

An t-Iompar Mhoy Uíche G.A.C.



Our Club Our Community

Introduction

Hello to all our esteemed members. We, the committee, kindly ask you to read this brochure and learn more about our current Canon Marron Playing Fields development as well as the upcoming Cairde Scheme.

There will be brochures sent out to members every two months, keeping you all up to date with the current workings of the club, both on and off the field.



Canon Marron Playing Fields

What has been done so far:

In 2016, work finally began on the Canon Marron Playing Fields and there has been a substantial difference between now and then. On top of our fundraising activities (Club 100, Monster Draw etc) we received a grant of £269,000. The amount of money that has been spent so far, inclusive of the grant, is £488,000. Here are the things that have been achieved to date with the money:

Training Pitch:

The main focus of our development was a training field to compliment our main field. We have been crying out for an additional field for many years and to finally have one on our club estate is a source of great pride. There has been a massive amount of work already undertaken on the lower field; earthmoving, drainage, seeding to name but a few. In 2017 Prunty's began work on the lower field and turned it into a great playing surface that our players will enjoy for many years. The pictures below highlights the difference:

2016





Additionally, work was completed by Atmac in 2020 whereby an entrance to the Canon Marron Playing Fields as well as ground being levelled out for a car park. Additionally, fences and stop-nets were erected which gave us a better picture as to what the training pitch will look like when it is finished.



Walkway and Lights:

To complement our wonderful playing surface, we also now have a walkway that will be used by members of the community all year-round. Whilst this is not yet complete, it will be open for our members to use for walking in the new year. The lights will ensure that the walkway can be used day and night, throughout the seasons. We all saw how well the lights look during the recent Bloody Sunday Commemoration.



Back-lane and Gym:

Work has begun on improving the back lane and has started on the gym, this will be explored more in the next section of the brochure. Here is an image of what has begun on the back-lane:



What is still to be done:

Goalposts and dugouts for training field:

Our training field will be ready for playing use once we have the goalposts sorted as well as dugouts for our players before and during training. However, it could be argued that some of our players might be happy enough without goalposts!

Floodlights:

Floodlights are needed to ensure our teams are able to avail of the playing grounds all year round. Our teams have had to avail of other facilities throughout Fermanagh and Tyrone in recent times, each of which is an added expense to the club.

Gym:

Work on the gym has commenced at the 'town' end of the main playing field and is expected to be completed in February 2021. Our players will be able to avail of a high-quality gym facility for personal and team use, ensuring our teams have the best possible platform to succeed on the pitch.

Surfacing:

The walkway around the lower field has taken shape but it won't be fully complete until it has a more permanent surface. Once we have this, it will be a suitable surface for members of our community to walk on all year round. Additionally, we want to tar the upper field from both turnstiles to the stand, which will transform the image of our estate.

Link from main pitch to lower field:

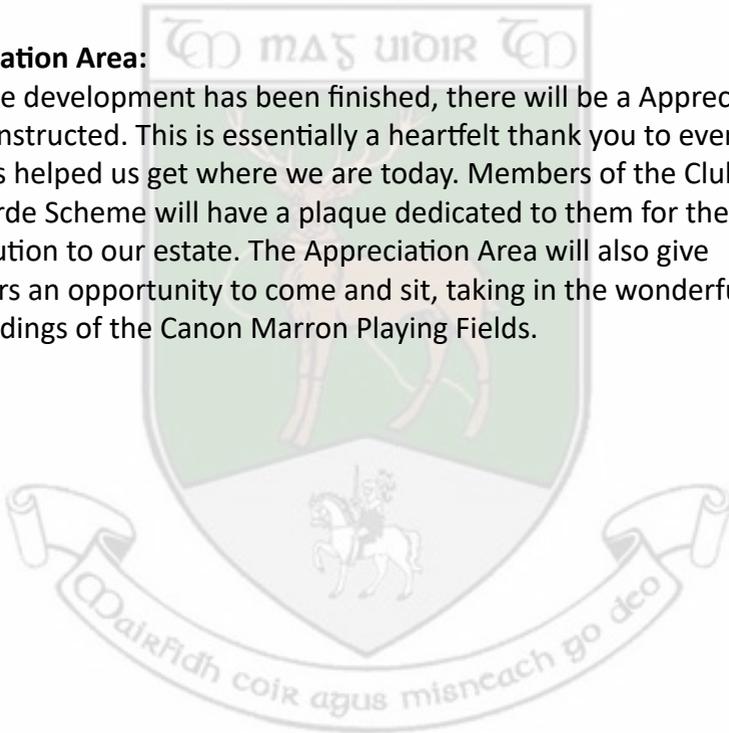
Having a link between our main pitch and the lower field will allow our players to use the changing rooms and walk down to training safely, as well being utilised for warm-ups on match days.

Back lane:

There are plans to widen the back lane (Piggery Lane) and improve its surface. As the gym will be situated at this end of the estate, it is going to get busier and busier. Additionally, patrons at match days can walk up the back lane if they have parked at the lower field. This will go a long way to reducing the congestion on Edenmore Lane on match days.

Appreciation Area:

Once the development has been finished, there will be a Appreciation Area constructed. This is essentially a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has helped us get where we are today. Members of the Club 100 and Cairde Scheme will have a plaque dedicated to them for their contribution to our estate. The Appreciation Area will also give members an opportunity to come and sit, taking in the wonderful surroundings of the Canon Marron Playing Fields.



Cairde Scheme / Membership

As you've just read, we still have quite some work to do before we can say work on the Canon Marron Playing Fields is complete. We need to raise money in order to do that so we are asking you to support us again to make sure the estate can be finished as soon as possible.

As the Club 100 scheme is coming towards an end, the executive committee would like to thank all members of this scheme for their contribution over the last number of years. Without you, we wouldn't have been able to embark on such an ambitious development.

Whilst not necessarily being replaced, the Club 100 scheme is being rebranded as Cairde an t-Iompu, "Friends of Tempo". Here are the details of the Cairde scheme:

- £20.00 per month direct debit
- Each member of the Cairde scheme will be entered into a monthly draw for £100.
- All members of the Cairde scheme will have a plaque dedicated to them in the Appreciation Area thanking them for their contribution to the estate.

If you sign up to the Cairde scheme, your membership will be paid as part of the scheme.

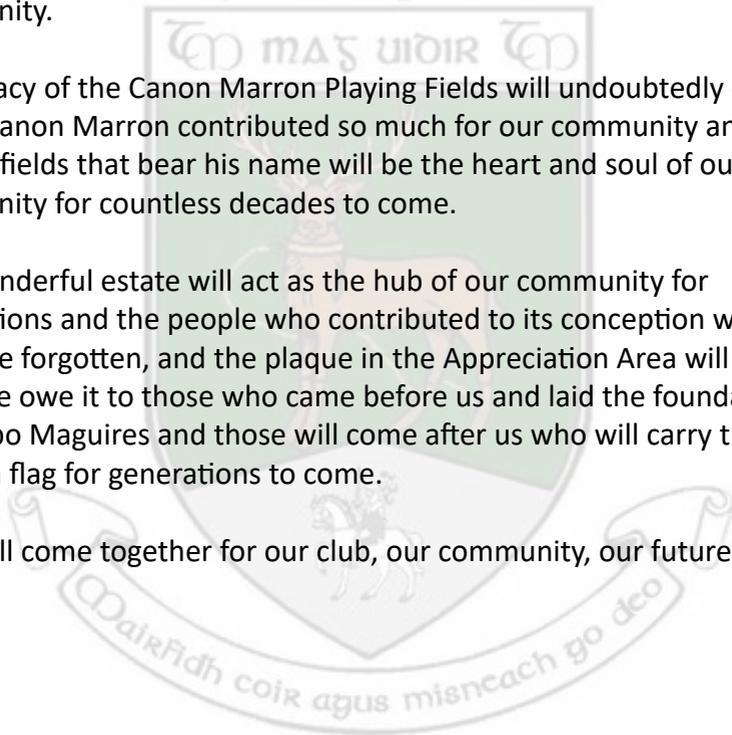
NOTE: It is possible to become a club member without being part of the Cairde scheme. Standard yearly membership remains at £25 per adult, £50 per family and £10 for under 18's. Family membership will be reduced to £25 if a family member is paying into the scheme.

We urge as many members of our club as possible to join the Cairde scheme to help us finally turn our dream into a reality. Whilst it is clear to be seen the benefits of being part of the Cairde scheme, the committee feel that the overriding benefit of being involved is being able to contribute to the development of our club and community.

The legacy of the Canon Marron Playing Fields will undoubtedly outlive us all. Canon Marron contributed so much for our community and the playing fields that bear his name will be the heart and soul of our community for countless decades to come.

This wonderful estate will act as the hub of our community for generations and the people who contributed to its conception will never be forgotten, and the plaque in the Appreciation Area will ensure that. We owe it to those who came before us and laid the foundations of Tempo Maguires and those will come after us who will carry the maroon flag for generations to come.

Let us all come together for our club, our community, our future.



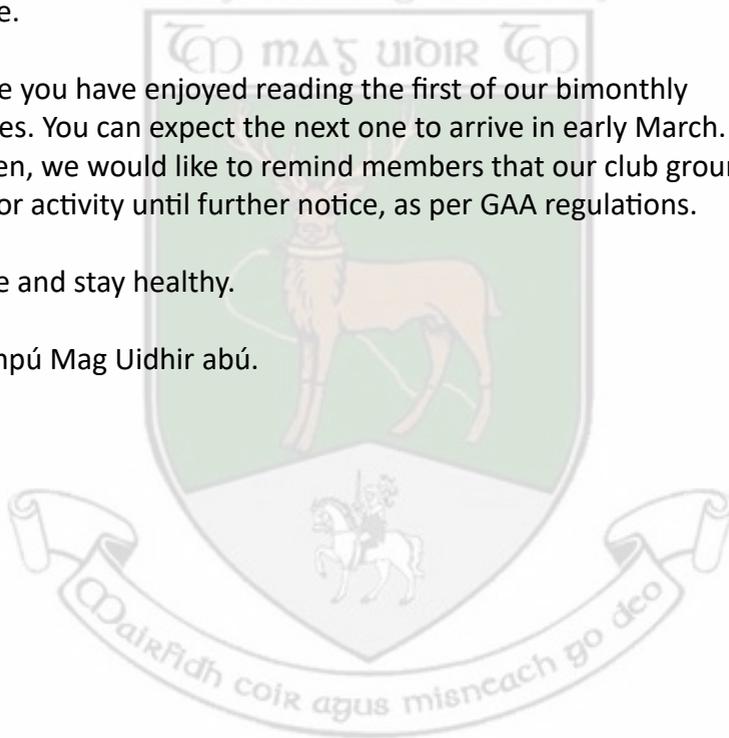
Conclusion

It is the hope that the Cairde scheme will begin in February 2021. We hope to have as many members as possible signed up by then and all the aforementioned ideas can be turned into a reality. If you are interested in opting into the scheme please email Aine Donnelly at secretary.tempomaguires.fermanagh@gaa.ie for a direct debit mandate.

We hope you have enjoyed reading the first of our bimonthly brochures. You can expect the next one to arrive in early March. Until then, we would like to remind members that our club grounds are closed for activity until further notice, as per GAA regulations.

Stay safe and stay healthy.

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