



Cumann Spa



Cill Airne

SPA GAA CLUB

FUNDRAISING PLAN | 2022 - 2025

Ar Aghaidh Leis An Obair



Fundraising Statement

SPA GAA...

has been an active sporting, social and cultural organization at the heart of our community since its foundation in 1948. We seek to contribute to, and support, the enrichment of our members, their families, and the broader community through the provision of best in class facilities within an inclusive and safe sporting environment. We strive to support our younger members achieve their full potential by developing their physical, emotional and social wellbeing.



At Spa GAA our vision is that everybody in our community has the opportunity to participate in our games, leisure, social and cultural activities.

Spa GAA Club, being a volunteer led organisation continually strives to contribute and enrich our own local community. Our Club's vision is to provide top class grounds and facilities at Spa Killarney where everyone in the community and outside is welcome to use and participate fully in our activities, games and culture, and in the process foster a sense of identity and place.

In order to deliver on this vision it is important that our grounds and facilities can cater for the ever increasing demand on our activities and to encourage younger players to play and remain involved in sport or indeed any activities provided by our Club.

In order to achieve this vision we are setting out important and exciting developments as we strive to invest in new facilities. We are looking for your support in delivering on this development as we approach the 50th anniversary of the opening of our main pitch and clubhouse.

Our development plan which is phased over a 5 year period represents important and essential investment in our future. Once achieved this plan will provide top class facilities for year round activities by those playing our games and using our facilities. These additions will directly benefit our local schools that use our facilities in line with the Clubs commitment in providing access for all.

As with all sporting organisations we have come through two difficult and challenging years due to the Covid pandemic. We acknowledge and thank the various community members and businesses who have supported our various fundraisers and those gone before us and gave us every opportunity to thrive.

This plan will do the same for the generations that will come after us. By supporting these fundraising initiatives you will ensure that our community has a facility that it can be proud of, and can meet the needs of Spa G.A.A in the years to come.

Michael Cronin

Cathaoirleach

Club Developments & History

2023 MARKS 75 YEARS IN THE LIFE OF SPA GAA

Spa GAA is a community based organization that has never lacked determination or vision. From its humble origins in 1948, that community spirit has prevailed over the decades resulting in a strong, vibrant and expanding Club.

In the early 50's players togged out amidst the ferns and under the bushes, around the field perimeter. By 1969 we had dressing rooms of sorts, a structure made from plywood shipping cases, re-cycled from the Ford Motor factory in Cork. In 1975 the football field was purchased from Denis O'Keeffe, following a door to door community funding drive. The first Club house and dressing rooms were opened in May 1979 following a huge community effort in the provision of voluntary labour and services. In the early noughties, in response to growing numbers and increased female participation, the need for new facilities became evident.

A multi purpose sports hall was developed in 2003. The original clubhouse was demolished in 2004 and replaced with a new sports complex incorporating 4 dressing rooms, reception, meeting rooms, kitchen and dance hall. The facilities were officially opened by then Minister John O'Donoghue and Sean Kelly, then President of Cumann Luthchleas Gael on 26th March 2006. Further playing ground was purchased in 2008 and this resulted in the development of Senior and Juvenile playing pitches in 2010.

In 2016 a new first floor gymnasium was constructed and commissioned and in 2017 a new handball wall was installed in the main Sports Hall. In November 2018 a state of the art floodlighting system was provided for the upper playing field. 2021 saw the development and installation of a fully illuminated 1 km walking track along the perimeter of Club grounds.

These developments are the product of Club investment of €1.5 million over a 10 year period, and a proud symbol of the sense of spirit and pride that exists within our community.



Pictured at the official opening of Spa GAA grounds on 27th May 1979 were Donie O'Leary, Michael O'Connor (Kerry County Board), Murt Galvin (Kerry County Board), Donie O'Sullivan, Sean Kelly (East Kerry Board), John Kelly, Frank King (Chairperson of Kerry County Board), Tadhg O'Sullivan (Chairperson of Spa GAA Club), Fr John O'Keeffe ADM Killarney, Pat Casey, Sean Cronin, Sean Kelliher.



Fundraising Plans & Options

Raising Of Funds The Club Needs

A Fundraising Committee has been looking at a number of ways to raise the necessary money which will help to provide the facilities that Club members and the wider community deserve.

Apart from ongoing and essential maintenance work, the Club has a number of development projects in the pipeline on which it hopes to commence work in the near future. The Club has received €96,000 from the Sports Capital programme but it must be supplemented with the Club's own funding.

Spa GAA's 5 Year Development plan brings with it a €500,000 funding commitment. To assist with our fundraising efforts, we are asking all of our patrons, supporters, friends, family, and those with an affinity to our Club to register under one of the fundraising options.



Planned Projects

- Ladies dressing rooms
- First floor viewing gallery to sports hall
- Safety enhancements to community walking track
- Proposed patrons coffee dock
- Player dug outs for Senior and Juvenile pitches
- Corporate sponsors display board
- The laying of a proper car park
- Alignment of the entrance to the Club grounds
- Perimeter fencing for pitches
- An outdoor skills wall
- Remembrance garden
- Landscaping

To meet these objectives, the Committee has come up with four main fund-raising avenues

The Spa Draw - Cáirde Spa

Everybody is being given an opportunity to become involved in a €100 per ticket draw for a €20,000 cash prize fund and other secondary prizes.

The Club is calling on all members, friends and supporters to support the draw, which will be the biggest single source of funding for the Club.

Club membership has more than doubled to 650 members, in the last two years. The Club is anxious that increases in membership and population in the Club's catchment are reflected in support for the draw.





Spa Wall Of Honour Engrave Your Name In History

NAME	NAME	NAME	NAME	NAME	NAME	NAME	NAME	NAME	NAME
DAVID O'NEILL	DAVID O'NEILL	DAVID O'NEILL	DAVID O'NEILL	DAVID O'NEILL	DAVID O'NEILL	DAVID O'NEILL	DAVID O'NEILL	DAVID O'NEILL	DAVID O'NEILL



This is a means by which members and supporters can contribute €250 to leave a lasting tribute to a special someone, or cause, dear to them by engraving a commemorative plaque in their memory and providing a lasting legacy. The Spa Wall of Honour is a wonderful way to say "thank you" to that person, or to celebrate the achievements of an individual, or group, who deserve recognition. In a nutshell, it's a way of remembering for posterity those who gave their yesterdays for our todays. Each plaque will be mounted on a 6ft x 4ft board and engraved with a name/message. The board, with the Club crest embossed, will be erected in a prominent place on a wall inside the clubhouse.

Corporate Support

The Club is offering local companies an opportunity to lend their support while, at the same time, reaping the benefits of exposure to the large numbers of people who frequent the Club to avail of its facilities, attend matches and events in the clubhouse etc.



The names of supporting companies will be prominently displayed on a new advertising and promotion display at the entrance to the Club grounds. We are available to discuss any expressions of interest in tailoring any corporate package to suit your budget. Our corporate sponsorship also allows companies to benefit from the large footfall our social media and club environs experience daily with options for advertising placement on our club website and social media sites.

Club Lotto

Following the impact of Covid-19 on the Club's Lotto, the Lotto is being relaunched as an important, ongoing fund-raiser.

People are being given the option of buying a year's supply of tickets, with the same set of numbers being entered automatically in the weekly draw. The cost is €100 for the year and members can also play online.



Spa GAA Club would like to take the opportunity to thank you in anticipation for your support. Without you, the Club would not be able to deliver for the community and catchment it serves.

We understand fully that what's being requested by the Club is a big commitment for everyone at this time. However, with your support, the Club can continue to provide upgraded and ever improving facilities for its members and the community in general. We sincerely thank you for your continued generosity.

FINALLY... Payments can be completed by card, direct debit, cheque, cash or bank transfer.



Club & Community Activities

ACADEMY

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Spa Coiste na nÓg set up a juvenile football academy in 2017 to introduce boys and girls between the ages of 3 and 9 years to supervised training and coaching by experienced male and female coaches.

The motivation behind the move was to introduce football skills to this age group in a relaxed and friendly environment. The coaching will also foster a great love for the game and instil a better self-discipline and sense of wellbeing among the participants.

The academy is available to all boys and girls between the ages 3 and 9 years from the Killarney area and takes place at the Club on Saturday mornings from 10-11am. All coaches are garda vetted.





SPA GAA CLUB

offers a range of activities for all our members and the local community, including our facilities at the clubhouse to cater for mens and ladies football teams at both juvenile and adult age levels, a fully equipped gym, one-wall handball and a 1km walking track supported by Leader funding through the South Kerry Development Partnership.

As well as our football groups, we also have a vibrant cultural element in the Club and compete annually in Scór, especially in Figure Dancing, Set Dancing, Tráth na gCeist and Recitation. The Club also hosts events that welcome in the whole community, such as the Golf Classic, the Annual 31 Card Drive Championship of Kerry, rambling houses and the Killarney Club 7's tournament.



Spa Ladies, Lily of Killarney.



Spa Killarney One-Wall Handball Wall.



Spa GAA, Scór na nÓg Set Dancers.



Spa GAA Club Gym.



Spa Rambling House.



Spa Community Walking Track.



31 Card Drive Championship of Kerry.



"Much Done, More To Do"

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