountants • Chartered Tax Advisers • Registered Auditors

Financial planning and fund-raising



Strategic/business planning and grant-seeking

The work goes on. The cause endures. The hope still lives. And the dream shall never die.

Leanann an obair ar aghaidh. Maireann an chúis. Tá an dóchas beo go fóill. Agus ní mhúchfar an aisling choíche.

Fíricí agus Figiúir Gharbhachaidh ... Garvaghey Facts and Figures

- We are about 550ft/170m above sea-level here but Tyrone overall is very much an upland County, with three-quarters of it more than 350ft/110m above sea-level
- The site covers 43 acres, bought from four different landowners and its development involved the excavation of 275,000 tonnes of material
- Our five grass pitches incorporate 13,000 tonnes of sand and 85 km of drainage
- All six pitches and the drills area are floodlit and powered by electricity that can be mains or generator-supplied
- Water is mains-supplied but we also drilled a borehole which delivers 600 gallons-per-hour for toilets and pitch irrigation
- Our building covers 30,000 sq ft and incorporates 80,000 concrete blocks, 200 tonnes of steel and 600 cu m of concrete
- There are 10 changing rooms in the building plus referees' space; storage; a physio/medical room; and a 'highly-specked' gym
- The building also includes a 200-seat auditorium; multi-purpose foyer area; canteen area; meeting rooms; and offices
- There are 12 solar panels on the building roof
- 9,000 native Irish trees have been planted around the site
- Over 250 people worked directly on the construction of Garvaghey: we are proud of and grateful for the contribution those jobs made to many families in a time of deep recession

Áit speisialta inar féidir le
Gaeil Thír Eoghain teacht
le chéile ... A special place
where Gaelic Tyrone can
come together



The Red Hand sculpture on the approaches to the building of course represents Tyrone. Its five sections simultaneously stand for football, hurling/Camogie, handball, rounders and culture/heritage. When all five are properly-aligned we see a single, integrated Red Hand. That's what Garvaghey stands for and delivers ... the full Tyrone Gaelic package, all aligned as one.

(The sculpture was designed by Lairdesign and created by Garvaghey Patrons, Temac Engineering and DMAC Engineering)

Is Fiú an t-Oibrí a Thuarastal ... The Labourer is Worthy of his Hire

It took the hard and skilled work of hundreds of people to make Garvaghey happen.

We'd like to list them all, but we simply can't. In particular we can't identify all those many sub-contractors who worked on our project over the five years.

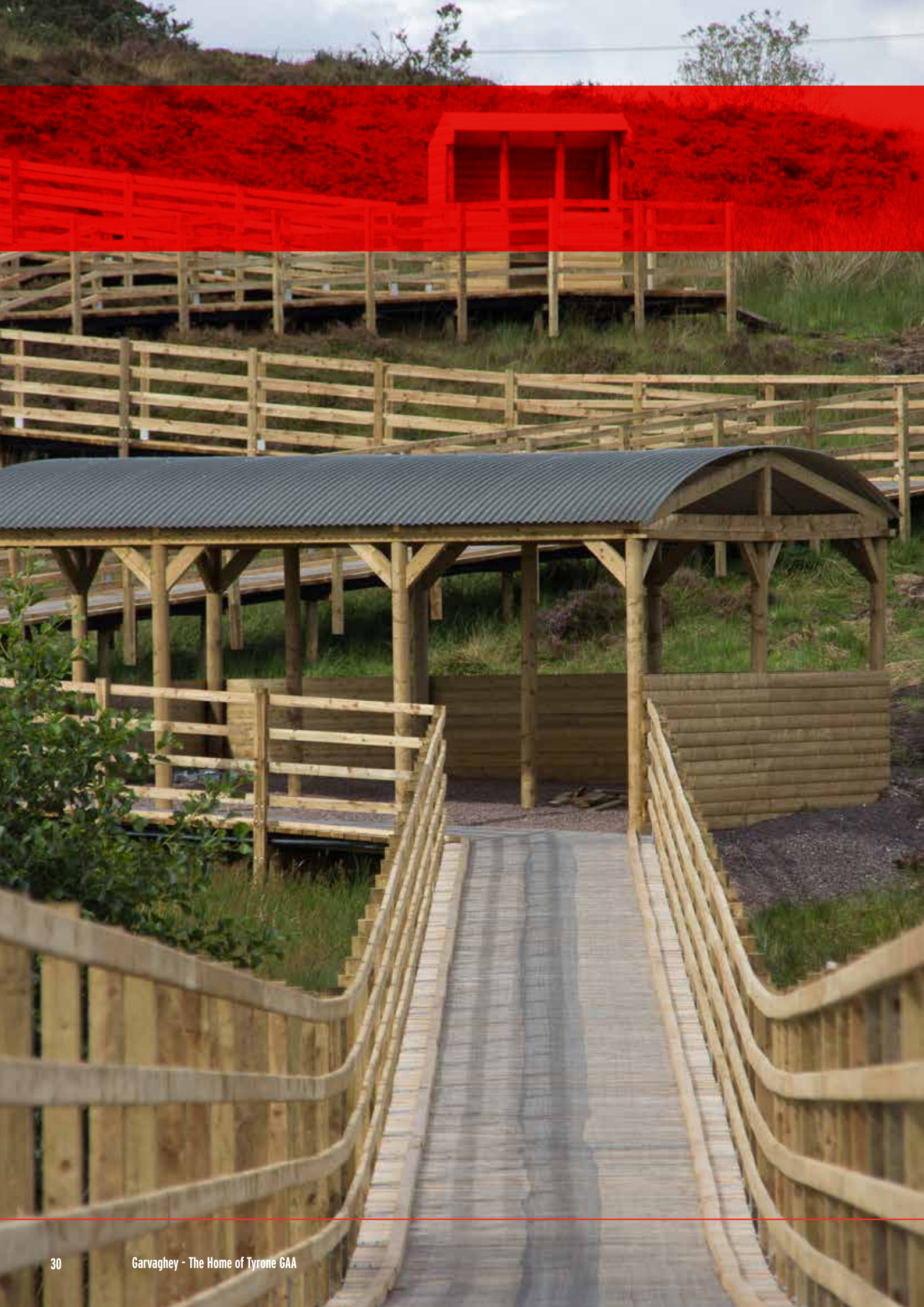
But we can and do acknowledge and honour their input and the care, precision and commitment so many people brought to something that was and is so important to us.

Garvaghey's main contractors were:

- Forbes Furniture
- Fox Contracts
- Garden Creations
- P. Keenan Road Surfacing
- Kerlin Memorials
- Lairdesign
- McAleer and Teague
- McCann Brothers
- Prunty Contracts
- PT McWilliams
- Road Safety Contracts
- Signal Signs
- Spires Art
- St Jude's Plant and Civil Engineering
- Teague and Sally

To borrow from elsewhere, 'If you seek their monument, look around you.'





Príomh-Urraithe CLG Thír Eoghain ...
Tyrone GAA's Main Sponsors



Working as a team...
Tyrone County Committee and our sponsors.



‘Thainig Siad, Chonaic Siad ... They Came, They Saw’

Many people from beyond Tyrone GAA have witnessed the development of the Garvaghey story. Set out below is what some of them have written.

“If you want to see the future of Tyrone GAA you need to take a right turn off the A5 Ballygawley-to-Omagh road at Kelly’s Restaurant and keep your eyes peeled for a narrow laneway in between two houses about 100 yards further up. Edge your car through the mud and take care to avoid any stray branches that tend to whip the windscreen before the road widens slightly. On your right is a gate with a disused barrel lying nearby.

All you will see is hill after undulating hill but, in four years’ time that same view will be dominated by ... possibly the most ambitious investment project ever undertaken by any county in Ireland.”

**Brendan O’Brien, Irish Examiner,
22 September 2008**

“The sign on the gate says Tyrone centre of excellence, but they balk at the term. It hints at a sense of elitism they want to

avoid. They see it as ... an engine to drive all GAA activity in Tyrone, from the senior football team to hurling, Scór and, even, rounders. All ages and all levels catered for. It is a lightning rod for their dreams.”

**John O’Brien, Sunday Independent,
23 May 2010**

“The project everyone is talking about though is the Tyrone development in Garvaghey. There are a number of reasons for this. The most obvious is the scale. With 43 acres having been purchased from three landowners, the county has huge scope to provide for everyone. No member of the GAA family will not be catered for and that is Garvaghey’s enduring attraction ... (with) ... layouts and configurations to suit rounders or the Go Games model for children. Outside of that, there will be an interactive culture and heritage section, documenting the complex story of Tyrone GAA and its role within the national organisation in difficult times, long before the unprecedented success of the Mickey Harte era.”

**Daragh Ó Conchúir, Irish Examiner
19 June 2010**



“Anybody who wonders about the unfathomable depths of Tyrone’s football ambition need look no further than an extraordinary £6.7m development – the Garvaghey Project”

“It was a wonderful experience and truly inspirational. Scale, design, quality and ambience – all reflects a total commitment to excellence and a deep pride in the ideals of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael. Comhghairdeas!”

Dan McCartan, Saval, Down and Ulster GAA, 12 June 2013

“Anybody who wonders about the unfathomable depths of Tyrone’s football ambition need look no further than an extraordinary £6.7m development – the Garvaghey Project – in the bucolic rolling countryside between Omagh and Ballygawley. Built on a 43-acre site it consists of five grass pitches, a full-sized 3G all-weather pitch and another half-sized 3G – all of them fully floodlit. Like some sort of Olympic project, it has a mission statement which talks of ‘oidhreacht’ (legacy) and defines it as “something that’s cherished which is passed on to someone who’s cherished”. This is ‘Brand Tyrone’ ...”

Cliona Foley, Irish Independent, 19 August 2013

“I’ve taken lately to trying to get the feel of a place. The kind of feelings a certain building invokes within me, for whatever reason. Just to observe it. Without judgment. But this place wasn’t built for the Tyrone senior football team. That they achieve excellence within it is one thing, but they’re very clear on the fact that this is not a place with the singular objective for the excellent to excel. Garvaghey is a place I feel welcome in. It’s about the GAA, but it’s about so much more than that. It’s beyond winning and losing. It’s a place of learning. The walls are decorated in scéals and tales of our past, reflected in the history of not just Tyrone GAA, but Tyrone as a place.”

Diarmuid Lyng, Irish Independent 21 August 2013



‘Leanann an Obar ar Aghaidh, agus Mairfidh an Chúis: an Ród Atá Roimh Gharbhachadh agus CLG Thír Eoghain ... ‘The Work Goes on, the Cause Endures’: What Still Lies Ahead for Garvaghey and Tyrone GAA

The building of Garvaghey is now more-or-less history. The two final pieces of the capital build jig-saw (a ball-wall along the 3G drills area and a ‘trim-trail/green gym’ around the perimeter walkway) will be put in place this autumn/winter. Beyond that we have plans to install a wind-turbine and there are quiet murmurings about scoping out an indoor arena to cope with harsh Tyrone winters. The journey never ends, the job is never finished.

The real challenge that lies ahead of us is both simple and tough – making full and proper use of this potentially very powerful asset. Garvaghey on its own will deliver nothing: Garvaghey properly-resourced in the traditional Tyrone GAA volunteer way can however deliver a very great deal. Achieving that delivery is now our challenge.

Part of the challenge involves clearing significant Garvaghey-related borrowings. Croke Park/National GAA brilliantly facilitated all our loan needs for the project. We will honour their support for us by paying back every penny on or before time. We have well-founded financial plans in place to do just that.

Gaelic Tyrone’s overall path ahead for the next five years is mapped out in ‘Ag Ardú Níos Airde na Laimhe Deirge’, the County’s new strategic plan. The Plan sets tasks for every Gael, for every GAA Club and for every GAA committee and group in Tyrone. Delivering on them will keep us busy. But Garvaghey will make the delivery that bit easier, that bit more pleasant and, hopefully, even more effective.

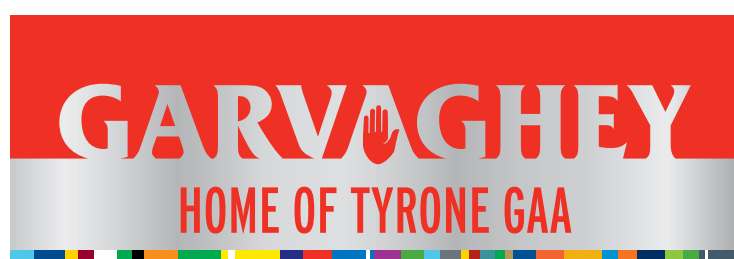
‘Ar scáth a chéile a mhaireas na daoine ... people live in one another’s shelter’

An Lá seo Thar Laethanta an Domhain ... This Day of Days

For five years we’ve been working for, inching towards and thinking of this day. From the very start of our project we set ourselves the goal of having our opening on 28 September 2013, ten years to the day from Tyrone’s first All-Ireland Senior Football success. There was and is a symmetry and symbolism in this that has a reassuring meaning for people. Tyrone GAA has not stood still in the meantime, but for Tyrone Gaels this day ten years ago will always remain special. For the record the score in that Final, refereed by Wexford’s Brian White and watched by 79,391 people, was Tyrone 0-12 Armagh 0-9 (0-8 to 0-4 at Half-Time).

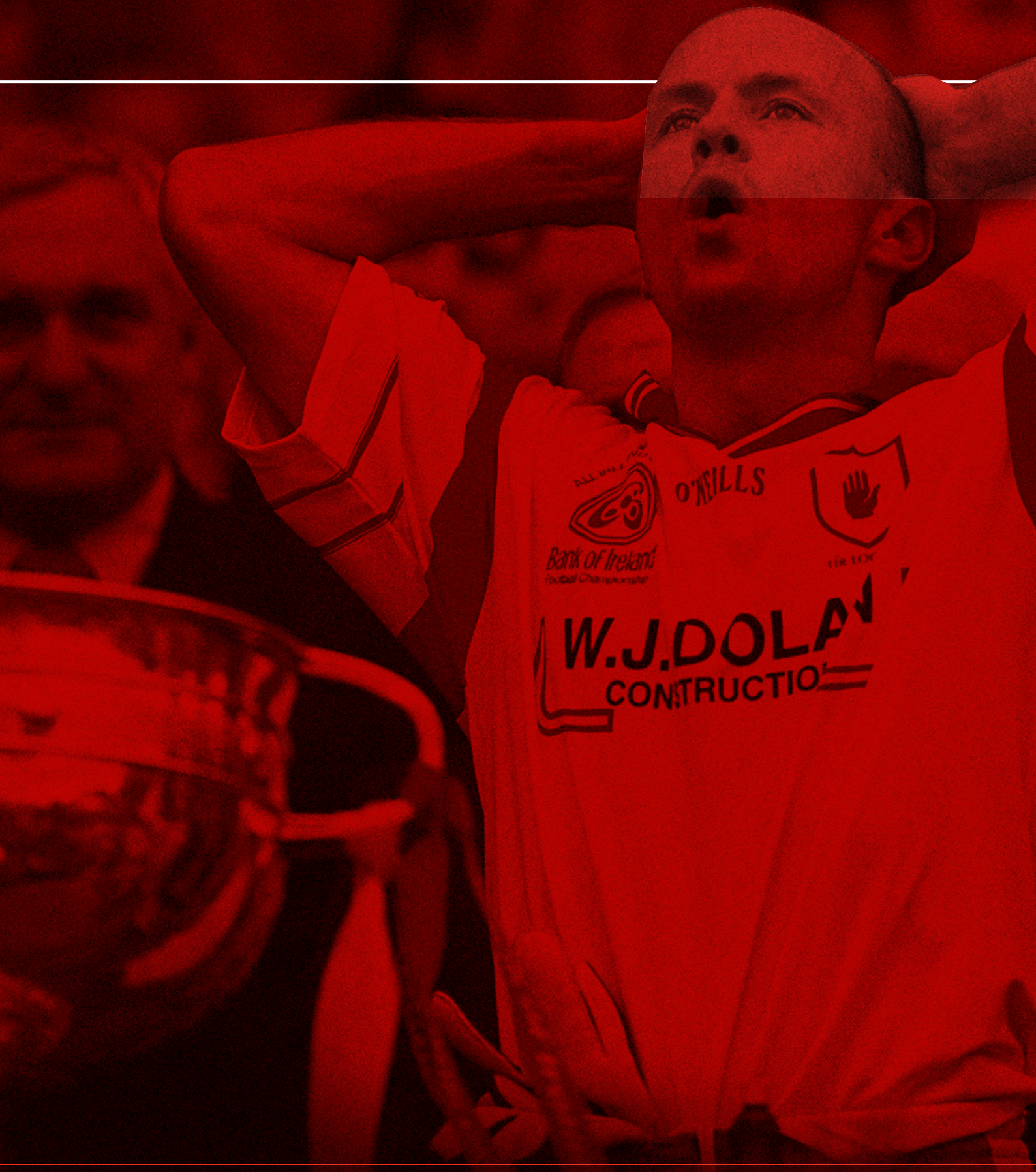
Our historic breakthrough team and scorers were: John Devine; Ciaran Gourley, Cormac McAnallen, Ryan McMenamin; Conor Gormley, Gavin Devlin, Philip Jordan; Kevin Hughes, Sean Cavanagh; Brian Dooher, Brian McGuigan (0-1), Gerard Cavlan (0-1); Enda McGinley (0-1), Peter Canavan (0-5, 5 f), Owen Mulligan (0-2, 2f). Subs: Stephen O’Neill (0-2, for Brian McGuigan), Brian McGuigan (for Peter Canavan), Peter Canavan (for Gerard Cavlan), Colin Holmes (for Ciaran Gourley), Chris Lawn (for Conor Gormley), Dermot Carlin, Mickey Coleman, Mark Harte, Paul Horisk, Peter Loughran, Pascal McConnell, Declan McCrossan, Mickey McGee, Cormac McGinley, Frank McGuigan, Ryan Mellon, Seamus Mulgrew, and Brian Robinson.

Mickey Harte of course was the managerial mastermind, aided by Fr Gerard McAleer and Paddy Tally.



Na Meirgí ag Foluain ... With Flying Colours

The multi-colour banding that’s a feature around Garvaghey is a simple but vital concept. The banding brings together the colours of every Gaelic Club in Tyrone and symbolises how Garvaghey is by, for and of each one of them. They inspired it. They energised it. They oversee it. Above all, they ‘own’ it. And we wouldn’t have it any other way.



THE HILLS OF TYRONE

Behind yon green mountains
Where the summit stands high
I watched the sun rising
Right proud in the sky.
The dark clouds were passing
Their shadows were thrown
On the high holy hills
Of the County Tyrone

Now the morning is bright
But my heart it is low
For far away from those green hills
I'll soon have to go.
Across the wide ocean
For ever to roam
And leave far behind me
The hills of Tyrone

Now my poor heart is breaking
With sorrow and pain
For those green hills and valleys
I'll ne'er see again.
But the seas will run dry
And the lakes cease to moan
Before I forget you
My darlin' Tyrone

And when I'm far away
From the land of my birth
I will still think of thee
As the fairest on earth.
I'll go back to the land
Of Fitzgerald and Tone
And the high holy hills
Of the County Tyrone

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