

## Review of Faughs Ladies 2020.

Once again, 2020 has proved to be a very successful year for the Faughs ladies in very difficult circumstances, the season had just commenced and lockdown was enforced bringing a shuddering halt to all aspects of football.

We have 108 registered players, from U12 to Senior Level an increase of 30 from 2019, we have very strong numbers from U6 –U10 which are not registered as players.

This year we had a new Senior management Team of Tom Miller, Maire McQuillan and Michael Conlon, with a new fixture structure in place we were targeting the championship final as our ultimate goal. In a very competitive Junior championship we ultimately lost out on scoring difference. A huge amount of progress has been made at senior level and we looking forward with great excitement and anticipation for the 2021 season with the promise of a football season as we used to know.

In Minor grade 2020 proved to be an historic year for the Faughs, winning our first ever Division 1 Minor championship. 2020 will be remembered not for Covid-19 but for the year the Faughs Club completed an unprecedented Minor double with both Ladies and Men's teams winning on the same day in the most dramatic of circumstances. Huge congratulations to all the players involved, just rewards for all the commitment and determination shown down through the years.

A Special word of thanks to Paddy Conlon, Mickey Conlon and Grainne Miller for their dedication shown to this group of players and the belief they instilled in the team "to never give up".

Paddy has moved job to pastures new and I would like to wish him the very best of luck in his new career, I know he will keep a close eye on the progress these girls make and will always have the Faughs close to his heart.

Our U16 competition was the only grade not to be completed this season, once again The Faughs competed in Division 1 and after an extremely competitive round robin series qualified for the championship final. The county board has proposed that both teams are awarded the winners title, there is a slim possibility that we may play the final before the start of the 2021 season.

Many thanks to the management team of Keith Hanratty, Jason Hughes, Francis Moore and Kate Deeseey.

U14 Girls represented the Faughs in Division 1 once again; our girls were extremely competitive in all their games and ultimately lost out in the semi-final to Magheracloone. This group of girls are getting stronger and stronger as each year passes and success is just around the corner.

Many thanks the management team of Brendan Carr, Maura Togher Smyth and Darren McQuillan for all their efforts during the year.

There was no competitive football for the rest of our age groups but all continued to train each week and played a large number of challenge matches.

Congratulation to Jodie McQuillan who received an Ulster Collages All-Star award during the year.

I wish acknowledge the significant support received from the senior executive in all our endeavours during the year, without this support we simply would not be able to field our teams and offer the Women and Girls of Castleblayney the opportunity to represent The Faughs on the field of Play.

I would also wish to say a very special thank you to Brian "Mr Faughs" Sherry as he steps down from his role of Juvenile Chairperson, Brian's dedication, drive and commitment to The Faughs is simply second to none and his contribution has been immense. I know Brian will still be very much involved in all aspects of the clubs into the future.

Finally, I would like to thanks all the players and in particular their parents who have supported the clubs though this very difficult year, as we can see the development of new playing pitches has begun and is essential to the continuation of the growth of our club. I urge each and every one of you to please support the club finically and physically to ensure that your children have the best opportunity to enjoy the very special sport of Gaelic Games.

Míle Buíochas

Darren MacUighilín

Faughs Ladies Chairperson.