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Secretary's Report to Club AGM

Monday 18th December 2023

@8:30 PM



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A chairde,

The AGM for Barryroe GAA club will be held in Butlerstown Hall 18th December 2023 at 8:30 PM.

2023 saw the club capture our first ever Junior A Football West Cork Championship. Coupled with the progression of our hurlers to the Premier Junior County Semi-Final, it's fair to say 2023 has been a year to remember and has lifted the spirits of players, supporters and the entire parish.

Hereunder find the Secretary's report of club activities on and off the pitch for 2023.

Adult Hurling





Premier Junior and Junior B Management Team

The management team for the 2023 season consisted of Danny Murphy, Kevin Mccarthy, Conor Walshe, Mark Mythen and Timmy Carroll.

Premier Junior Hurling Championship

The Premier Junior Hurling Championship 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 B against an opposition lineup of Ballygarvan, Kilbrittain and Milford. A series of fantastic performances in all 3 group games saw Barryroe top the group with 3 wins.

Date	Opposition	Round	Opposition Score	Barryroe Score	Result	Venue
Aug 5th 2023	Ballygarvan	Group B Rd1	1-21	2-19	Won	Bandon
August 12 th 2023	Kilbrittain	Group B Rd 2	2-09	1-14	Won	Clonakilty
September 1 st 2023	Milford	Group B Rd3	1-13	2-12	Won	Coachford

Group B									
Team	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts	
 Barryroe	3	3	0	0	60	55	5	6	
 Kilbrittain	3	2	0	1	54	46	8	4	
 Ballygarvan	3	1	0	2	61	66	-5	2	
 Milford	3	0	0	3	52	60	-8	0	

Finishing as the highest ranked team across all 3 groups setup an automatic county semi final slot. Our opponents, Junior A 2022 county champions Erin's Own, were unfortunately too sharp on the day and we never managed to hit the same heights as our displays in the group stages. Despite a great comeback in the closing stages, we had left ourselves with too much to recover and lost by 5 points at the final whistle. Erin's Own went on to win the Premier Junior County Championship.









Date	Opposition	Round	Opposition Score	Barryroe Score	Result	Venue
September 30 th 2023	Erin's Own	Semi-Final	2-13	2-08	Lost	Pairc Ui Rinn

Overall, despite the disappointment of the semi-final exit, this team had a stellar year with a series of commendable and hard-fought performances. We look forward with a lot of hope to 2024 that further heights can be scaled.

RedFM Hurling League Division 6

Our league campaign consisted of 2 wins and 5 losses, finishing in 6th position in the League table.

Date	Opposition	Result	Opposition Score	Barryroe Score	Venue
2 nd April	Ballygarvan	Lost	1-19	1-9	Home
14 th April	Sarsfields	Lost	7-21	1-5	Away
29 th April	Na Piarsaigh	Lost	1-12	0-11	Home
14 th May	Meelin	Won	2-13	4-8	Away
27 th May	Douglas	Lost	3-12	0-20	Home
10 th June	Kilbrittain	Won	0-15	2-11	Away
25 th June	Tracton	Lost	1-15	1-13	Home

Team	Pld	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts
 Ballygarvan	7	7	0	0	144	94	50	14
 Tracton	7	6	0	1	109	96	13	12
 Sarsfields	7	4	1	2	174	129	45	9
 Kilbrittain	7	3	1	3	151	121	30	7
 Na Piarsaigh	7	2	0	5	77	114	-37	4
 Barryroe	7	2	0	5	104	152	-48	4
 Douglas	7	2	0	5	118	151	-33	4
 Meelin	7	1	0	6	123	143	-20	2

Challenge games were played against Erin's Own, Tracton and Aghabullogue.

Junior B Hurling Championship

With big numbers training, the Junior B hurling championship and leagues for 2023 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 with the top 2 teams progressing. Barryroe were drawn in Roinn 2 against Kilbrittain, Bantry Blues and O'Donovan Rossa. Two defeats to Kilbrittain and Bantry Blues saw us exit the championship. The team finished the year with a win over O'Donovan Ross in the final group game.

Carbery Junior B Hurling Championship Roinn 2					
Date	Opposition	Result	Opposition Score	Barryroe Score	Venue
6 th August	Kilbrittain	Lost	2-24	0-8	Enniskeane
13 th August	Bantry Blues	Lost	1-26	2-8	Castletownkinneigh
3 rd September	O'Donovan Rossa	Won	2-11	2-13	Rossmore

LEAGUE TABLE R.C.M TARMACADAM CARBERY JUNIOR B HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP ROINN 2									
Team	Pld	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts	
Kilbrittain	3	3	0	0	89	34	55	6	
Bantry Blues	3	2	0	1	72	62	10	4	
Barryroe	3	1	0	2	41	76	-35	2	
O'Donovan Rossa	3	0	0	3	38	68	-30	0	

In the Division 3 hurling league, 3 games were played with 2 wins and 1 defeat.

Carbery Junior Hurling League Division 3					
Date	Opposition	Result	Opposition Score	Barryroe Score	Venue
16 th April	Ballinascarthy	Lost	3-14	1-7	Ballinascarthy
15 th May	Kilbree	Won	1-18	2-21	Barryroe
22 nd June	St James	Won	1-11	2-20	Barryroe

Ibane Gaels U21 A Hurling Championship

The Under 21 A Carbery hurling Championship for 2023 consisted of 4 teams. A Round 1 was scheduled to ensure every team got at least two games. Ibane overcame Bandon in the opening game. This setup a semi-final against Newcestown. Conceding some late 1st half goals was Ibane's undoing and never fully recovered in the 2nd period. This ended Ibane's U21 Hurling championship for 2023. We thank Danny Murphy, Conor Walshe and John Mcsweeney for their efforts from the Barryroe end with this team.

Round	Date	Opposition	Result	Opposition Scoreline	Ibane Score	Venue
Round 1	30 th June	Bandon	Won	1-14	1-18	Ahiohill
Semi	14 th July	Newcestown	Lost	3-17	0-19	Enniskeane

Adult Football

Junior A and Junior C Management

The management team for the 2023 season consisted of Paudie Hurley (Manager), Gearoid Whelton, Densy Whelton, Ger Keohane and Richard Murphy for the Junior A's. Donal Holland and John Mcsweeney took over the management of the second team.

Junior A Football Championship

Like 2022, the Junior A Football Championship consisted of 16 teams, broken up into four groups of four teams with the top two teams in each group progressing to the quarter finals. Barryroe were drawn in Roinn 4 with St Colums, St Mary's and Clonakilty.

Two impressive scoring performances against St Mary's and Clonakilty set us in good shape as we entered the last group game against St Colums. St Colums proved hard to break down but a strong finish saw Barryroe overcome the men from Kealkill and finish the group with maximum points as we entered the knock-out stages.

Bandon Co-Op Carbery Junior A Football Championship Results Roinn 1						
Round	Date	Opposition	Result	Opposition ScoreLine	Barryroe Scoreline	Venue
1	29 th July	St Marys	Won	1-6	3-13	Ahiohill
2	20 th Aug	Clonakilty	Won	1-7	3-18	Ahiohill
3	10 th Sept	St Colums	Won	1-8	0-12	Ballinacarrige

Team	Pld	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts
Barryroe	3	3	0	0	61	30	31	6
St Colums	3	1	0	2	43	39	4	2
St Marys	3	1	0	2	42	54	-12	2
Clonakilty	3	1	0	2	37	60	-23	2

The knock-out stages represented great value for money if you were following Barryroe's campaign. Three titanic battles against Castlehaven in the quarter final, Ballinascarthy in the semi final and Kilmacabea in the final all ended level at sixty minutes and requiring extra time. Thankfully, Barryroe's fitness and determination won out on all occasions and our Junior A footballers made history on 27th October in Dunmanway under lights by winning the Mick Mccarthy cup for the first time.

Bandon Co-Op Carbery Junior A Football Championship Results Knock-Out Stages						
Round	Date	Opposition	Result	Opposition Score	Barryroe Score	
Q-Final	23 rd Sept	Castlehaven	Won (AET)	0-8	1-08	Ardfield
S-Final	22 nd Oct	Ballinascarthy	Won (AET)	1-11	5-10	Enniskeneane
Final	27 th Oct	Kilmacabea	Won (AET)	0-14	1-12	Dunmanway

Winning the West Cork Championship set up a County quarter final tie 9 days later against the Duhallow divisional winners, Castlemagner in Macroom. Unfortunately, the physical efforts of the preceding fortnight took its toll and Barryroe never got going against a defensive and efficient Castlemagner side. This ended the championship campaign for Barryroe in 2023.

County Junior A Football Championship Results						
Round	Date	Opposition	Result	Opposition Score	Barryroe Score	Venue
Q-Final	5 th November	Castlemagner	Lost	2-10	1-11	Macroom

Junior A Football League

Barryroe competed in the Division 1 League for the 2023 campaign, finishing in 3rd position with 4 wins and 3 defeats.

Junior A Football League Division 2						
Round	Date	Opposition	Result	Opposition Score	Barryroe Score	Venue
Round 1	10 th March	Kilmeen	Won	0-6	1-12	Barryroe
Round 2	5 th April	Ballinascarthy	Won	0-9	0-11	Barryroe
Round 3	5 th May	T Mccarthaigh	Lost	0-15	0-12	Barryroe
Round 4	18 th May	St Colums	Lost	1-15	0-7	Kealkill
Round 5	2 nd June	Castlehaven	Lost	3-15	2-12	Barryroe
Round 6	16 th June	Kilmacabea	Won	1-9	3-10	Leap
Round 7	N\A	Clonakilty	Won	Conc Clon		N\A

Team	Pld	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts
Castlehaven	6	6	0	0	138	78	60	12
St Colums	7	5	1	1	93	57	36	11
Barryroe	7	4	0	3	82	84	-2	8
Ballinascarthy	6	3	1	2	65	52	13	7
Kilmacabea	7	3	0	4	72	91	-19	6
Tadhg Mac Carthaigh	7	3	0	4	63	87	-24	6
Kilmeen	7	2	0	5	74	92	-18	4
Clonakilty	7	0	0	7	24	70	-46	0

Challenge games were played during the year against Oliver Plunketts (twice), Castlehaven and Iniscarra.

Junior C Football Championship

The Junior C football championship was run off in a group format with 4 groups of 3 teams with the top team across the groups progressing to the semi finals. Barryroe were grouped with Argideen Rangers and Ballinascarthy. Despite a strong opening victory over Argideen, a loss to Ballinascarthy in the final group game saw us exit the championship

Carbery Junior C Football Championship						
Round	Date	Opposition	Result	Opposition Score	Barryroe Score	Venue
Grp Game 1	Nov 10 th	Arg Rangers	Won	0-5	3-10	Barryroe
Grp Game 2	Nov 24 th	Ballinascarthy	Lost	1-10	2-2	Barryroe

Division 5 Football League

Barryroe's second team entered the Division 4B football league playing 3 games in total and winning all encounters. This was enough to see Barryroe top the group and win that league section.

Carbery Division 4B Football League						
Round	Date	Opposition	Result	Opposition Score	Barryroe Score	Venue
Game 1	May 7 th	Oliver Plunketts	Won	1-3	4-14	Ahiohill
Game 2	May 29 th	Clonakilty	Won	4-4	4-22	Clonakilty
Game 3	June 12 th	Arg Rangers	Won	0-10	2-15	Barryroe

Team	Pld	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts
Barryroe	3	3	0	0	81	32	49	6
Carbery Rangers	3	3	0	0	70	32	38	6
Ballinascarthy	2	2	0	0	46	23	23	4
Clonakilty	3	1	0	2	49	70	-21	2
St Oliver Plunketts	4	0	0	4	43	84	-41	0
Argideen Rangers	3	0	0	3	24	72	-48	0

Ibane Gaels U21 A Football Championship

At the time of print, Ibane Gaels U21 Football Championship has seen successive victories over Newcestown, Clonakilty and most lately, Carbery Rangers (AET) in the semi-final. We expect the result of a Carbery Rangers county board appeal in the coming week, at which point next stage in this championship will be clearer.

Well done to all involved in reaching this stage of the Championship. Special thanks to Donal Holland and John Mcsweeney for managing this team from the Barryroe end.

U21 A West Cork Football Championship						
Round	Date	Opposition	Result	Opp Score	Ibane Score	Venue
Round 1	18 th Nov	Newcestown	Won	0-2	4-10	Newcestown
Round 2	26 th Nov	Clonakilty	Won	0-11	1-9	Clonakilty
S- Final	3 rd Dec	Carbery Rangers	Won(AET)	0-13	1-12	Enniskeane

Grounds Development

The following development was undertaken in 2023 :

- Erection of ball-stop netting at both goals in the main pitch.
- Erection of pre-cast ball wall on the northern side of the ball alley.
- Addition of container which has proved very effective for storing training gear.

2024 Planned development :

- Completion of ball alley works – tidy up fencing and astro surface to integrate with the new structure and erection of improved LED lighting
- Resurfacing of walkway on eastern side of pitch 3
- Installation of kerbing on the left from the entrance gate to the playground.
- Improvement of steps and installation of lighting from dressing rooms up to the upper car park.
- Gym repair works

Development Grants :

- 5,041 euro was received from the Munster Council 2022 Grant application process for the drainage works completed in 2020.
- In the last week, a further 2705 euro was awarded from the Munster Council for the 2023 application process in lieu of the ball stop netting erected in Pitch 2 also in 2020.

Other Development Grant submissions

Submissions were made to Clar for playground equipment and to Cork County Council for gym equipment but unfortunately, both were unsuccessful this time around.

We are still awaiting the outcome of the 2023 Sports Capital Grant application process for redevelopment of Pitch 2. We expect this decision in early 2024.

Thanks :

- To local Cllr John O'Sullivan for his advice on grant applications throughout this year and many years previous. We wish John well in his retirement from local councilor duties.
- 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.
- To B&M O'Brien Brothers Ltd for their expertise at all stages of the works undertaken in the past year.
- To all who provided input to the grant applications. These take time and diligence and preparation requires input from many people.

Grounds Maintenance

Scheme workers

Kenneth Santry and Ali Al-Rubaye continued their maintenance of our 3 pitches. I would like to thank both for their efforts this past year and I have no doubt they will maintain the same standards in 2024.

Toilet Facilities

A band of nearly 25 volunteer members from the Camogie and Ladies football clubs continued their voluntary rota to ensure the bathroom facilities at the dressing rooms were maintained. 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.

Other maintenance undertaken

Whilst the pitches and toilet facilities have been well-maintained, we also had several volunteers assist with strimming of the banks around the grounds. Also with painting of the new container. I would like to thank all volunteers for their efforts.

Finances

Lotto

We had 2 jackpot winners in 2023. Congratulations to both.

- Daniel Hurley, Ahamonister 3700 euro – June
- Courtmacsherry Hotel staff, 1600 euro – August

Race Night

A very successful race night was held in the Grange Tavern end of Sat 18th November. The club saw record sales with nearly 440 horses being sold via cash and online sales. Coupled with the generosity of our sponsors, this fundraiser provided a timely and 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 many sponsors for their generous contributions. To Ger and Mags O'Brien for their hosting of the event and a great night was had by all present. Finally to those who sold and purchased horses, especially the adult playing panel under the direction of Conor O'Regan, 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 club funding during the calendar year. Similar to the race night, 2023 saw record sales and we thank all club members for their subscriptions to this draw. Similar to previous years, Barryroe had a quota of 70 tickets to sell in 2023 with all sales over that amount going direct to the club.

In 2023, we had some monthly Rebel Bounty prize winners with the following supporters each picking up 250 euro :

- Timothy Carroll (May)
- Patrick & Hannah O'Donovan (May)
- Jason Fleming (November)

Congratulations to all and we hope this trend continues in 2024. Thanks to all those who supported this draw in 2023 and we hope you will continue to subscribe in the year ahead. A special mention to Vincent O'Donovan for again leading the administration of this draw from the Barryroe end.

Grants for Club Operations

Extra to the development grants mentioned earlier, two other operational grants were pursued and awarded :

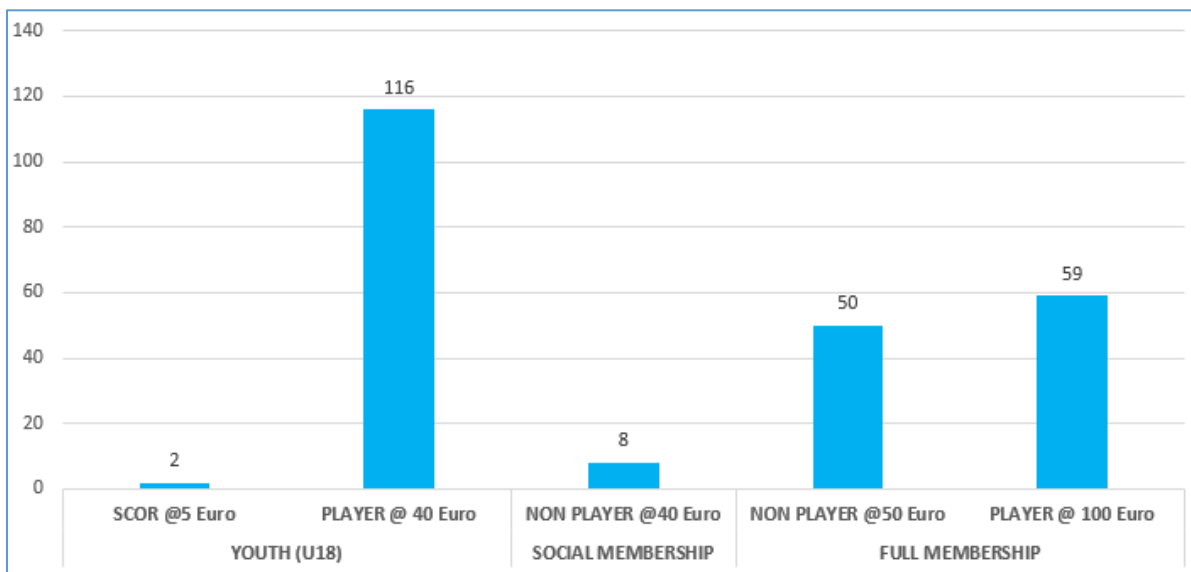
- Cork County Council grant of 3280 in lieu of operational and energy expenses.
- Croke Park Sports Energy Support scheme grant – 2313 euro

Thanks to Mike Coleman and Johnny O'Leary for their efforts in pursuing this funding.

Membership

In total, we had 235 members registered in Foireann in 2023, 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 are registered. 90%+ of membership is now taken online via Foireann with the remainder in cash. Thanks to Registrar, John Mcsweeney and underage Secretary, Paul O'Regan for following up with each team managers on outstanding members yet to complete registration.

See below a breakdown of the membership categories (Youth, Social and Full) and whether Playing or non-Playing (including Scor only members).



Gear Sponsorship

New training and matchday clothing gear was purchased for the adult playing and management in 2023 with a significant portion of those costs sponsored by B and M O'Brien Brothers Ltd and the rest coming from the players and management. We thank Bernard and Mike for their generous contribution.

2024 Rebel Bounty

The first of the 2024 draws will take place end of March 2024 with prizes for January, February and March being drawn on the night.

Barryroe club has now launched its Rebel Bounty ticket-selling efforts ahead of Christmas. 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 continues to do 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 2023 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). Thanks to John for his efforts here.

Clubforce

We continue to use Clubforce for online Lotto sales as well as ticketed events such as the Race Night and in the past year, the Ibane Gaels Dinner Dance. The convenience of this solution is very popular amongst purchasers and has been a major reason for increased sales at the Annual race night in recent years.

Other Club Matters of Note

RIP

Since our last AGM, we saw the unfortunate passing of the below people with club connections.

- Margaret Holland, Carrigeen
- Paudie Palmer who reported on many big Barryroe games down through the years.
- Willie Barry, Butlerstown
- Eileen O'Driscoll, Courtmacsherry
- Ann O'Donovan, Trieneens
- Donal O'Sullivan, Butlerstown
- Billy Barry, Lislevane
- Mary O'Donovan, Butlerstown
- Willie Walsh (Limerick), brother of club photographer, Martin Walsh
- John Pat Fleming, Butlerstown
- Finbarr Griffin, Lislevane
- Paddy Whelton, Lislevane

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

Referees

Pat Lawton and Michael Walsh Junior represented the club this past year as our official club referees. We thank both for their efforts.

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.

- Ryan O'Donovan – Cork Senior Football extended panel member
- Olan O'Donovan – Cork U20 Football extended panel member
- Luke Murphy – Cork U16
- Jamie Collins – Cork U15 development squad
- Conrad Murphy, Riley O'Donovan and Anthony Hunt – Cork U14 development squad

Olan O'Donovan and Ryan O'Donovan represented Carbery Senior Footballers in the 2023 Divisional \ College Football Championship section. Despite strong showings by our own players, Carbery unfortunately were beaten in an extremely close first round tie by Duhallow in Pairc ui Rinn on 24th August by a scoreline of 0-15 to 0-14.

James Moloney, Sean O'Riordan and Cathal Sheehy lined out for Carbery Senior Hurlers who opened their championship with a last gap win over Carrighoun on a scoreline of 2-20 to 1-22 on 20th June.

Unfortunately, Carbery exited the championship one week later on 27th June, defeated by Muskerry on a scoreline of 3-21 to 1-14.

Whilst the inter county and divisional appearances can 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 Team Achievements

The goal of our underage club is to develop players and maintain their involvement with the club and team sports right up to adulthood. However, it is important to acknowledge 2023 was again was an exceptional year of results. See below a breakdown of achievements. 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 and Ibane Gaels Underage AGMs

Hurling Competitions	Football Competitions
U15 Division 1 Hurling Championship (Winner)	U17 Div 1 Football Championship (Runner Up)
U15 P2, Div 1 Hurling League Cup (Winner)	U17 Div 1 Football League (Winners)
U14 A Hurling Championship (Winner)	U15 Carbery Football Shield Division 1 (Winners)
Under 13 A Hurling League (Winner)	U14 A Carbery Football Championship (Winners)
U12 A Hurling Championship (Runner Up)	

2024 Adult Championship Draws

The 2024 Premier Junior Hurling Championship group draws, made Thursday 14th December, can be seen below. Our exploits in 2023 saw us installed as top seed. The draw plots us in familiar territory again with Ballygarvan and Kilbrittain at the group stages, with Junior A County Champions, Nemo Rangers, completing the section.

Again, Championship 2024 will run as a League format with 3 group games and the top 2 teams progressing to the knock-out stages.

Premier Junior A Hurling Championship Groups 2024			
Seed	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
A	Douglas	Barryroe	St Catherines
B	Meelin	Kilbrittain	Glen Rovers
C	Milford	Ballygarvan	Argideen Rangers
D	Russell Rovers	Nemo Rangers	St Finbarr's

The 2024 Carbery Championship draws for the competitions below will be made in early January

- Junior A Football
- Junior B Hurling
- Junior C Football
- Under 21 Hurling and Football

Summary

Championship wins at adult level are a culmination of not just the victorious playing and management panels but rather the efforts of an entire club of people who work tirelessly for years behind the scenes to help the club excel and reach those heights.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank everyone listed below for your efforts :

- 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. Whilst our footballers have made recent history in 2023, we hope further historic days will be witnessed in the not too distant future across both codes.
- To the Management teams 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.
- On the football end, to Paudie Hurley for the management and coaching of the Junior Football teams. And to Gearoid, Densy and Ger Koehane for their efforts in the back-room management team. A case of 3rd time lucky and whilst the potential had been evident in 2021 and 2022, it finally came to fruition in 2023. As a group, this past year was something we will never forget. Also to Brian Deane for providing excellent stats on each game, to Donal Holland and John Mcsweeney for managing the second team whilst also being available on all match days as needed. And to Norman Fleming and Micheal Whelton for their assistance on match days.
- To Danny Murphy and his hurling management team, Conor Walshe, Kevin Mccarthy, Tim Carroll and Mark Mythen, who have reinvigorated a squad that were battling grade survival and now can be considered title contenders. Danny and Kevin Mccarthy have decided to step down for 2024 and we thank them for their massive efforts over the past 3 years. No stone was left unturned during Danny's reign in terms of match preparations and he hands over the panel in good stead. We wish both Danny and Kevin well and hope to see them continue to provide their expertise in some form at club level.
- To Conor Walshe and his intense focus on player fitness and introduction of some scientific measures such as GPS trackers which the players have really bought into. This has benefitted both codes at adult level and the fitness levels were a clear factor in this year's success.
- To club 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, Donal Holland and John Mcsweeney for representing us at West Cork Board meetings.
- To our registrar John Mcsweeney who alongside Paul O'Regan, ensured membership was followed up on and registration of players with Croke Park was completed in time.
- To Donal O Buachalla as Irish Language and Cultural Officer for his efforts with the GAA Scor competitions and promotion of the Irish language wherever possible.

- 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 170 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 Ger and Mags O'Brien for the use of their facilities on a very enjoyable Club Race Night.
- To Gertrude, Deirdre and Rebecca Earley 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 third 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.

West Cork Final Thanks

With only a 5-day turnaround between the semi-final and final of the West Cork football championship, it left little time for team and parish preparations. A mammoth effort that week from all involved helped to ensure we brought the Mick Mccarthy cup back to Barryroe. I would like to pay special mention to the following :

- To our generous sponsors :
 - John Fleming and his generous organisation of the Inchydoney pool for recovery and meals in the lead up to the final and county round.

- Our various local businesses and tradesmen who contributed to the matchday programme.
- Dan and Clara Moloney for their top quality post training meals that week and throughout the year.
- To the Grange Tavern for hosting the homecoming and providing food on the night.
- To the Pier House and Vincent O'Donovan for their generous sponsorship of food on the Saturday and to the Anchor Bar for their finger food and sponsored music
- To Barryroe Co-Op for their sponsorship of matchday snacks and drinks.
- Jennifer Mythen for her physio care and recovery center to ensure the players were in top shape in the week leading up
- To the Grange Tavern, Barryroe Co-Op and our own volunteers at the club who helped to order and sell flags, bunting and headbands at very short notice.
- To our members and supporters who painted the parish blue with signs, bunting and flags as well as the players who left a memorable blue and navy graffiti mark on an idle ford focus.
- To Barryroe National school for decorating the school, allowing kids to come to school in their Barryroe gear and sending well wishes via their social media channels.
- To Barry Holland who at short notice volunteered to provide commentary on the LIVE stream on the Friday night.
- To everyone in the parish who got behind the team on that damp and cold night in Dunmanway. The roar from the bank was inspirational to the players and hope you will follow us for many more occasions like that in the very near future.

Conclusion

2023 has been an exceptional year for the club and in years to come, we will look back with fond memories. Everyone at club level has played their part in this success and we thank all for their efforts. We hope to see everyone at the Club's Victory dinner dance on February 23rd 2024 in Fernhill House Hotel.

As a club, we cannot rest on our laurels and must now look forward and challenge ourselves to scale new heights both on and off the pitch in 2024 and beyond.

I wish Barryroe club every success in 2024.

Is mise lea meas,

Risteaird O Murchu
Runai CLG Barra Rua