



Club All Saints

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We as a community believe that Ballymena is an important place... because it is *our place*.

We believe that our young people are important... because they are *our future*.

Club All Saints' aims are simple. To:

- Maintain, develop and promote our games and culture throughout the community of Ballymena;
 - Invest in our teams, players and members;
- Respect our past, support our present and develop our most important resource, our youth.

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**Securing the future
of Gaelic games
in Ballymena.**

Yesterday / Inne

2015 marks the 40th anniversary of the formation of All Saints GAC.

However, a history of Gaelic games in Ballymena can be traced back to the 1920's when the first Gaelic football team, known as *The McCracken's* were formed, and could be found playing in a field on the Deerfin Road from 1922-25.



They did re-emerge for a short period after World War II and played from 1945-50 at Caugherty Road.

In 1959, another attempt to form a Gaelic Football club occurred when *St. Patrick's* played their games at Caugherty in white jerseys with a green shamrock crest. *St. Patrick's* lasted until 1963. In 1965 yet another attempt was made to set up a club. This time the club would be known as *All Saints*, and games were played in red jerseys at the all-weather pitch at *St. Patrick's School*. However the team faded out with the onset of the Troubles in 1968.

After almost a decade, in the spring of 1975, another set of Gaels decided to form a Gaelic club, with the focus this time not just on football for adults but also setting up structures for juvenile hurling and camogie. Within a matter of weeks, a steering committee was functioning, and a decision was taken to affiliate with the GAA under the name of *All Saints Gaelic Athletic and Camogie club*.

The club very quickly began to provide all aspects of Gaelic games and past-times to its growing membership, and it became evident that the club would need to move to more suitable grounds than the small field at Hugomount that was being leased from the Parish.

An application to the Borough Council to provide playing facilities for the club was refused, so the club committee earmarked a possible area of land in the town-land of Crebilly. In March 1982, after three years of strong objections and a public enquiry, the club finally purchased ground at the Woodside Road. Following another three years of incredible voluntary labour by club members, the Slemish Park grounds consisting of 2 playing fields and car parking were officially opened on 10th May 1987.

Today / Inniu

Bound by the enthusiasm and determination of its founding members, the All Saints club has continued to develop and we now provide three full size playing fields along with state of the art changing facilities and pavilion at our Woodside Road grounds.

On a weekly basis, we provide all aspects of Gaelic games and social activities to 350 members. Over 200 of our membership are juvenile players and all play in one or more of our 15 football, hurling & camogie teams. All players and members are proud to be associated in the promotion of our core values, which are:

Community | Volunteerism | Identity | Excellence | Inclusion

All Saints GAC recognises the vital role we play and the central place we occupy in our town, Ballymena. Our club is at the centre of our community, it is a focal point for members and friends of all ages, abilities, interests and backgrounds. To not recognise this important position would be to undervalue the legacy of our club and the work of those who have gone before us.



Tomorrow / Amarach

To simply continue what we are doing would be 'just enough' ... but doing 'just enough' has never been our approach. We want to do 'even better'.

We want to build on the legacy of the past, we want to develop further as a club and we want to improve even more the lives of our members and our community.

Remember - everything our club does is aimed at:

- Giving our young people confidence and a strong sense of self-worth;
- Making them proud of who they are and where they are from;
- Helping them make good, positive lifestyle choices;
- Giving them a focus and a sense of teamwork and discipline through healthy, structured and enjoyable activities;
- Providing life-long association with the GAA family.

The key focus of Club All Saints is to provide the finance required to turn our aspirations into reality. Already much work has been done but we still have more to do. Maintaining and developing our facilities and providing for the needs of our membership is a costly business. Fundraising is, and always will be, our main vehicle for raising the finance that we require.

Some of our future plans include:

- Provision of match standard floodlighting on one of our pitches;
- A full size 4G synthetic playing pitch and,
- A covered stand at our main pitch.

Club All Saints is central to the future of Gaelic games in Ballymena. Support us today and be part of the future tomorrow.

Good things can be achieved by individuals - great things can be achieved by the combined efforts of many.

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