



# Provincial Council of Britain

# **AUGUST 2024**

# **NEWSLETTER**



**GAELIC GAMES COUNCIL  
OF BRITAIN**

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*For More Information, please contact:*

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**OR**

[treasurer.britain@gaa.ie](mailto:treasurer.britain@gaa.ie)

**Celebrating 100 years of Britain GAA**  
**1927-2027**





# STRATEGIC PLAN



Examples of our objectives and related outcomes for the development of the GAA in Britain 2024-2026.

## COMMUNICATION

- Develop a greater connection with members and followers.
- Give younger members the opportunity to develop as future leaders of the organization in Britain.
- Celebrate Irish language and cultural activities in Britain including the 100th anniversary of Britain GAA in 2027.

## RESOURCES

- Achieve Financial stability.
- Publicise funding opportunities available for clubs and counties in the Province.
- Ensure GAA facilities are developed and maintained in a sustainable manner.
- Establish Strategic Plans in all Counties

## GAMES

- Ensure players have at least 10 meaningful games at all levels and an appropriate game to training ratio to improve participation and retention.
- Invest additional resources to safeguard and grow the game of Hurling.
- Host an international development competition at U17 level.

## CLUBS AND COMMUNITIES

- Grow the GAA in Britain through the provision and showcasing of enhanced strategic and operational management services.
- Develop links between our clubs within the GAA in Britain and with clubs from other sporting organisations.
- Champion the importance of diversity and inclusion to inspire players and members to participate in our games and activities.
- Develop Social Games and activities for non-playing members.

# BRITAIN GAA STRATEGIC PLAN

## GOVERNANCE AND OPERATIONS

- Continue the development of the Gaelic Games Association of Britain.
- Establish an Audit and Risk Committee to oversee Provincial Council of Britain and each of the seven counties.
- Maintain high levels of Safeguarding Compliance in the Province.

## PEOPLE

- Establish a Games Development Conference in Britain for Coaches, Officers, Volunteers and Referees.
- Establish an annual awards evening for Britain GAA recognizing our volunteers.
- Grow the pool of referees and tutors in Britain.

Scan the QR Code and read through the Strategic Plan





# ALL BRITAIN INTERCOUNTY JUNIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

## THE ROAD TO CROKER



**On July 12th both London Juniors & Warwickshire competed in the All Ireland Junior Semi Finals at the GAA Centre of Excellence in Abbotstown. London qualified by winning the Junior All Britain Title and Warwickshire Qualified after beating Kilkenny at Páirc na hÉireann on Saturday 29th June**

**Warwickshire unfortunately fell short in their Semi Final against a strong New York Team. WARWICKSHIRE 0-8 VS 0-11 NEW YORK**

**A goal from Darragh Griffin helped London overcome USA to see them through to the Final. LONDON 1-8 VS 0:10 USA.**

**The final took place on Sunday 15th July at Croke Park before the Donegal Vs Galway All Ireland Senior Football Championship Semi Final. Unfortunately, London were narrowly pipped at the post by New York. LONDON 0:12 VS 0:13 NEW YORK**



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# U15 & U17 ALL BRITAIN COUNTY COMPETITION



***Congratulations to Warwickshire who claimed all 4 All Britain Silverware this season!***

***On the 15th June Warwickshire Under 15 team overcame London and Hertfordshire to get their hands on the cup, with their Under 14 Squad beating Lancashire, Scotland and Hertfordshire and walking away with the Under 15 Shield.***

***The Under 17 County Competition took place on the 13th July. In a closely contested Final, Warwickshire Development Squad beat Lancashire in the Shield Final and their Under 17 Squad triumphed over Hertfordshire in the cup final to complete the quadruple!***



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# ALL BRITAIN COMPETITION



## THANK YOU TO ALL OUR SPONSORS



SCAN TO SEE THE  
STATISTICS FROM THIS  
YEARS EVENT



SCAN TO FILL OUT THE  
SURVEY ON THIS YEARS  
ABCS



SCAN TO VEIW THE  
OVERVIEW VIDEO FROM  
THIS YEARS EVENT

The ABC Committee would like to thank Gael Londain for their huge support with this years All Britain Competition.

The club provided a huge amount of volunteers, not just on the competition days but assisting with set up and preparations.

Thank you to all involved at Gael Londain!





# ALL BRITAIN COMPETITION



## ALL BRITAIN COMPETITION 2024

STATISTICS UPDATE

**CLUB PLAYERS**

1,644	1,700	2,183	2,109	2,878
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**PARTICIPANTS GROWTH** **2,905** 2024

**HURLING/CAMOGIE**

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**PARTICIPANTS GROWTH** **341** 2024

**LADIES FOOTBALL**

334	352	558	764	770
2018	2019	2021	2022	2023

**PARTICIPANTS GROWTH** **757** 2024

**GAMES**

337	365	463	506	802
2018	2019	2021	2022	2023

**NO. OF GAMES PLAYED** **865** 2024

**PRIMARY/SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

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### COUNTY/CLUB ENTRIES

155	166	216	213	277
2018	2019	2021	2022	2023

**TOTAL NUMBERS OF CLUBS/TEAMS** **276** 2024

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IN MEMORY OF

# JOHN GORMLEY

In July 2023, we very sadly lost John Gormley.

He was one of the founding members of the All Britain Competition and ABC Chairman at the time of his passing.

John was a huge driving force for the ABCs for over a decade, driving around in his Golf Buggy overseeing the event, watching thousands of children, including his own grandchildren, playing Gaelic Games.

In his memory, The All Britain Competition Under 15 Boys cup has been renamed the 'John Gormley Cup.'

The cup was won by JFK from Leeds, following a fantastic final against Taras from London.

John's son Ciaran presented the cup, alongside Johns wife Bernadette, daughters Louise & Katherine and Grandchildren.







# NORTHERN COMMUNITY GAELIC

# GAMES 2024



*On the 7th & 8th of June, Schools and Clubs headed to Broughton Park to compete in this years Northern Games. It was a fantastic weekend, thank you to the organisers and sponsors for their support.*

## 2024 Statistics

*Schools Teams- 25*

*Club Teams- 68*

*Total Teams- 93*

*Schools Games- 58*

*Schools Participants- 319*

*Club Games- 155*

*Club Participants- 683*

*NGG Total Games Played- 213*

*Total Participants- 1002*

*Scan the QR Code to head to the Irish in UK Youtube Page to view the video from the event*



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# UPCOMING SUMMER CAMPS

## LONDON

WEST LONDON: 30th July- 1st August  
McGovern Park, Ruislip

SOUTH LONDON: 6th August- 8th August  
St James the Great Primary School  
Croydon

NORTH LONDON: 13th August- 15th  
August  
St Kiernans GFC, Barnet

WEST LONDON: 27th August- 29th August  
McGovern Park, Ruislip

Please contact Cormac Duffy to register  
cda.london@gaa.ie

## HERTFORDSHIRE

ST JOSEPHS, WALTHAM CROSS: 24th-26th July.  
St Ignatius Club House, EN1 4NW

GLEN ROVERS, WATFORD: 29th- 31st July  
Radlett Road, WD24 4LH

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Radlett Road, WD24 4LH

ST DYMPNAS/CLADDAGH GAELS, LUTON:  
28th-30th August. St Josephs School, LU3 2NS

For more information for any camp please  
contact Ailish, cda.hertfordshire@gaa.ie

## LANCASHIRE

One Day Summer Camp open to all  
clubs!

Thursday 29th August  
At Trafford MV RFCC, Sale, M33 6LR  
10am-2pm  
Registration is £15

Please contact Colin McNamara to  
register cda.lancashire@gaa.ie

## WARWICKSHIRE

The Warwickshire Summer Camp took  
place from 24th-26th July at Páirc na  
hÉireann with 147 children in  
Attendance!

## SCOTLAND

2 Summer camps were held in  
Scotland.  
The First was a Ceann Creige hurling  
club hurling camp in Glasgow, with 30  
children taking part. Next was a  
Football Camp with Dunedin Og in  
Edinburgh

# ALL IRELAND FEILE COMPETITION

Congratulations to all our counties that competed at this years Feile Competition! It was brilliant to see 9 Teams from Britain competing, including one Hurling Team.



## WARWICKSHIRE

Bekan, Co Mayo



## LANCASHIRE

Kilcoole, Wicklow



## LONDON

Bekan, Co Mayo



## HERTFORDSHIRE

Mallow, Co Cork



## SCOTLAND

Lamh Dhearg, Co Antrim



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## LONDON LGFA

Mayo



## HERTFORDSHIRE LGFA

Tyrone



## SCOTLAND LGFA

Tyrone



## LONDON HURLERS

Ballymena, Co Antrim



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# SCOTLAND



With Scotland's schools starting their summer holidays at the end of June, July is traditionally a downtime for Scotland's youth GAA. However, it's not a GAA free month, far from it!

It started with a hurling summer camp at Crownpoint Sports Centre in Glasgow, where 30 boys and girls got to experience the magic of hurling through fun games and activities. Great credit must go to Grace, Pat and Liam of Ceann Creige hurling club who organised and ran the camp, along with other club members.



We also saw both our U15 girls' and boys' Scotland development squads travel to the Feile in Ireland where they had a great time. While both teams found the going tough, they were young squads and will no doubt benefit from the experience. The commitment from players, parents, and coaches for Feile is significant, and it's always amazing to see the effort Scotland's Gaelic Game's volunteers put into developing the sport here.

The month was bookended with another summer camp, this time a football one in Edinburgh. A notable element of the Dunedin Og summer camps is that all the coaches are female players who have come through the club youth section. These young women are inspiring the young players behind them, especially young girls to take up and continue football into their adulthood.



As August rolls around and the summer holidays near an end, the youth clubs of Scotland will meet to review the pre-summer fixtures and discuss the post-summer schedule which is packed with games. Coming up over the coming months are visits from Irish clubs, our indoor winter tournament programme, the Irish cultural day and multiple other tournaments for boys and girls from 6 to 18 years of age, culminating with our Christmas themed tournament in Glasgow in December.



# HERTFORDSHIRE



## DEVELOPMENT SQUADS

July marked the close of this seasons Development Squads.

Our Under 17 missed in the All Britain Final against a well drilled Warwickshire Team. These lads have been great servants to their county over the past 3 years and hopefully it's just the beginning of a bright future in a Hertfordshire Jersey for them all.



In June, we took both our U15 Squad and an U14 Development Squad to Birmingham to compete in the All Britain County Competition. Not only did this give our U15 squad good experience before heading to the Feile competition. It was fantastic for our Development Squad to give them their first glimpse of county football before trialing for our Feile squad in 2025. A huge thank you to Steelcon for sponsoring our U15 Squad for the third year!



## ABCS

What a successful ABCs we had in Hertfordshire! It was a record breaking year for Hertfordshire schools with 7 of our schools claiming silverware at this years competition including Winning 3 out of the 4 Cups on Offer and being named All Britain Champions!

Our clubs team entries were up from 2023, showing the continued development of our clubs and it was brilliant to see both St Colmans & St Colmcilles partaking in the Hurling competition.



## SILVERWARE HEADING TO LUTON

Congratulations to St Dympnas for claiming the Fr O' Hanlon Cup following a brilliant final against St Colmcilles. It was great to see so many players who have come through the youth set ups playing for both sides!





# GLOUCESTERSHIRE YOUTH TRAINING



## BRISTOL HARPS



Congratulations to Bristol Harps who attended their first ABCs team following the launch of their underage this year! A fantastic achievement

## SWANSEA

It was brilliant to have 3 schools from Swansea take part in this years ABCs. A huge commitment from the schools, teachers, players & coaches, completing a 7 Hour round trip but they all had a brilliant day!



## YORKSHIRE



## JFK, Leeds



Congratulations to all involved in the JFK U15 team who won their first British Championship in 40 years and have put their names down in JFK GAA history. After topping the group, they dug deep to win the quarter final by 2 points, and then won an epic semi final on a penalty shootout. The final was another close one with JFK winning by 2 points and being crowned Champions of Britain and collecting The John Gormley Cup which is a huge honour for the club to recognise a man who did so much for Britain GAA.





# YORKSHIRE



## St Vincents, Sheffield

There is lots of very exciting work going on at St Vincents, Sheffield.

Teams across Britain will be descending upon Sheffield this summer as St Vincent's GAA proudly hosts its inaugural Gaelic Football 7s Tournament on Saturday 24th August bringing together Gaelic football talent with male and female teams of all standards welcome from across Britain, Ireland, and beyond.

Additionally, for those looking to extend their stay and make the most of the bank holiday weekend, the club is pleased to offer subsidised accommodation options in Sheffield. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to be part of Gaelic football history with this inaugural tournament in Sheffield.

Register your interest by contacting [secretary.stvincents.yorkshire@gaa.ie](mailto:secretary.stvincents.yorkshire@gaa.ie) or visit [www.sheffieldgaa.com/7s](http://www.sheffieldgaa.com/7s) to find out more.



In addition to this, following months of hard work training coaches, St Vincent's underage launched this July!

The sessions have been brilliant and will continue throughout August

It's never too late to get started, if you have a child between 6-11 years old who may be interested please get in contact!





# LONDON



## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Our U15 & U17 Club Championships concluded in the July.

At U15 Level, St Kiernans were crowned as county champions after defeating North London Shamrocks in the final in Greenford. Gael Londain/StClarets won the U15 Shield with victory over Tir Chonail Gaels in the final.

At U17 level, Tara completed 4 in a row after a strong second half performance saw them overcome North London Shamrocks in the final while St Kiernans beat Tir Chonail Gaels to win the U17 Shield.

The finalists in both age grades will represent London at the Provincial Club Championships later in the year.

Our U13 finals day also took place at Tir Chonails Gaels in Greenford with seven clubs taking part. In the Tier P Final, Parnells defeated St Claret's and in the Tier Q Final, Gael Londain defeated St Kiernan's.



## CUL CAMPS COME TO LONDON

London GAA Kelloggs Cul Camps kicked off on 30th July with the first camp taking place at McGovern Park in Ruislip. 110 kids attended the camp and three fun filled days of Gaelic Football & Hurling activities in the scorching sun.

Thanks to all our coaches for their hard work and to the county board for making McGovern Park available.

There are three more camps in August – one in Croydon, one in Barnet and another camp in Ruislip.



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# LANCASHIRE

## UNDERAGE HURLING LAUNCHING



Lancashire GAA are delighted to be launching underage hurling/camogie training sessions in September. These sessions are open to all children in the Greater Manchester, Warrington and Liverpool areas. Dates for the hurling sessions are as follows;

- 8th September – Warrington,
- 22nd September – Liverpool,
- 6th October – Manchester.

For more information on Lancashire underage hurling please contact Lancashire CDA Colin McNamara on 07872600082 or [cda.lancashire@gaa.ie](mailto:cda.lancashire@gaa.ie)

**LANCASHIRE GAA**  
**Underage Hurling & Camogie**

Equipment Provided

Open to all children in Lancashire. Beginners welcome!

Beginning in September!

Sessions in Manchester, Warrington and Liverpool

Scan QR Code to register interest!

For more info, contact Colin - 07872600082 or [cda.lancashire@gaa.ie](mailto:cda.lancashire@gaa.ie)

## ST MARYS U13 LEAGUE CHAMPIONS!

Congratulations to St. Mary's U13 who were crowned League Champions, beating St. Peter's in a thrilling final on a scoreline of 5-5 to 4-2.



A young Lancashire Under 17s fell short to a strong Warwickshire side in the U17 Provincial Shield final on Saturday 13th of July. Our lads battled hard and produced some brilliant passages of football. Massive thanks to all players and coaches for their commitment and efforts throughout the season. They now look forward to the Lancashire U17 club championship in September.

### LANCASHIRE U17 SQUAD 2024

- DANIEL O'KEEFE (JOHN MITCHELS)
- CONN MCDONNELL (JOHN MITCHELS)
- PATRICK DAVIDSON (JOHN MITCHELS)
- CONOR DIGNUM (JOHN MITCHELS)
- BEN LEATHERBARROW (JOHN MITCHELS)
- LUKE TAGNEY (JOHN MITCHELS)
- HARRY WILLOUGHBY (JOHN MITCHELS)
- TOMAS RUSSELL (JOHN MITCHELS)
- CHARLIE MADDEN (ST. BRENDANS)
- NOAH WHITE (JOHN MITCHELS)
- CILLIAN HAND (ST. BRENDANS)
- HARRY MORRIS (ST. BRENDANS)
- CIAN KENNEDY (ST. BRENDANS)
- EOIN MCHALE (ST. BRENDANS)
- SEAN BRENNAN (ST. LAWRENCE'S)
- CIARAN HAMPTON (ST. LAWRENCE'S)
- AIDAN HENEGHAN (ST. LAWRENCE'S)
- THOMAS MURPHY (ST. LAWRENCE'S)
- FINBAR O'MAHONY (ST. PETERS)
- CONOR SWEENEY (ST. PETERS)
- JONES BARTON (ST. BRENDANS)
- CALLUM MORAN (ST. LAWRENCE'S)

Well done to John Mitchels, St. Brendan's and St. Mary's, who all competed in the All Britain Competition on the first week of July. We are thrilled to see ever-growing Lancashire participation at the event and all clubs represented the county magnificently.



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@Warwickshire CLG



# Double Under 17 Provincial Winners!

Huge congratulations to our Under 17 Squad and U16 Development Squad who claimed both honors at the U17 Provincial competition on 13th July. Our U17 Team overcame Hertfordshire in the cup final and the Development Squad Lancashire in the shield competition.

These wins mean that Warwickshire claimed piece every underage County Silverware this season, a massive achievement!



# Summer Camp 2024

Our 2024 Summer Skills Camp was a roaring success with 147 children in attendance! A huge thank you to all our coaches who travelled from near and far. A massive well done to all our Under 17 players who completed coaching courses this year and assisted with this years camp.

**WARWICKSHIRE GAA SUMMER SKILLS CAMP**

Warwickshire GAA Summer skills camp, Open to all kids across all clubs in the UK. 8 Qualified and skilled coaches from Ireland will be in attendance across the three days.

Seánie Boyle - Camp Coordinator (Wishie CDA)

Brian O'Donnell - Defensive skills (Donegal Senior Footballer 2023)

Patrick Cahill - Nursery & Fun Games (Longford GAA Coach)

Seamus Carr - Forward Play (Donek Bank All Star 2024)

Donn Doogan & Ryan O'Donnell - Fundamental Movements and Skills (Bjergsen 2024)

+ Other Coaches

**24TH-26TH JULY**

AGE RANGE: 5-16 Years | TIME: 9:00 - 14:00

PAIRC NA HEIRIANN BICHERHELLA, SOLTHULL B92 0DB

€30 per child | Sign Up Via link Below | More Information CDA.Warwickshire@GAA.ie



# County U13 Skills Comp

Our first Under 13 Skills Competition took place on Monday 24th June at the Pairc. It was great to see 8 players from across our clubs.

Congratulations to our top three:

1st- Joe Clinton, St Brendans

2nd- Alfie Simms, Sean McDermotts

3rd- Ettiene Ouillion, Roger Casements



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# COACH EDUCATION 2024/25

**Our 2024/25  
Coach  
Education  
Programme  
will be  
released this  
September!**

**2023/2024**  
COACH EDUCATION & VOLUNTEER  
TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR BRITAIN  
GAELIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

**INTRODUCTION  
TO COACHING  
GAELIC GAMES**

**LEARNING SPACE**  
PLAYER ENVIRONMENT GAME

SUPPORTED BY OUR TRAINING PARTNER:  
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GAELIC GAMES COUNCIL  
OF BRITAIN

The banner features the GAA logo with the slogan 'WHERE WE ALL BELONG' and the 100th anniversary logo '1927-2027'. It also includes three smaller graphics: 'PLAYER PATHWAY', 'THE CLUB', and 'LEARNING SPACE'. At the bottom, there are logos for various Gaelic games councils and the Gaelic Games Council of Britain.



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