



Owen Roe O'Neill's GAC
Leckpatrick



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Eoghain Rua Uí Néill CLG - Owen Roe O'Neill's GAC

The present Club, known as Eoghain Rua Uí Néill or more commonly as Owen Roe's, is based in the Leckpatrick parish just north of Strabane. A section of the parish is within Strabane town while the recent developments on the northern outskirts of Strabane fall within the parish. There are three defined areas within the parish corresponding to the three church areas and the main area for GAA activity at present is Glenmornan where the Club playing facilities are situated.

The northern part of the parish – based around the school and church at Cloughcor – has limited involvement in the Club, with many of the younger players there favouring cricket or soccer. The school at Cloughcor is a thriving rural school and draws many of its pupil from the town of Strabane: there is some limited interaction between Club and school and it is hoped to develop this more fully in the years ahead.

The Strabane part of the parish too has only limited association with the Eoghain Rua Club and is seen as open territory for the town Club.

The Glenmornan area is strongest in support of GAA activities but the primary school there is in decline and likely to close within the next few years and this, despite the fact that the number of families in the area has increased substantially over the last decade. A number of young players from the Evis and Cavanalee districts in the Camus parish have gravitated towards the Eoghain Rua Club and their involvement has greatly helped the stability of the Club.

In recent years the Club has made great strides in providing enhanced facilities for its members and for the wider community. An investment of £350,000 in providing a training pitch and a refurbished main playing field has ensured that players have access to first class playing facilities and the Clubrooms and changing facilities were opened in 2000.





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Floodlights ensure that training and games can be played throughout the year and plans are being drawn up to provide further indoor and outside training facilities.

The Club has taken over the running of Glenmornan Hall and has embarked on a major improvement programme to allow it to be used for a range of Club and community activities catering for all sections of the local population as well as providing access to the primary schools of the parish.

The Eoghain Rua Club caters for both boys and girls and a full programme of coaching and games is provided by a number of voluntary workers.

The Club is financed by the voluntary contributions of its members and supporters and a membership scheme caters for individuals and families. The contribution of parents is always welcome and there are numerous avenues by which you can become involved.





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Our Club Vision:

To establish the Club at the core of a vibrant and caring Community, dedicated to inclusion and social cohesion and working to promote Gaelic games and culture for as wide a range of people as possible in the Club catchment area and throughout the wider GAA family.

This Vision will best be achieved by -:

- **Developing a strong Community base**
- **Valuing the importance of volunteerism and amateurism**
- **Seeking the widest possible involvement of the Community in Club activities**
- **Being open and inclusive and welcoming to others**
- **Ensuring that the Club provides exemplars of good practice and administration**
- **Seeking best possible levels of skill attainment and development**
- **Providing first class facilities for team games and recreational use**
- **Seeking co-operation with other Clubs and sporting organisations**
- **Encouraging the active participation of the whole Community in sporting and recreational activities**





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- **Developing a strong ethos of healthy living and fitness**
- **Developing a spirit of leadership and initiative among the Club members and Community**
- **Being committed to the Respect ethos of the GAA with regards to all aspects of Club activity**

