



Provincial Council of Britain

OCTOBER 2024 NEWSLETTER



**GAELIC GAMES COUNCIL
OF BRITAIN**

If you would be interested in becoming a sponsor for one of our upcoming Events or Competitions across Britain, please get in contact.

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**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





BRITAIN GAA TV IS LAUNCHING



As the fifth province ,we have always been proud of our football and hurling championships.

This year we are launching Britain GAA TV supported by 247.TV.

We will offer 10 live matches covering the Provincial hurling and football championships. This is a great way to showcase our games throughout Britain.

We already know some of the teams in the Provincial Football championship confirmed- Yorkshires Hugh O'Neill's are champions, Dunedin Connolly's were victorious in Scotland.

Roger Casements's are Warwickshire champions and In Gloucestershire St Jude's retained their crown . We now await the results of Lancashire, London and Hertfordshire.

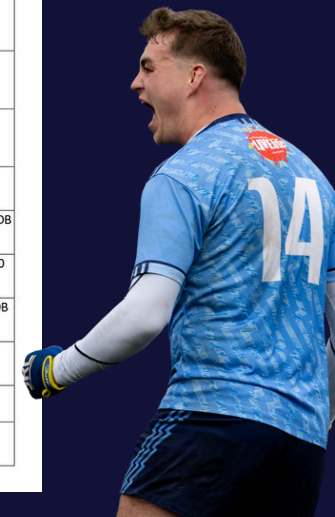
As the championships are finalised, you will be able to access the next stage of each competition via the following link or by scanning the below QR Code:

<https://www.247.tv/live/britaingaa>



THE FULL LIST OF FIXTURES AVAILABLE ON BRITAIN GAA TV

Date	Teams	Competition	Time	Venue
5/10/2024	Hugh O'Neill's (Yorkshire) v St Jude's (Gloucestershire)	Provincial Club Football RR	24-7 TV 2pm	Beeston Road, Leeds, LS11 8RP
13/10/2024	TBC (Hertfordshire) V Hugh O'Neill's (Yorkshire)	Provincial club Football RR	24-7 TV 2pm	Radlett road, Watford, WD24 4LH
20/10/2024	St Jude's (Gloucestershire) v TBC (Hertfordshire)	Provincial club Football RR	24-7 TV 2pm	Test Park, Lower Brownhill road, Southampton, SO16 9BP
20/10/2024	Provincial Hurling Club Semi-Final	Provincial club Hurling Semi Final	24-7 TV 2pm	Pairc na Heireann, Bickenhill, Solihull, B93 0DB
27/10/2024	Round Robin winner V Scotland	Provincial football club quarter final	24-7 TV 3pm	Old Bedians, Millgate Lane, Manchester, M20 5QX
3/11/2024	Provincial Club Hurling Final	Provincial club Hurling final	24-7 TV 2pm	Pairc na Heireann, Bickenhill, Solihull, B93 0DB
10/11/2024	TBC (Qtr. final winner) v Roger Casements (Warwickshire)	Provincial club football semi final	24-7 TV 2pm	TBC
10/11/2024	TBC (Lancashire) v TBC (London)	Provincial club football semi final	24-7 TV 2pm	Radlett road, Watford, WD24 4LH
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UNIVERSITIES UPDATE



A NEW ACADEMIC YEAR!

AS THE STUDENTS ARE RETURNING OR STARTING A NEW COURSE AT UNIVERSITIES ACROSS ENGLAND, SCOTLAND AND WALES, OUR ATTENTION IS ON MAKING THE UNIVERSITIES COMPETITIONS BIGGER AND BETTER.

NEW UNIVERSITIES

WE ARE ACTIVELY LOOKING TO START NEW TEAMS IN OTHER REGIONS. IF YOU KNOW OF ANY POTENTIAL UNIVERSITIES PLEASE GET IN CONTACT:
BUGAAREP.HE@GAA.IE

RECRUITING A SOCIAL MEDIA OFFICER

FINALLY BRITAIN GAA IS FOUNDED ON GREAT VOLUNTEERS, WE ARE CURRENTLY EXPANDING OUR MARKETING AND SOCIAL MEDIA TEAMS, WE ARE RECRUITING INDIVIDUALS TO ASSIST US IN PROMOTING OUR GAMES ACROSS ALL PLATFORMS.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED IN ANY OF THE ABOVE PROJECTS, PLEASE CONTACT US ON SECRETARY.BRITAIN@GAA.IE OR PRO.BRITAIN@GAA.IE

FIXTURES

OUR LEAGUE FIXTURES HAVE NOW BEEN RELEASED!



MENS



LADIES





UNDER 15 ALL BRITAIN CLUB COMPETITION



On the 15th of September, our Under 15 County Championship Winners and Runners Up headed to Páirc na hÉireann to compete in the Under 15 All Britain Club Competition.

Firstly, Well Done to all competing teams on a fantastic day of football and congratulations to our winners:

Cup Winners - Sean McDermotts,
Warwickshire

Shield Winners - North London
Shamrocks, London

Plate Winners - John Mitchels,
Warwickshire



Thanks to all our officials & coordinators for their support and thank you to Warwickshire GAA for hosting.

Summer GAA CAMPS



SCOTLAND



Scotland's school summer holidays start at the end of June, so July and August are traditionally a downtime for Scotland's youth GAA. However, it is not a GAA free period, far from it! July kicked off with a hurling summer camp in Glasgow, where 30 boys and girls got to experience the magic of hurling through fun games and activities. Great credit must go to Ceann Creige hurling club members who organised and ran the camp.

Later in the summer two summer football camps were run in Edinburgh by the local club, Dunedin Og. Over 80 children attended these camps, and all the coaches were young female coaches who have come through the club. Just like in Ireland, international GAA clubs are community clubs, and it is brilliant to see former youth players giving back to the young players following them. These summer camps have been running for several years and it is amazing to see how they have grown and introduced new kids to our wonderful sports.



Summer GAA CAMPS



LONDON

London GAA hosted 4 Kelloggs Cul Camps across July & August. This was the first time in many years that Cul Camps came to London. Two camps were hosted at the County Grounds in Ruislip, West London, one camp in Croydon in South London and one camp in Barnet in North London.

In total, 345 kids attended a camp in London this summer making them a great success. Huge thanks must go to our host venues, coaches, parents and kids for making it happen. Special mention to our CDA Cormac Duffy for his leadership on this.



WARWICKSHIRE

This July, Warwickshire held a Summer Skills Camp at Páirc na hÉireann. The camp saw 5 coaches come from Ireland:

- Brian O'Donnell (Donegal Senior Footballer 2023.)
- Patrick Cahill (Longford GAA Coach)
- Seanan Carr (Danske Bank All Star 2024)
- Oran Doogan & Ryan O'Donnell (Sigerson 2024)

It was brilliant to see the County's LGFA Players and U17's assisting with coaching.

147 children were in attendance and had a great week.





HERTFORDSHIRE

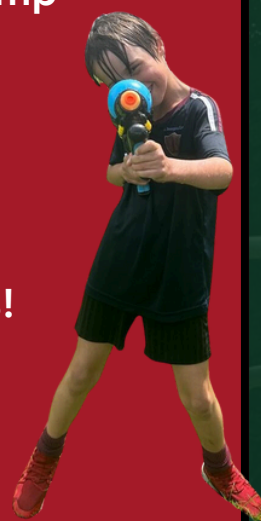
Summer GAA CAMPS

It was a jam packed summer full of camps here in Hertfordshire with 5 camps being ran across the county. Across the county it was fantastic to see so many homegrown players giving back to their clubs and coaching during the camps, that they would have attended when they were younger.



ST. JOSEPHS, WALTHAM CROSS

Congratulations to St Josephs on co-ordinating an extremely successful Holiday Camp with over 170 players registered. A brilliantly ran camp, well done to Johnny Magee and everyone involved at St Josephs!



GLEN ROVERS GAA CLUB

GLEN ROVERS, WATFORD

Glen Rovers added to their huge catalog of Holidays Camps for 2024 with another 3 camps held in the summer Holidays, to add to thos held in the previous half terms and Easter Break.



ST DYMPNAS & CLADDAGH GAELS LUTON



Two of our Luton Clubs, St Dymphnas & Claddagh Gaels joined forced to run a 3 day Summer camp for boys & girls. Over 90 children attended each day. Well Done to Kevin Foy on co-ordinating the camp.



Summer GAA CAMPS



LANCASHIRE

Lancashire GAA hosted one-day summer camps in both Liverpool and Manchester on the 26th and 28th of August, respectively.

Over 100 young players attended both camps, where they developed their skills through fun-focused games and participated in an introduction to hurling session.

These camps are vital to ensure that current and future players have access to Gaelic Games during the summer break. We would like to thank both Liverpool College and Trafford MV RFCC for the use of their facilities to host the camps.

Massive thanks also to our coaches, who delivered fun and engaging sessions for our participants. Lancashire GAA hope that these one-day camps will serve as a launchpad for larger and longer summer camps in 2025 and beyond.



HURLING DEVELOPMENT



LANCASHIRE

Lancashire GAA have launched county-wide hurling and camogie sessions for the first time. These sessions launched on September 8th at Appleton Thorn, Warrington with 28 children ranging in age from 5 years old, to 15 years old participated in the counties' first introduction to hurling session. Liverpool hosted the second hurling session on September 22nd at Greenbank, where there was a great turnout despite the wintery conditions! The final introduction to hurling/camogie session is scheduled for this Sunday, 6th October at Hough End, Manchester, M21 7SX at 11am. These sessions are open to any child between the age of 5 and 17 and are free of charge. No previous experience in hurling/camogie or GAA is required, and hurleys and helmets will be provided for those who require them. Lancashire GAA are proud that we are now able to offer young players the opportunity to participate in Gaelic Football, hurling and camogie and we aim to increase the frequency of these hurling and camogie sessions across all areas of Lancashire for the 2025 season. If you have any questions about underage hurling in the county, or would like to be added to our underage hurling mailing list, please contact CDA Colin McNamara at cda.lancashire@gaa.ie

LANCASHIRE GAA
UNDERAGE HURLING/CAMOGIE

Sunday 6th October
11am - 12pm

Hough End Playing Fields,
Mauldeth Rd W, Manchester,
M21 7SX

Scan to register
for the session on
October 6th.

Equipment Provided
Free of charge!
Open to All Age Groups (U7-U17)

Parents/Guardians that wish to register their child for this Sunday's session in Manchester may do so at the following link:
<https://forms.office.com/e/D2ujqbDia4>

0787260082

@ cda.lancashire@gaa.ie

LONDON

In September, London GAA hosted a Hurling taster session in South London targeted at kids aged 4 - 10 years. The session took place in Mitcham with over 30 kids attending - this would have been the first time that many of them would have played Hurling. Further sessions are planned for October & November with the hope of establishing a youth Hurling set-up in South London. Thanks to members of Fulham Irish & Sean Treacys clubs for their help and support with this so far.



HERTFORDSHIRE

This year we saw the first underage Hurling & Camogie fixtures take place in Hertfordshire which is a huge step the county! We now have two underage Hurling Clubs in the county; St Colmans in Luton & St Colmcilles (St Albans) became a dual club, now offering Football & Hurling at Under 7 and Under 9. Both clubs attended the ABCs this year and represented themselves and the county fantastically. The aim now for Hertfordshire is to potentially introduce Hurling in other clubs and look to host numerous Underage Hurling Blitz in 2025, inviting teams from outside of the county.



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UPDATES ON OUR NEW STARTER CLUBS



BRISTOL HARPS

Bristol Harps have had a great first season!

If you know any boys and girls aged 9-12 interested in joining message their social pages for more information.



NEWCASTLE CUCHULAINS

Since launching their underage provision in January, it's been a great year for Cuchulains! They finished the season off with a brilliant Family Fun Day for the children to show off their new skills learnt this year.



LIVERPOOL WOLFE TONES



Wolfe Tones youth sessions are back every Sunday until Sunday 20th October, Liverpool Irish Centre, Boundary Lane, L6 5JG, 11am - 12pm.

These are suitable for children of all ages.



ST VINCENTS, SHEFFIELD

St Vincents have just finished their first batch of taster sessions for children aged 6-11. It's been a great first year with 13 players who have completed their 3 strands and are now coaches. They are now building their club/school links. Three club coaches are in three schools for the first term, that will be an hour a week for six weeks, with more schools lined up in for the next term.



ST COLMCILLES, CARDIFF

St Colmcilles started their underage sessions this June. They take place every Sunday at Sevenoaks park and finish on Sunday 20th October.

Open to all Boys and Girls aged 8-12



ICGG COURSE, DUNDEE SCOTLAND

There is an Introduction to Gaelic Games Course (Foundation Coaching Course) taking place at the University of Dundee on 20th October. For more information contact Niall, cda.scotland@gaa.ie



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COACH EDUCATION 2024/25

**Our 2024/25 Coach Education Programme
has been released!**

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

INTRODUCTION TO COACHING GAELIC GAMES

THE CLUB PLAYER PATHWAY

**LEARNING SPACE
PLAYER ENVIRONMENT GAME**

SUPPORTED BY OUR TWINNING PARTNER:
ULSTER GAA

The Programme includes:

- Officer Training
- Safeguarding & Protecting Children Courses
- Coaching Awards – ICGG/Award One/Award Two
- Referee Training

**Thanks to our Twinning Partner
Ulster GAA for their support**

**SCAN BELOW
TO SEE THE
PROGRAMME**



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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

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GAMES

337	365	463	506	802
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NO. OF GAMES PLAYED 865 2024

PRIMARY/SECONDARY SCHOOLS

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ALL BRITAIN COMPETITION 2024

COUNTY/CLUB ENTRIES

155	166	216	213	277
2018	2019	2021	2022	2023

TOTAL NUMBERS OF CLUBS/TEAMS 276 2024

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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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