

Ladies Chairman's Report



As all the team reports show 2017 was another successful year for Ladies Football in Ballinamere Durrow. I would like to think we have made further progress in the club in terms of numbers taking part, numbers of coaches and numbers of teams that are now competing up as far as Minor level. Having won Offaly Ladies under age Club of the Year in 2016 it was always going to be a hard act to follow but having competed so well in all age groups we can be very satisfied with our year's work.

The u 12's reaching the A final, and playing so well in it, was a highlight for me as was our first appearance in the Minor grade. It is great to still have girls playing at this grade as not all clubs achieve this. Hopefully we will continue to provide football for girls of all ages and even have an adult team in a year or two. Another highlight was the trip to the AIL Ireland Ladies Football Final when 70 girls from u12 got a bus to Croke Park. It was a very enjoyable day and we all look forward to the day when a Ballinamere Durrow girl runs onto Croke Park representing Offaly.

It is very satisfying to see all of our teams now competing in the A division and hopefully this will continue into the future. The coaches have shown a great enthusiasm and willingness to do courses to help in their coaching and because of this the future is bright for Ladies Football in Ballinamere Durrow. The number of girls from our club now representing the Faithfull county is a further sign we are going in the right direction.

As this is my last year as Chairman I want to thank everyone who has helped make the club what it is today as coaches, committee members and parents who were so supportive. They are far too many to mention but you all know who you are and your hardwork, enthusiasm and sacrifices are very much appreciated and because of your efforts the girls of Ballinamere Durrow have an opportunity to take part in sport in their own area, with their own friends and will have a sense of where they are from every time they pull on the club jersey. I also want to acknowledge the support of both Durrow Football club and Ballinamere Hurling Club who have helped us so much thus far. I especially want to thank the Ballinamere Durrow Minor Club for making Ladies Football feel so welcome and for supporting us so well. I hope the cooperation continues and grows for the benefit of all.

I wish Aidan and his new committee all the best of luck and I have no doubt he will do a great job. Finally I wish Carina a speedy recovery and hope to see her back in action soon.

John Lydon