WHEELCHAIR PARKING

IN GAA GROUNDS

**Introduction**

As with all landscapes where the public congregate, dedicated wheelchair parking is a most common and expected sight on both public and private property.

13% of the population or almost 600,000 people in Ireland have a disability.

While mainstream participation on the main sports field may be a near impossibility, given the opportunity to participation in our culture events is very real possibly.

“Ní neart go cur le chéile”

**Advantages**

***of having wheelchair parking spaces in our local GAA grounds.***

* It provides a highly visible environment to encourage and normalise wheelchair membership.
* It is an internationally recognised symbol.
* It allows for Independent travel and access to GAA grounds by disabled members and GAA fans.
* There are many active posts with in the structure of a club which members with a disability would be able to assume.
* Readily availability disabled parking spaces depict an understanding of community inclusiveness.
* Parents of young athletes who are wheelchair users themselves can enjoy all the club may have to offer as a family unit.
* Wheelchair sibling of our athletes will not feel left out or unwanted.
* It would significantly advance the image of and enhances participation in “**Adapted GAA**”
* Adapted GAA is an innovative format for people with a disability to participate in Wheelchair hurling and camogie, wheelchair football and adapted rounders.

**Summary**

It is a step in the right direction, empowering disabled members of society, to fully engage with the ethos of the GAA. To be welcomed at the entrance and to wholeheartedly embrace all the positives that membership of our clubs entail.

# Current Project

Goal: To make all GAA grounds in the county welcoming to wheelchair users

Action plan

* Survey Clubs
* List clubs on Kerry GAA website with
  + accessible/designated wheelchair parking sites
  + accessible buildings
* Work with clubs & partners South Kerry Development Partnership to support clubs in provision of designated Wheelchair parking spaces

**ACCESS SURVEY – GAA CLUBS – COUNTY KERRY- 2021**

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| **CLUB** | **Q1 Has Club adotped CIRP** | **Q2 - Reviewed Regularly** | **Q3 Has Club HCO** | **Q4 Contact Details If yes Q3** | **Comments** |
| **NORTH KERRY** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Asdee | No | N/A | Yes |  | Person is inactive in the role so we need to change at our AGM |
| Ballydonoghue | Yes | Yes | Yes | Eileen Bunyan | Member of CHWC: also at HCO Training 25 Feb 2020 |
| Ballyheigue | No | N/A | Yes | Susan Lacey  [gearysusan@yahoo.com](mailto:gearysusan@yahoo.com)  087-9743 805 |  |
| Tarbert | Note sure | N/A | Yes | Marie Mulvihill  [woulfemarie@gmail.com](mailto:woulfemarie@gmail.com)  087-415 5212 | Thinks should have CIRP but not sure |
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| **TRALEE DISTRICT** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Austin Stacks | No | No | Yes | Mike Casey  [infomikecasey@gmail.com](mailto:infomikecasey@gmail.com) |  |
| Ballymacelligott | Yes | Yes | Yes | Oonagh O’Rahilly  [oonz73@hotmail.com](mailto:oonz73@hotmail.com)  087 7532 949 | In Hand |
| Kerins O’Rahillys | No | N/A | Yes | Antionette Sayers  [antoinettesayers@hotmail.com](mailto:antoinettesayers@hotmail.com) |  |
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| **ST BRENDANS** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ardfert | Yes | Yes | Yes | Julianne Prenderville  [julianneprendiville@gmail.com](mailto:julianneprendiville@gmail.com)  087- 649 4318 | In hand |
| Ballyheigue | No | N/A | Yes | Susan Lacey  [gearysusan@yahoo.com](mailto:gearysusan@yahoo.com) | We do not have a specific person in place for healthy eating.  Our HCO( myself0 can also advice on these matters.   Susan Lacey |
| Churchill | No | N/A | No | N/A | Club says need to progress these |
| St Pats Blenerville | Yes | Yes | Yes |  | In Hand |
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| **WEST KERRY** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Castlegregory | No | N/A | Yes | Seamus Rafter  [seamusrafter@gmail.com](mailto:seamusrafter@gmail.com) 0877823250 | Seamus Rafter  Maharabeg, Castlegregory, Co. Kerry |
| Lispole | Yes | Yes | Yes | Michael Griffin  [Lispolemikeg@yahoo.com](mailto:Lispolemikeg@yahoo.com)  086-871 2455 |  |
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| **MID KERRY** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Beaufort | Yes | Yes | Yes | Maurice Foley  [Mfdecorating1@hotmail.com](mailto:Mfdecorating1@hotmail.com)  087- 8234319 |  |
| Keel | No | N/A | Yes | Michael Murphy  [mdanogmurphy@yahoo.ie](mailto:mdanogmurphy@yahoo.ie)  087-410 9963 (or 9903?) |  |
| Laune Rangers | Yes | Yes | No |  | Reply fromSec Emmett Mc Cann |
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| **EAST KERRY** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cordal | No | N/A | Yes | [Melissa\_ocallaghan@yahoo.ie](mailto:Melissa_ocallaghan@yahoo.ie) | Reply from Tom Dennehy. Cordal GAA. 087-6394222 |
| Dr Crokes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Eamonn Fitzgerald  [fitzgeraldfam@eircom.net](mailto:fitzgeraldfam@eircom.net)  087-6298 606 |  |
| Firies | Yes | No | Yes | Roger O Donoghue |  |
| Glenflesk | Yes | Yes | Yes |  |  |
| Legion | No | N/A | Yes | Blaithin Stack  [Bla.ocarroll@gmail.com](mailto:Bla.ocarroll@gmail.com)  087-696 3979 |  |
| Listry | Yes | Yes | Yes | Anne Sugrue  [annebrn@yahoo.com](mailto:annebrn@yahoo.com)  086-215 4575 |  |
| Rathmore | Yes | Yes | Yes | Denis Reen  [deereendenis@yahoo.ie](mailto:deereendenis@yahoo.ie) | In Hand |
| Spa | Yes | Yes | Yes | Margaret Doyle  [margokef@gmail.com](mailto:margokef@gmail.com)  087-918 1970 | In Hand |
| Tousist | Not sure | N/A | Yes | Joanne O’Sullivan  [Joannephill27@hotmail.com](mailto:Joannephill27@hotmail.com) |  |
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| **SOUTH KERRY** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Templenoe | Yes | Yes | Yes | Mairead O’Mahony  [Maireadom1989@live.ie](mailto:Maireadom1989@live.ie)  Phone: 087-779 5579 |  |
| Valentia | No | No | No |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **HURLING** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Crotta O’Neills | No | N/A | Yes | Martin Conway  [martinconway2@gmail.com](mailto:martinconway2@gmail.com) |  |
| Tralee Parnells | Yes | Yes | Yes | [Carolinesomers1982@gmail.com](mailto:Carolinesomers1982@gmail.com)  085-7762896 | In Hand |

**Clubs are requested to please download/copy and fill in the below Access Survey for their Club Grounds and Buildings and e mail to** [**chair.hwc.kerry@gaa.ie**](mailto:chair.hwc.kerry@gaa.ie)

**Further Information - CONTACT**

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Access Survey

**Club:**

(Please circle answer)

**Does your club have designated wheelchair parking? Yes No**

**Does your club have wheelchair toilets? Yes No**

**Are you club footpaths accessible? Yes No**

**Are your club building accessible? Yes No**

**Is your viewing stand accessible? Yes No**

**Any other comments & feedback**

**Name:**

**Contact details:**