



Message from Skryne GFC Club Chairman

Skryne Gaelic Football Club has launched a major fundraising initiative aimed at financing an ambitious Development Plan over the coming years. Over recent months various sub-committees and groups have identified and costed projects which should be given priority. These include improved parking, designated walking path with LED lighting, Spectator Facilities, lighting upgrade (LED) to main pitch, new electronic scoreboard, and improvements to training pitch and road crossing. In addition, Skryne GFC will work with Meath County Council to examine feasibility of providing a children's play area and outdoor gym.

These improvements will bring our facilities up to the highest standards and provide amenities for all our members as we work towards the 'One Club Model' where the different branches of the GAA including Ladies and Men's Football are united.

To make our vision a reality we have organised our Horsepower Superdraw as detailed in this newsletter with the main prize being a John Deere tractor (valued at **€120,000**) or cash alternative of **€100,000**. The second prize is ownership of a racehorse for a season or cash alternative of €10,000. The club is indebted to Meath Farm Machinery for its advice and assistance in securing the tractor at optimum value and to leading trainer and Club member Gavin

Cromwell for facilitating the very attractive prize of ownership of a racehorse for a season.

There are many additional prizes including holiday vouchers and All-Ireland Final tickets with 'Early Bird' draws spread over May to September.

For this draw to be successful we have set a minimum target to sell 7,000 tickets at €50 each.

We know that this target is ambitious, but we are confident that it can be achieved if we extend our reach to all those, both within the parish and those, who have connections to it. We have put in place 30 teams of 10 sellers, and you can expect contact from

them over the coming weeks. Please help us by buying tickets and promoting sales among your extended family and friends. In addition to hard copy tickets there will also be an option to purchase tickets online at www.skrynegfc.ie

In addition to benefitting the club the funds raised will also benefit the nominated charities of our 'Brand Ambassadors' Nina Carberry and Trevor Giles. Nina has nominated LauraLynn Children's Hospice and the Injured Jockey's Fund and Trevor has nominated Jigsaw Youth Mental Health Services. The Club is grateful to Nina and Trevor for taking on the important roles of 'Draw Ambassadors' which will assist greatly in promoting the draw to a wide audience.

The winners will be drawn, from all tickets, sold by the closing date of 8th October 2022 and we ask for your continued support of our Club as we undertake this endeavour.

John Burke - Chairman

Christy O'Connor - Chairman Fundraising Group

1 PRIZE
JOHN DEERE 6120M TRACTOR (worth €120,000)
OR CASH ALTERNATIVE OF €100,000

2 PRIZE
OWN A GAVIN CROMWELL TRAINED RACEHORSE for a Season

3 PRIZE
CENTER PARCS HOLIDAY VOUCHER
to Value of €3,000




SKRYNE GFC HORSEPOWER SUPERDRAW

Ticket €50

SATURDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2022





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OUR VISION

To Build A Club That All In Our Community Can Be Proud To Call Their Own

We have done a lot over the past number of years to make this a reality. Our Main Pitch is maintained to a high standard but our success in growing membership and playing numbers, both Boys and Girls, puts increasing pressure on the pitch with need for additional drainage and surface improvements. Our two Astro pitches have become vital to winter training in the Club and the building of our gym brought with it huge opportunities for athletic development. But there is more to be done to achieve our vision.

We have identified 4 key areas of investment:

- Developing a safe walking route around the main pitch complete with LED lighting. During the pandemic the club grounds became a popular walking route for many in our community. We want to create a safe walking surface where all users, young, old, able-bodied and those with disabilities, can get their daily exercise at any time of the day or evening. To complement this, we intend researching the building of a children's play area to cater for the younger children who often find themselves at the pitch with parents and siblings. We believe our club should be somewhere for the whole community to enjoy, not just our players so working with Meath County Council we will seek to surmount any insurance issues that might arise.
- Everyone knows that victories are won on the training field and in Skryne, this is something we have been sorely lacking. With the cooperation of successive Parish Priests, for which we are very appreciative, we have had the benefit of additional lands across the road from our main pitch for the past 25 years. As the welcome pressure associated with increased numbers continues, we wish to develop our training field to a standard that can accommodate both training and matches. Subject to the agreement of Meath Diocesan Trust, who own the property, proposed improvements within our Development Plan include boundary fencing, netting behind goals, levelling rough ground for use and an improved road crossing point.
- We are lucky in Skryne to have excellent coaches, some of whom are experts in player development. But these great volunteers need the right tools to get the job done and key to player development are fitness and agility. We aim to develop our athletic development facilities to a standard that caters for all ages and can be used safely by our teams all year round. This will mean continued enhancement of our gym facility with new equipment and investment in coaches and training.
- We want the visitors to our club to feel they are in a top class facility and that's why we need to upgrade our grounds. We will create a new tarmac surface incorporating drainage and services delineated parking spaces in all areas. Our main pitch lighting will be upgraded to energy efficient LED lighting, which, combined with an improved ESB power supply, will yield inter-county standard lighting. Enhancing the spectator experience is key to our ambitions, so we will have a new electronic scoreboard and improved spectator facilities. Our dugouts and pitch-side facilities need improvement to cater for the class of game we are attracting.

To realise our vision we need to raise funds; that's why we have created the **HORSEPOWER SUPERDRAW!**

Reading The Rst Newsletter!

Do you read the RST Newsletter every month? You can read it anywhere, anytime on the website: www.rstskryne.ie For over 20 years the RST newsletter was produced in hard copy, 4 to 8 pages and in black & white and delivered to your letterbox.

COVID changed all that and the RST Newsletter was re-designed. It is now published on-line [= on the internet] which means it must be read on modern I.T. devices such as Laptops, iPads, or Smart Phones. **The "new" Newsletter is much bigger, contains a variety of articles and photos and is produced in colour. It provides community news and information service to the people and organisations in the area.**

A huge debt of gratitude is due to Patricia & Jim Conroy who kept the newsletter afloat from 1997 until 2020. Both are still very much involved along with Hugh McNelis and Nick Palmer. Anne Gray has also been involved from the beginning and her wonderful tech team produce a beautiful colour newsletter on the last Saturday of each month. Thanks Anne

and team.

Many people are still confused by the brand RST, and we are not surprised. {R=Rathfeigh; S=Skryne and T=Tara}. So, **RST** stands for Rathfeigh, Skryne, Tara.

- a. The Community Centre is called the **RST Community Centre.**
- b. Next, we have a website: **www.rstskryne.ie** The website showcases the RST centre – its rooms, its facilities, its classes, how to book a room online and last but not least, **it holds an archive of every newsletter since 1997! What a fantastic parish resource?**
- c. Then we have the **RST Newsletter** that we encourage you to read on-line every month on our website.

- d. And finally, if you want to write to the newsletter, by submitting articles, photos, or an advertisement, etc, etc, you will need its email address: **therstnewsletter@gmail.com**

We encourage more residents to read our newsletter. We also hope we can help as many as possible to avail of our RST resources, physically or on-line. We expect more computer classes in the centre as the current class, which runs for 12 weeks, is booked out. We also encourage you to talk with your families, many of whom are now computer literate and will only be too glad to help. You might ask them to print a newsletter, even in black and white and the joy of reading the local news will spread.

Maurice Daly,
Newsletter Committee Member,
April 2022.

What Is The Horsepower Superdraw?

The Horsepower Superdraw is your chance to win big!

Your ticket gives you the chance to win a John Deere 6120M with front loader worth a massive €120,000. You can of course take a cash prize of €100,000 instead.

If machines aren't your thing, then maybe animals are. Our second prize is a chance to win a proper racehorse! For one racing season you will be the proud owner of a working racehorse trained by Cheltenham winning trainer and Club member Gavin Cromwell. You get to be the owner with no purchase price on the horse, no training fees, and no stable fees. And best of all, if the horse wins the owner's share of prize money goes to you, the lucky owner!



Additional Prizes Include

Center Parcs holiday voucher to value of €3,000

Holiday voucher to Value of € 1,500

John Deere Factory Tour including flights to Germany and accommodation (for 2)

To keep the excitement building during the year we will be running a bonus 'Early Bird' draw each month from May to September where the lucky person will win attractive bonus prizes including holiday vouchers, All-Ireland Final tickets and cash prizes – buy your ticket early to increase your chances of winning.

Sales Strategy

Our target is to sell a minimum of 7,000 tickets and so 30 Team Captains have been 'selected' with a total of 10 in each team to achieve this goal. We will be selling on the local by-roads and high-roads and also across the country at various events such as Fairyhouse Easter Race Meeting and the Ploughing Championships in September. We'll be asking our members and supporters to help on these occasions too. These teams of volunteers have been drawn from all sections of the club. It is great to see the goodwill present from these selfless volunteers; their efforts will not be forgotten.

In addition to selling hard copy tickets there is an easy to use on-line site on our new Skryne GFC website www.skrynegfc.ie so chase down those who have departed to foreign climes and your contacts around Ireland.

We are delighted to have the support of Nina Carberry and Trevor Giles as Draw Ambassadors. €10,000 from Ticket Sales will go to our Ambassador's nominated charities: LauraLynn Children's Hospice and the Injured Jockey's Fund for Nina and Jigsaw Youth Mental Health Services for Trevor.

Skryne GFC Draw Team Captains and Club Contacts:

If you have any queries relating to the Draw, want to join a Team or help in any way these are your contact persons. Please join in.

Aisling Bowens	086 376 2012
Alan Carty	086 360 7631
Brenda Govern	086 804 7630
Christy O'Connor	086 285 4057
Ciaran Lenehan	086 776 0326
Conor Corry	086 026 7510
Conor O'Brien	083 892 6504
Dan O'Leary	087 822 2012
Darragh Champion	085 753 3848
Derek Jones	087 223 2711
Dirk Reuter	086 822 4033
Eimear Finnerty	087 783 6890
Johnny Geraghty	083 813 0008
Jack O'Donnell	086 348 5302
John Burke	086 221 5803
Kevin O'Rourke	087 685 9026
Mark Battersby	086 399 1778
Mary Bennett	086 193 3867
Michael Mangan	086 603 9928
Mick O'Dowd	086 832 8929
Mike Foley	087 231 2289
Neil Burke	085 283 9576
Niamh O'Brien	087 608 5377
Nicola O'Reilly	087 696 8083
Norbert Coyle	086 349 8932
Patrick Battersby	087 655 4120
Ross Philips	087 979 8822
Rowan Dardis	086 833 7214
Ruth Moore	087 243 6404
Simon Fay	086 602 6618
Stephen Naughton	087 222 5572
Ulick McDonnell	086 820 8567
Vinny Naughton	085 113 8460
Pauline McManus	086 815 9765
Gina Doherty	087 906 5193

Alzheimer's



MAY 5th
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ALZHEIMER'S TEA DAY

After two years absence we are back.

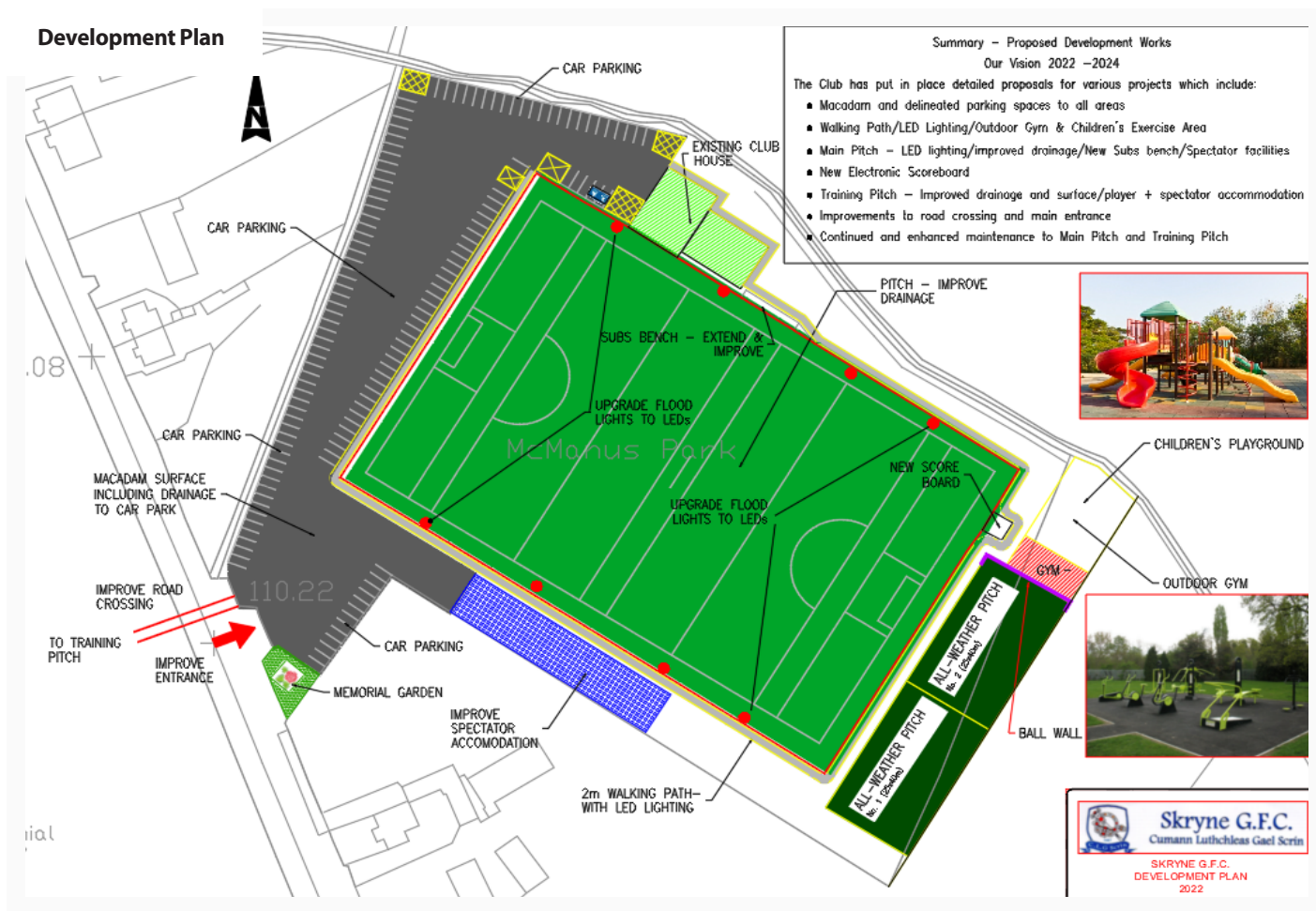
SAVE THE DATE:

Thursday 5th May
RST Community Centre
All day 9.30am till 7pm

Please drop in for a cuppa & support
this worthy cause

Diary the date Thursday 5th May

Development Plan



Draw Ambassadors



Nina Carberry: Nina is used to winning. As a jockey she racked up over 400 in the National Hunt and had notable wins at Cheltenham, Aintree and of course became the second female rider to win the 2011 Irish Grand National riding Organisedconfusion. She has continued her winning ways off the saddle in recent times by becoming the nations darling dancer in RTE's Dancing With the Stars. Nina said that winning DWTS was "like winning the Irish Grand National all over again". Skryne GFC is proud to have Nina as an ambassador for the Horsepower draw and fully endorse the two charities that Nina has nominated to benefit from the draw. The LauraLynn Children's Hospice provides specialist palliative and supportive care services to meet the needs of children with life limiting conditions and their families in Ireland. The Injured Jockey's Fund was set up in 2014 to increase awareness and raise vital funds to support our injured jockeys. Their mission is to make a real difference to the lives and welfare of jockeys, past and present and their families by raising funds to provide enhanced help, care and support.



Trevor Giles: Three time All Star footballer Trevor Giles is regarded as one of the best players of his generation but is also now what you would call a 'great club man' as he trains two of our teams, the u13 boys and u15 girls. He first appeared on the national sporting stage when he won an All Ireland minor medal with Meath in 1992 and bagged an under 21 All Ireland medal before moving to the senior ranks where he won 2 All Ireland Senior medals, 3 Leinster Championships and a National League. He's not quite as good a dancer as Nina but none-the-less we are proud to have him as our club-mate and ambassador for the Horsepower Super draw. Trevor has nominated Jigsaw Mental Health Services as his chosen charity. Jigsaw's vision is to create an Ireland where every young person's mental health is valued and supported. Jigsaw has been operating since 2006 and has helped thousands of young people navigate mental health challenges.



Gavin Cromwell: Gavin's training establishment is based on the Skryne/Kentstown border in the Greater Skryne/Rathfeigh area. His children attend Rathfeigh School and play football with Skryne GFC where Gavin is also a valued member. He is regarded as one of the top Racehorse Trainers in the country at the present time. Gavin began his very successful career under the tutelage of Dessie Hughes on the Curragh, Paul Kellaway at Newmarket in England and then spent time at Flemington Racecourse in Australia. On returning home he qualified as a farrier and then took out his Trainers Licence in 2005. Two years later at Cork in April 2007 he saddled his first winner - Dodder Walk - owned by a syndicate made up mostly of Skryne Gaelic footballers and ridden by another relatively local jockey Andrew Lynch from Ashbourne. He had more high profile success with Jer's Girl becoming his first Grade 1 winner and Espoir D'allen winning the Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham both owned by Ireland's most successful owner J.P. McManus. Local man Barry Geraghty had the mount on Jer's Girl to her many successes while Mark Walsh rode Espoir D'allen. More recently Gavin had grade 1 winners at Cheltenham with Flooring Porter winning the last two runnings of the Stayers Hurdle and Vanillier the Albert Bartlett Novices Hurdle. Raz De Maree owned by the Swan Family (Oberstown) was another successful horse trained by Gavin. His training expertise is not confined to Jump Racing and he has had many successes on the flat most notably at Royal Ascot in England and Paris Longchamp in France. One of Gavin's main jockeys at present is Skryne player Keith Donoghue. We in Skryne GFC wish Gavin and his team every success in the future and we thank him for his generosity in this massive fundraising event.