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**

***Clubs with accessible Grounds & Buildings***

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| **Club** | **Designated Parking** | **Wheelchair Toilets** | **Footpaths Accessible** | **Clubbuilding Accessible** | **Viewing Stand Accessible** |
| **North Kerry Football** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ballydonoghue | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Tralee District** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Austin Stacks | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | n/a |
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| **St Brendans** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ardfert | No | No | No | Yes | No |
| St Pats Blenerville | No | Yes | Yes | No | No |
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| **West Kerry** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Castlegregory | No | No | Yes |  | No |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Mid Kerry** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Beaufort | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Glenbleigh/Glencar | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
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| **East Kerry** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dr Crokes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Glenflesk | No | No | No | No | No |
| Rathmore | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Spa | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
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| **North Kerry Hurling** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Kilmoyle | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | No |
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**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**

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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:**