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Secretary's Report to Club AGM

15th December 2022

8:30 PM



Thurs 15th December 2022

A chairde,

The AGM for Barryroe GAA club will be held in Butlerstown Hall Thursday 15th December 2022 at 8:30 PM. Hereunder find the Secretary's report of club activities on and off the pitch for 2022.

Adult Hurling

Premier Junior and Junior B





The management team for the 2022 season consisted of Vincent O'Donovan, Danny Murphy (Coach), Kevin Mccarthy and Conor Walshe.

Premier Junior Hurling Championship

The Lower Intermediate Hurling championship was renamed as the Premier Junior Hurling championship for the 2022 season. This Championship League format consisted of 3 groups of 4 with the top 2 in each group progressing to the knock-out stages. Barryroe were drawn in group A against an opposition lineup of Kilbritten, Milford and St Finbarr's.

Championship Results :









Date	Opposition	Opposition Score	Barryroe Score	Result	Venue
July 30 th 2022	St Finbarrs	1-11	0-14	Draw	Ballinhassig
August 6 th 2022	Milford	2-20	2-17	Lost	Coachford
August 26 th 2022	Kilbritten	3-15	2-11	Lost	Ballinaspittle

Group A									
Team	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts	
 Kilbritten	3	3	0	0	77	52	25	6	
 Milford	3	2	0	1	74	64	10	4	
 Barryroe	3	0	1	2	54	64	-10	1	
 St Finbarrs	3	0	1	2	42	67	-25	1	

Finishing 3rd in Group A saw Barryroe exit the Premier Junior Hurling Championship at the group stages. Overall, some promising displays and valuable experience gained for a relatively young squad who are continuing to develop.

RedFM Hurling League Division 3 Group A

Red FM Hurling League Division 3 Group A Results				
Date	Opposition	Result	ScoreLine	Venue
27 th March	Dungourney	Lost	0-19 to 0-9	Away
10 th April	St Finbarrs	Lost	0-14 to 2-20	Home
24 th April	St Catherines	Lost	2-14 to 0-11	Away
7 th May	Na Piarsaigh	Won	2-16 to 1-15	Home
21 st May	Midleton	Draw	2-20 to 2-20	Away
4 th June	Douglas	Won	Conceded	Away
19 th June	Aghabullogue	Lost	2-9 to 1-16	Home

Group A									
Team	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts	
 Aghabullogue	8	7	0	1	147	120	27	14	
 St Catherines	7	6	0	1	144	98	46	12	
 Midleton	7	3	1	3	154	148	6	7	
 Dungourney	7	3	0	4	137	137	0	6	
 Na Piarsaigh	7	3	0	4	122	127	-5	6	
 Barryroe	7	2	1	4	97	128	-31	5	
 Douglas	7	2	0	5	104	134	-30	4	
 St Finbarrs	7	2	0	5	115	127	-12	4	

Challenge games were played against Dromtarriffe, Dripsey, Nemo Rangers and Ballinora.

Junior B Hurling Championship

With big numbers training, the Junior B hurling championship and leagues for 2022 provided a competitive platform to ensure that all adult panelists got adequate playing time. Similar to the Premier Junior hurling, the championship format was run on a league basis.

RCM Tarmacadam Carbery Junior B Hurling Championship					
Round	Date	Opposition	Result	ScoreLine	Venue
Round 1	31 st July	Randal Og	Lost	0-14 to 1-10	Ardfield
Round 2	17 th September	Ballinascorthy	Won	0-15 to 0-14	Barryroe
Semi-Final	8 th October	Kilbree	Lost	2-13 to 1-8	Ardfield

In the Junior B Division 3 hurling league, 2 games were played.

Carbery Division 3 Hurling League					
Round	Date	Opposition	Result	ScoreLine	Venue
Round 1	23 rd May	Ballinascarthy	Draw	0-13 to 0-13	Ballinascarthy
Round 2	27 th June	Clonakilty	Won	2-22 to 0-5	Clonakilty

Ibane Gaels U21 A Hurling Championship

Ibane Gaels completed the first half of an historic double by coming out as victors of the U21 A Hurling Championship in April. The pinnacle came in the final in a nail-biting display against Newcestown after extra time. It's fair to say followers of this team got value for money at all outings with a solitary point separating them from their opponents in each of their 3 matches. These promising displays bode well for the future. Well done to all players and Danny Murphy for his coaching role with this team

Carbery U21 A Hurling Championship 2022					
Round	Date	Opposition	Result	ScoreLine	Venue
Round 1	1 st April	Bandon	Won	1-06 to 1-15	Ballinascarthy
Semi Final	22 nd April	Owen Gaels	Won	0-22 to 3-12	Timoleague
Final	29 th April	Newcestown	Won	3-17 to 2-21	Ahiollahill

Adult Football

Junior A and Junior C Management

The management team for the 2022 season consisted of Gearoid Whelton, Paudie Hurley (Coach), Densy Whelton, David Coakley and Richard Murphy.

Junior A Football Championship

2022 saw the Junior A Football Championship reduced to 16 teams. A League Championship format was introduced with 4 groups of 4 teams and the top two teams in each group progressing to the quarter finals. Barryroe were drawn in Roinn 1 with Tadhg Mccarthaigh, Argideen Rangers and Bandon.

Bandon Co-Op Carbery Junior A Football Championship Results Roinn 1					
Round	Date	Opposition	Result	ScoreLine	Venue
Round 1	17 th July	Argideen Rangers	Lost	2-4 to 0-8	Kilbrittain
Round 2	24 th July	Bandon	Won	Conceded	Kilbrittain
Round 3	14 th August	Tadhg Mccarthaigh	Won	2-9 to 1-11	Ballinacarrige

With Bandon conceding the Round 2 game, it meant only the scoring difference between the remaining 3 teams would apply once all group games had concluded. Unfortunately for Barryroe, this placed us in third position in the group by the narrowest of single-point margins.

Team	Pld	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts
Tadhg Mac Carthaigh	3	2	0	1	24	23	1	4
Argideen Rangers	3	2	0	1	18	18	0	4
Barryroe	3	2	0	1	23	24	-1	4
Bandon	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0

Appeal Process

It transpired the Carbery Championship Rules were incorrectly drafted by the Carbery board and taken from the 2019 National rulebook instead of the most up to date 2022 rule book. Barryroe appealed to the County Executive and subsequently to the Disputes Resolution Authority. Unfortunately, whilst the DRA concluded that the Carbery Board's rules were at odds with the 2022 National Rule book and that Carbery had "operated unfairly", they could not disapply the National Rules and rejected our appeal.

The full written DRA report was released November 5th and can be found at www.sportsdra.ie

Overall, a highly disappointing outcome for the Junior A football campaign. Despite a heroic victory against 2021 champions in group game 3, Tadhg Mccarthaigh, the loss to Arigdeen Rangers coupled with the Championship rules debacle saw Barryroe knocked out at the group stages. Valuable lessons learned for all involved and we hope that frustration will fuel a renewed hunger in 2023.

Junior A Football League

Barryroe competed in the Division 2 League for the 2022 campaign.

Junior A Football League Division 2					
Round	Date	Opposition	Result	ScoreLine	Venue
Round 1	6 th March	Kilmeen	Lost	2-9 to 0-6	Barryroe
Round 2	3 rd April	St Marys	Won	1-11 to 4-6	Enniskeane
Round 3	14 th April	Carbery Rangers	Won	3-5 to 2-5	Barryroe
Round 4	30 th April	Goleen	Won	2-12 to 2-8	Goleen
Round 5	25 th May	O'Donovan Rossa	Won	3-6 to 2-13	Skibbereen
Round 6	31 st May	Clanna Gael	Won	3-14 to 2-8	Barryroe
Final	16 th October	Kilmeen	Lost	1-10 to 0-9	Clonakilty

Team	Pld	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts
Kilmeen	8	6	0	2	122	85	37	12
Barryroe	7	5	0	2	107	90	17	10
Kilbrittain	7	5	0	2	76	63	13	10
Diarmuid O Mathunas	6	4	1	1	98	78	20	9
O Donovan Rossa	6	4	0	2	104	92	12	8
St Marys	7	3	0	4	122	114	8	6
Goleen	8	2	0	6	99	141	-42	4
Carbery Rangers	6	1	1	4	94	87	7	3
Clann na nGael	7	0	0	7	63	135	-72	0

Finishing in second place saw Barryroe qualify for the League final and win automatic promotion to Division 1 for the 2023 campaign. Barryroe lost the Div 2 League final to Kilmeen on 16th October.

Challenge games were played during the year against Passage, Oliver Plunketts and Nemo Rangers (twice).

Junior C Football Championship

The Junior C football championship was run off in a group format with 5 groups of 3 teams with the top 8 teams across the groups advancing to the quarter finals. Barryroe topped their group but were beaten by St James at the quarter final stages.

Carbery Junior C Football Championship					
Round	Date	Opposition	Result	ScoreLine	Venue
Group Game 1	Sept 24 th	Clonakilty	Won	4-19 to 0-5	Clonakilty
Group Game 2	Oct 8 th	St Marys	Won	1-12 to 1-3	Barryroe
Quarter Final	Nov 5 th	St James	Lost	2-14 to 0-13	Barryroe

Division 5 Football League

Barryroe entered a second team in the Division 5 football league playing 5 games in total.

Carbery Division 5 Football League					
Round	Date	Opposition	Result	ScoreLine	Venue
Game 1	March 14 th	Ballinascorthy	Lost	5-14 to 0-5	Barryroe
Game 2	May 27 th	Carbery Rangers	Draw	4-13 to 5-10	Barryroe
Game 3	June 13 th	St James	Lost	1-20 to 1-8	Barryroe
Game 4	Sept 8 th	Tadgh Mc	Won	3-11 to 3-10	Barryroe
Game 5	Sept 24 th	Clonakilty	Won	4-19 to 0-5	Clonakilty

Ibane Gaels U21 A Football Championship

To add to their hurling exploits, the Ibane Gaels U21 footballers also took the West Cork A championship crown played through October and Novembers. Again, 3 closely contested ties with very narrow winning margins. Similar to the hurling, the final saw Ibane and Newcestown take the title decider to extra time. With their backs to the wall, Ibane Gaels claimed a victorious one point win to complete an historic U21 double. Well done to all players involved on a huge achievement. Special mention to John McSweeney and Donal Holland for their involvement as selectors under the management of Paul Holland, Argideen Rangers.

U21 A West Cork Football Championship					
Round	Date	Opposition	Result	ScoreLine	Venue
Q-Final	29 th October	Castlehaven	Won	1-8 to 1-7	Rosscarbery
S-Final	6 th Nov	Carbery Rangers	Won	1-11 to 2-6	Ardfield
Final	20 th Nov	Newcestown	Won	1-20 to 3-13 AET	Clonakilty

Grounds Development

With the help of grant funding, Barryroe GAA club were able to complete the following works in 2022 :

- Extension, resurfacing and lighting installation of the perimeter walkway that now links up Pitches 1,2 and 3. This has been very well received by our members and the general public and will serve as a great and safe off-road amenity for years to come. A full loop of the perimeter is now measuring at 850 meters.
- Installation of PV Panels to the dressing room roof along with a battery pack system to conserve the generated power. This solar generation provides enough power to illuminate 42 LED light units around the perimeter walkway and provides ample light to walkers\runner during the winter months. It also helps to heat the water for showers. This installation is an example to all on sustainable energy and how we as a Sports club can contribute our piece to on the ongoing global climate concerns.

2023 Planned Development

- Replacement of netting behind both goals in Pitch 1
- Completion of walkway track with the addition of kerbing on the section linking pitches 1 and 3 and resurfacing on certain areas.
- Erection of pre-cast ball wall on the northern side of the ball alley.
- Erection of improved LED lighting on the Ball alley once the wall has been installed.

Thanks

The club would like to thank local councillor, John O'Sullivan for his advice on grant applications throughout the year.

To our development committee under chairperson, John Fleming, for their wealth of experience and to John O'Leary \ Norman for overseeing any works in the grounds and dealing with contractors. We are lucky in the club to have individuals with the engineering and project management expertise, ingenuity and vision to help drive club development efforts forward. Also to B&M O'Brien Brothers Ltd and Cronin Electrical Ltd for their top-class work as contractors for this past year's development.

Thanks also to all who provided input to the grant applications. These take time and diligence and we have done extremely well over the past 2 years in terms of external funding. This is covered further in the Finance section.

Grounds Maintenance

Scheme workers

Kenneth Santry and Ali Al-Rubaye have done a great job keeping all pitches in top condition this year, cutting up to 3 times weekly during the periods of high growth and keeping the pitch regularly lined. I would like to thank Kenneth and Ali on their efforts this past year and I have no doubt they will maintain the same standards in 2023.

Toilet Facilities Maintenance

Maintaining the clubs's toilet facilities in a clean state post the COVID era has been critically important. Since early May, a band of nearly 25 volunteer members from the Camogie and Ladies football clubs participated in a weekly rota to ensure this maintenance was completed. I would like to thank all these volunteers, particularly Marian O'Riordan and Anne Collins, who helped to co-ordinate the schedule and ensure adequate cleaning supplies were in place for each volunteer.

Maintenance Initiatives for 2023

Whilst the pitches and toilet facilities have been well-maintained, the below areas need important consideration for 2023 for more regular hands-on maintenance :

- Grass bank growth
- Gym repair and servicing\replacement of equipment
- Playground touch-up.
- Upkeep of walking track

The appointment of a Grounds maintenance committee with Chairperson would be a welcome addition at the annual club AGM and that group to organize rotas on regular upkeep of the complex.

Finances

Lotto

We had 3 jackpot winners in 2022. Congratulations to all.

- Kevin Barry, 4300 euro – January
- Gene Finn, 1800 euro – February
- Luke Murphy, 4600 euro - December

Whilst the hosting of draws returned to the local public houses, it is fair to say the impact of COVID has had a substantial effect on annual revenues and we may never return to the pre-pandemic heights. This puts extra pressure on operational cost management and also on the other fundraisers such as the Rebel Bounty Draw and annual Race night to ensure we are adequately funded.

Race Night

A very successful race night was held in the Pier House Courtmacsherry end of October. 2022 saw record sales with nearly 400 horses being sold via cash and online sales. Coupled with the generosity of our sponsors, this fundraiser provided a much needed boost to the club finances. Special mention to Vincent O'Donovan, Micheal Hurley, Michael Coleman and Dan O'Dwyer for the organisation of the event on the night. To Barryroe Co-Op for funding the race booklet printing costs and to our sponsors for their generous contributions. Finally to those who sold and purchased horses, especially the players under the direction of Billy O'Donovan, who made an extra strong effort this year to boost sales.

Rebel Bounty Draw

The Rebel Bounty Draw has now evolved as a key source of alternative club funding during the calendar year. Similar to the race night, 2022 saw record sales and we thank all club members for their subscriptions to this draw. Similar to previous years, Barryroe have a quota of 70 tickets to sell with all sales over that amount going direct to the club. Despite the increased sales, we did not see a winner in this years draws within the club. We hope our luck will improve in 2023.

Thanks to Vincent O'Donovan for again leading the administration of this draw from the Barryroe end.

Grants :

- A Clar grant of 48,500 euro was allocated to Barryroe GAA club by Cork County Council in September 2021 and paid for the majority solar installation in 2022 along with LED lighting units.
- The club were awarded 80,500 euro by the Sports Capital Programme at the beginning of 2022. This will pay for the majority of the track development and the remaining items scheduled for the first quarter of 2022 (as listed in development section)
- An application has recently been made to the Munster Council in light of the main pitch drainage costs incurred in 2022. Decisions on this grant will be announced January 13th.

Whilst these are significant sums, it is important to note this funding is for capital projects only and cannot be used for operational costs.

Membership

The increase in membership rates for 2022 saw an uptick in Membership revenues. As player injury fund insurance premiums continue to rise and the chances of serious injury remains an ever-present risk, it is vital we continue to ensure every player and non-player with club involvement at all ages. 90%+ of membership is now taken online.

2023 Rebel Bounty

The first of the 2023 draws will take place 30th March with prizes for January, February and March being drawn on the night.

Barryroe club will launch its Rebel Bounty ticket-selling efforts ahead of Christmas and if you are interested in purchasing as a Christmas present, please contact any of the sellers below :

- Vincent O'Donovan
- Eoin Mccarthy
- Richard Murphy
- John O'Leary
- Michael Coleman
- Sean De Barra

Online and Social Media

The PRO's report gives a detailed run-through of our communication mediums. Our PRO John O'Leary has done an excellent job on all fronts updating the website and social media as well as the weekly column in the Southern Star. John provides coverage on all teams at underage and adult level as well as the camogie. His articles have proven very popular and a huge thanks for his efforts here.

Foireann

Online membership in 2022 was facilitated via the GAA's native membership system, Foireann and worked well. Vetting records are now also stored on Foireann and maintained by the Club's Children's Officer (John Harrington).

Clubforce

We continue to use Clubforce for online Lotto sales. Clubforce also enables the club sell our Race Night horses online with only a marginal transaction fee incurred and the convenience of this solution was popular amongst purchasers.

Other Club Matters of Note

RIP

2022 saw the unfortunate passing of the below people with club connections.

- Maura Murphy, Ballincollig (mother of Coach Danny Murphy)
- Sean Fleming, Carrigeen
- Nuala Collins, Lislee
- Vincent Sexton, Lislevane
- Michael Hayes, Clonakilty

The club extends our deepest condolences to the families of those listed. May their gentle souls rest in peace.

A tribute to former Club President Vincent Sexton (as posted on the Club Website).

On Sunday October 2nd 2022, Barryroe GAA club lost a legend in our esteemed President, Mr Vincent Sexton. Vincent held the Club Presidency for 24 years, assuming the title from the late Jack Cahalane in 1998. Vincent was a respected figure throughout his involvement with the GAA Club. He had a powerful voice and when he spoke, he commanded the attention of all those present. Up to 2019, Vincent administered the election of officers at every Club AGM. He also attended the first online AGM in the year of COVID, in 2020, alongside Sheila from her house in Courtmacsherry. He was still able to make his presence known even in a virtual setting.

Vincent is more famously known for his tenure as Chairperson of the club which he took over in 1974, a position he held for 17 years. This period was the golden era in Barryroe GAA club's history. Starting in 1979 with the Junior B football West Cork title, this was then followed by four West Cork Junior A hurling titles in 80's in 1981, 1982, 1985 and 1986. The capturing of the club's first Junior A title in 1981 has always been regarded as a standout memory for all club supporters and players of that era. It was a proud moment for Vincent to see the Flyer Nyhan lifted by Vincent O'Donovan on that famous day.

Vincent O'Donovan was also of course nephew to Molly who reared three generations of Sextons in Lislevane and was a well known and popular host to all customers of Sexton's establishment.

Sexton's pub in Lislevane hosted the return of all victorious Barryroe teams where the Flyer Nyhan was filled and passed around to all those present. It also hosted the Liam McCarthy Cup, Sam Maguire and O'Duffy cup on many an occasion when the All-Ireland winning Cork teams visited the parish with their silverware on show.

The petrol pumps next to Sextons pub in Lislevane was for years the pickup point for all underage players going to matches. Health and Safety was a bit different back then. When Barryroe were short transport, Vincent regularly filled his car to maximum capacity with bodies so that we could field in away games.

Many stories have been shared of how Vincent and Paddy Murphy soldiered together to West Cork board meetings in Dunmanway for years on end, regularly accompanied in the back seat by Joe O'Leary and Frankie Drake. Paddy and Vincent would take their seats at the meeting whilst Joe and Frank would make the occasional diversion to the Doheny's Pavilion bar only to be called upon by Vincent when needed for voting. These trips were something of legend with the habitual stop in Clon on the way home for chips in the Rossa Grill. Paddy and Vincent formed a formidable friendship through the GAA and of course being next-door neighbours. Two men incredibly proud of their club, their parish and of course their beloved village in Lislevane

Our Vice-Chairperson and great friend of Vincent, Sean de Barra, gave a fitting graveside oration on Vincent's contribution to the club and the parish in general at the burial on Wednesday. Sean drew reference to the strong relationship between the GAA club and the Agricultural Show committee down through the years. This is without doubt down to Vincent's binding of those societies in his tenure as Chairperson of both organisations. The Show continues to be a major spectacle for the parish and county in the Annual calendar and no doubt will continue to be hosted in the GAA grounds for years to come.

Every GAA Officer with a tenure as long as Vincent's has an understanding partner by their side and Vincent's wife Ann is no exception. Vincent and Ann attended so many matches together and have been known to collect every newspaper cutting involving Barryroe GAA down through the years. I have no doubt Vincent will be dearly missed by Ann. Together, they have been at the core of so many happy memories for the people of Barryroe and I hope that these memories will bring solace to any dark evenings in the years ahead.

In January 2020, Barryroe GAA club honoured Vincent Sexton with the first Honorary Lifetime membership, in the club's history, presented on the night by Alan Browne. This was a fitting endorsement of Vincent's dedication and contribution to Barryroe GAA club down through the years and a proud moment for the Sexton family.

Vincent leaves behind him a legacy of generosity, integrity and selfless contribution to his parish. I have no doubt he has already acquainted himself with our departed GAA relatives and friends up high and will be keeping an eye on all happenings at the club in future years. Whilst he is no longer with us, his presence will be felt for years to come.

Rest easy Vincent. You will be missed.

Lawton Family Presentation

A book covering the late Killian Lawton's Barryroe GAA career was compiled and presented to the Lawton family June 24th at a poignant and special event held in the club dressing rooms. I would like to thank the efforts of Donal Holland, Liam Murphy, Rosarie Holland and Brendan Coleman for helping to compile this collection.

Several club members and players also helped to raise funds for Marymount Hospice as part of the #RunforKillian Virtual charity fundraiser which was organized by the Lawton family in May. In total, 26,076 euro was raised. Well done on this huge achievement. A very fitting way to mark the memory of our departed club member. RIP Killian.

Great Wild Atlantic Marathon Walk 2022

Barryroe GAA are an active participant along with the Courtmacsherry Lifeboat Station in the Great Wild Atlantic Marathon Walk. A fantastic sum of 9,209 euro this year for Courtmacsherry RNLI Lifeboat. It's a joint initiative in the promotion of the GAA and the RNLI Respect the Water campaign. The GNWA committee want to acknowledge the support from the GAA club members with the running of this event and hope this union will continue for many years to come for what is always a great event in the local calendar.

Referees

Pat Lawton and Mick Walsh Senior represented the club this past year as our official club referees. Having hit the milestone age of 50 in 2022, Mick Walsh has unfortunately decided to hang up his whistle. We thank Mick for the great service over the past number of years. Not an easy job at the best of times and Mick always carried himself extremely well when officiating over games.

In following his father's footsteps, Michael Walsh Junior has recently been certified as a club referee for hurling and football and will represent Barryroe in the 2023 season. We thank Michael for taking this responsibility and wish him the best in his future refereeing career.

Inter-County and Divisional Player Achievements

To don the county colours is a huge achievement for any a player in their GAA career. It is also an extremely proud moment for the player's family and coaches involved with that player's development up through the underage ranks. In the past year, the club has been lucky to have several players involved with County and underage development squads. The stand-out achievement was without doubt Olan O'Donovan's Munster championship success with the Cork Minor footballers. The club extend our congratulations to Olan and the O'Donovan family on this massive achievement. See below list of players with inter-county involvement.

- Robbie Kiely – panelist with Tipperary Senior footballers who unfortunately missed out on inter-county championship through injury
- Ryan O'Donovan – featured prominently for the Cork U20's throughout the Football Championship campaign until they boughed out to Kerry in the Munster Final
- Olan O'Donovan – Cork Minor (U17) footballer and Munster Championship winner
- Luke Murphy – Cork U15 in both Football and Hurling.
- Jamie Collins – Cork U14 Development Squad

David O'Sullivan and David Kiely also represented Carbery Senior Footballers who advanced to the quarter final of the county championship. David Murphy, James Moloney and David Kiely lined out for the Carbery Senior Hurlers who went out in the early stages of Championship.

Whilst the inter county accolades grab the headlines, the improved caliber of all players coming through at underage level and results in recent years has been noticeably remarkable. A steady supply line of top-class talent bodes well for future. Well done to all players, coaches, mentors and families on the commitment levels to enable the scaling of these heights.

Underage Success

Whilst the primary goal of our underage club is to develop players and maintain their involvement with the club and team sports, it is important to acknowledge this was an exceptional year of results. See below a breakdown of silverware won. Well done to all playing and coaching panels on a fantastic year. These age grades and successes will be covered in more detail at the Barryroe\Ibane Underage AGMs

Champions in below Hurling Competitions	Champions in below Football Competitions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> U21 A West Cork Championship U17 Division 2 West Chship U15 Premier 2 Division 1 League U14 A Hurling Championship U13 A Hurling League Rebel Og West U12 Shield 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> U21 A West Cork Championship U17 Rebel Og Div 2 West Championship Shield U17 Rebel Og Div 2 West League U15 Premier 2 Championship Challenge Cup U14 C Carbery Football Championship

2023 Adult Championship Draws

The 2023 Adult Championship draws made in the last week can be see below. Again, Championship is a League format with 3 group games and the top 2 teams progressing to the knock-out stages.

Premier Junior Hurling County 2023 Championship Groupings

Seed	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
A	Tracton	Kilbrittain	Meelin
B	Argideen Rangers	Milford	Russell Rovers
C	Erins Own	Ballygarvan	St Finbarrs
D	Glen Rovers	BARRYROE	St Catherines

Junior B Hurling Carbery 2023 Championship Groupings

Roinn 1	Roinn 2
St Oliver Plunketts	Kilbrittain
Kilbree	BARRYROE
Ballinascarthy	Bantry Blues
Gabriel Rangers	O'Donovan Rossa

Junior A Football Carbery Championship

Seed	Roinn 1	Roinn 2	Roinn 3	Roinn 4
A	Tadhg Mccarthaigh	Ballinascarthy	Argideen Rgs	St Mary's
B	Randal Og	Carbery Rangers	Kilmacabea	BARRYROE
C	D' O'Mathunas	Kilbrittain	Kilmeen	Clonakilty
D	Castlehaven	Newcestown	Bandon	St. Colums

Summary

In Barryroe, we are lucky to have so many highly committed volunteers. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank everyone listed below for your efforts and do apologize if anyone has been missed:

- To the players for their continued dedication to the club, travelling to training and matches, amidst other responsibilities in life like family, work and study. We are very grateful for your efforts and the club will endeavor to provide the best facilities and coaching to ensure your development continues and success is achieved on the field of play in 2023.
- To the 2022 Adult Team Management across both codes – a huge effort by all involved. Important to draw attention to how vital it is to have a strong working relationship in a dual code club between the hurling and football management teams. Danny and Gearoid worked closely to ensure optimal sequencings of training and games.
- Vincent O'Donovan has indicated his intention to step away from the Hurling Management team for 2023. We thank Vincent for his mammoth efforts over the past 2 years and he no doubt leaves a panel in a strong position to kick on in the coming years with a lot of new talent blooded under his tenure. Vincent hands over the managerial reins to Danny Murphy and we thank Danny for taking this responsibility on for 2023 as well as his huge coaching efforts with the team over the past year. We also extend our thanks to the back-room team members of Kevin Mccarthy and Conor Walshe. And to John McSweeney and Pat Lawton for assisting on Championship days.
- To Gearoid Whelton and Paudie Hurley for the management and coaching of the Junior Football teams. It is clear to see this squad has developed significantly over the past 2 years and it is great to know that Gearoid and Paudie will again be involved in 2023. Also thanks to their back-room team in 2022 of Densy Whelton and David Coakley for their efforts.
- To local physio Jennifer Mythen for her expert care of the adult playing panel and injuries.
- To referees Pat Lawton, Mick Walsh and their team of umpires for officiating over many games this past year. The shortage of referees in the county is a serious issue at all age levels and we are extremely lucky to have Pat and Michael Walsh Junior as our club refs for the year ahead.
- To those that lock up the pitch each night and make themselves available for the gate when we are hosting championship matches.
- To our county board delegates, Vincent O'Donovan and John Byrnes and also to Eoin Mccarthy for representing us at West Cork Board meetings. We send John Byrnes our best wishes as he recovers from some recent surgery. Whilst living in Bishopstown, John has been ever-reliable representing the club at County Board meetings and we hope to see him back up and running in 2023.
- To our registrar Jerome O'Brien who alongside Paul O'Regan, ensured membership was followed up on and registration of players with Croke Park was completed in the new Foireann system.

- To Donal O Buachalla as Irish Language and Cultural Officer for his efforts with the GAA Scor competitions.
- To our underage officers (Paudie Collins, Paul O'Regan, Conor Walshe and John Harrington) for their continued efforts in key positions to help ensure the running of our underage club structure.
- To Conor Walshe for the professional organisation of the Cul Camps in the first week of August. Always a marquis event in the club calendar with in excess of the 160 kids attending and it ran off flawlessly. Also to the band of volunteers who assist with coaching and catering throughout that week.
- To all other underage coaches, mentors and parents for giving up their time and ensuring the continued development of all players at training, going to matches and also mentoring sessions in Barryroe school. The fruit of your work is also evident in the amount of players we maintain at all ages, the victories achieved and on players making Cork development squads in recent years. Well done to all.
- To those who contributed to the end of year blitz and catering that followed. As usual a great spectacle and we thank everyone who helped out on the day.
- To Mike Coleman and our Lotto Committee members who run the club's lotto draw each Monday night at the local public houses. Also special mention to Donal Holland, Pat Lawton and John Dineen who each Monday gather all the tickets for the draw.
- To our various sellers (pubs, businesses and individuals) who bring in the weekly cash-flow, we are indebted for your continued support. We wish all businesses well and encourage our club members to continue to support you in the year ahead.
- To Billy Drake and the Pier House staff for the use of their facilities on a very enjoyable Club Race Night.
- To Gertrude and Deirdre in Barryroe Co-op for printing the weekly lotto posters and for Tim Carroll for updating the Lotto signage around the parish on the day following the draw.
- To Simon Locke for his expertise on any ad-hoc electrical work that surfaced through the year.
- To Treasurer, Michael Coleman for doing a superb job on the finances. Mike is ever present for any issues that arise on the grounds, coordinating all work with the workers and we are extremely lucky to have someone with that level of commitment and availability when required.
- To our Chair, Eoin, for doing a superb job in his second year of service.
- To John O'Leary for his continued excellent coverage as PRO.
- Finally, to our loyal supporters and club members, thank you all for your continued team support, and financial contributions via the Lotto, Race Night and the Rebel Bounty Draw. We are indebted to your generosity.

Conclusion

Whilst there was no silverware to boast for our adult squads, the performances in championship games across both codes were encouraging. Coupled with the recent U21 and U17 successes, it bodes well for the year ahead at adult level if we can build on this momentum.

The average age of our squad is slowly increasing with most players now having at least 2-3 years Championship experience under their belts as well as U21 at the top level. The mantle of being a young inexperienced team is diminishing and we must kick on in 2023 and challenge ourselves to reach new heights. We are on an upward trajectory in terms of our Championship performances and the potential is there to attack these competitions in 2023 full of belief and with no fear.

On the development front, the grounds continue to expand its array of facilities and the Club Executive will endeavor to carry on this work in the year ahead to ensure our members and players of all ages have the best platform possible to develop their fitness and ball skills across all codes.

I wish Barryroe club every success with developments on and off the pitch in the year ahead.

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Risteaird O Murchu ***Runai CLG Barra Rua***