



DROICHEAD MHAIGH EO

2024-2029

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CHAIRPERSON'S ADDRESS

A Dhaoine Uaisle agus a Chairde Gael, ba mhaith liom fearadh na fáilte a chur roimh gach duine chun an tionscadal ar leith seo a chur os bhur gcomhair. As Chairperson of Mayobridge GAC, I am pleased to present this strategic plan for the next five years of the club's activities and beyond. In developing this plan, we took the time to assess our current position as a club and reflect on the invaluable contributions of past volunteers. Their dedication and hard work have been integral in bringing us to where we are today, particularly during times when we did not experience the successes we enjoy now.

Our previous strategic plan has been successfully implemented, and it is now time to look ahead. We must consider where we want to be and what we aim to achieve moving forward. This plan serves as a guiding tool, a working document that will help us accomplish both achievable and ambitious goals in the years ahead. It is crucial that we remain open and welcoming to all members of our community, encouraging involvement from everyone—whether from our youngest members or our more senior individuals, who possess a wealth of knowledge and experience. Together, we can ensure the successful realization of this plan, fostering growth and expanding the club's presence within the broader community.

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to all those who contributed to the development of this plan. A special thank you to the County Down Rural Partnership for their assistance with the consultation and SWOT analysis, and to all those who participated in the consultation process. Your input was essential in shaping the direction of this plan. I would also like to express my appreciation to everyone who attended the SWOT analysis evening.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge our sub-group, who dedicated considerable time and effort to compile the plan into the document we present today. As our title, 'Droichead i dTreo na Todhchaí'—'Bridge towards the Future', let us all work collaboratively to achieve the goals set before us in the years to come.

Is mise le meas,

Seán Ó Ruanaidh,
Cathaoirleach Cumann Naomh Pádraig, Droichead Mhaigh Eo

Sean Rooney,
Chairperson St. Patrick's GAA, Mayobridge



CLUB HISTORY

History of St. Patrick's GAA Club, Mayobridge

St. Patrick's Mayobridge was officially affiliated with the GAA in April 1888, but football activity in the area predates this. The first recorded match was against Lisnamulligan on 28th January, 1888. The club's affiliation makes it the oldest registered GAA club in County Down. In 1889, they organized Down's first GAA tournament, 'Tournament for the Crosses' won by Warrenpoint John Martin's.

Following the Parnell Split, GAA activity in Down declined, but Mayobridge saw a revival in 1906 under the Ancient Order of Hibernians as Mayobridge Owen Roes. Frank O'Hare donated a trophy, now the O'Hare Cup, for the Down Senior Football Championship. In 1912, Paddy Downey, a Mayobridge man, won an Ulster Championship with Antrim. Returning home, he helped reform St. Patrick's GAA, leading to championships from 1917 to 1919.

Throughout the 1920s and 1930s, Mayobridge remained a strong force, although they lost six county finals, the last in 1937. Players like Hugh Joseph O'Hare and Tommy Gribben were key members of Down's Junior team that won the county's first Ulster title in 1931. After winning the Down Feis Sevens in 1940, the club faced suspension, leading to a temporary disbandment.

Mayobridge returned in the late 1940s, winning the All-County League in 1953. However, emigration and unemployment led to a decline. The club disbanded in 1963, reforming in 1966, coinciding with the formation of St. Patrick's Youth Club. Tom O'Hare, later an All-Ireland Senior Football medallist with Down in 1968, played a pivotal role during this time.

The 1970s were challenging, but the club focused on infrastructure, opening a Youth Club and developing football grounds by 1978. The 1980s and 1990s saw a resurgence, with the senior team winning all four divisions of Down football and multiple juvenile titles.

In 1998, Mayobridge reached the Senior County Championship final for the first time since 1937. Although they lost to Rostrevor, their sportsmanship became renowned. The club continued to enhance facilities, adding a Social Centre (1983), a second pitch (1993), and new changing rooms (2001).

The late 1990s and 2000s marked a golden era. In 1999, they won their first Senior County title in 80 years. Success continued with titles in 2001, 2002,

and a dominant run from 2004 to 2008, including Ulster Club final appearances in 2001 and 2004. Notable players like Benny Coulter, who also excelled internationally, contributed significantly.

The club experienced a brief decline after 2009 but won Division One titles in 2009 and 2010. They reached the Senior Championship final again in 2012, losing to Kilcoo.

In the past number of years apart from a number of Reserve and Premier Reserve Championships, success at Senior has been limited. But a renewed focus on underage coaching has begun to bear fruit with the last three Minor leagues and two Minor football titles won.

Camogie in Mayobridge

Camogie began in Mayobridge in 1941, guided by Fr. Mick McCartan. The team saw success in the early 1950s, winning league and championship titles. After a brief lapse, camogie revived in the mid-1960s, with new uniforms funded by the Youth Club. The team achieved significant success in the late 1960s and 1970s, including a County Senior Championship win in 1970.

The 1980s and 1990s saw fluctuating fortunes, but the club won the Division Three Championship in 2012, signalling a promising future. Another Junior title was added in 2018 which was followed up an Intermediate championship in 2021. The team play in the Senior league and championship and with promising underage will hope to push onwards.

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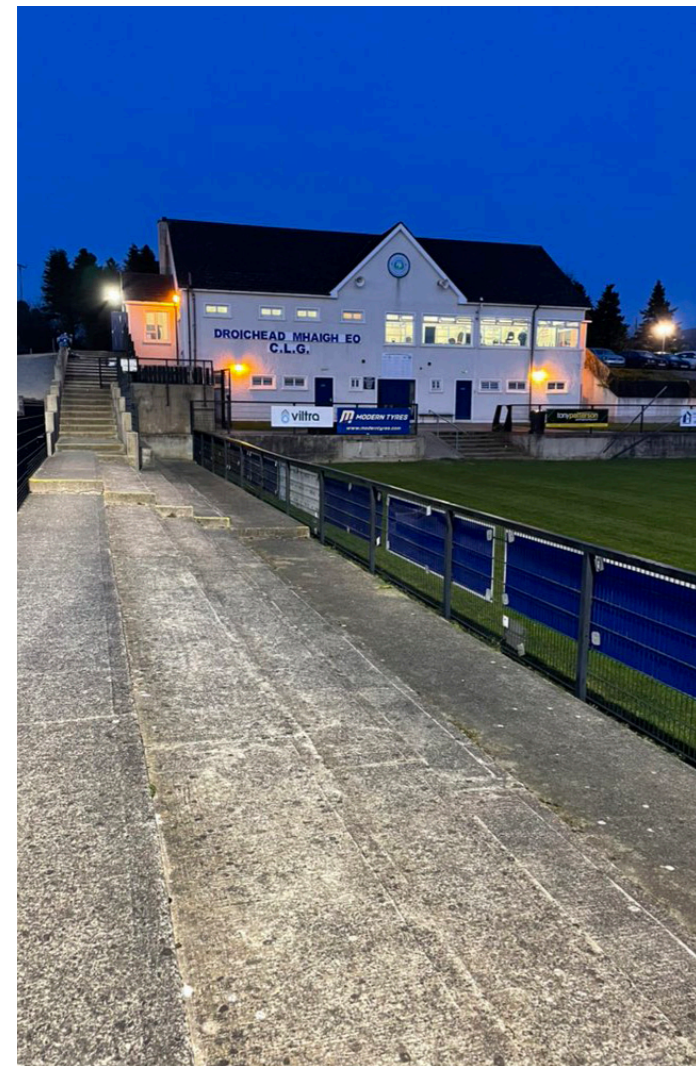
Ladies football started in the club in 2006 and the participation is flourishing. In 2009 Eamon Coulter and Aidan O'Hare led the girls to win the Junior championship which was followed up with an Intermediate win in 2013. We currently field at every level and in 2023 won the Division 4 league. The club now play in Division 3 and will be hopeful of climbing through the leagues.

Scór Achievements

Mayobridge has a rich tradition in Scór. Jane Rooney won All-Ireland titles in recitation (1999) and solo singing (2002, 2005). The Instrumental Music group won in 2003, and Claire Rooney (2007) and Gavin Gribben (2016) continued the winning tradition. Gerry Quinn and Peter Keenan were instrumental in these successes.

Handball in Mayobridge

Handball was introduced in 2012, with the establishment of a One Wall court in the Community Centre. The club quickly grew, boasting 19 adults and 46 junior members. They achieved notable success in county leagues and national competitions, with players like Michelle McCoy winning the She's Ace competition in 2016. The club continues to advocate for improved facilities to support its growth.



Conclusion

St. Patrick's GAA Club, Mayobridge, has a storied history marked by resilience, community spirit, and sporting excellence. From its early days in the 19th century to its modern achievements in football, camogie, Scór, and handball, the club has made an indelible mark on County Down's GAA landscape. With a strong foundation and a vibrant community, the future looks bright for Down's oldest GAA club.



OUR VISION, MISSION AND VALUES



OUR VISION

Our vision is that everyone be welcome to participate fully in our games and culture, that they thrive and develop their potential, and be inspired to keep a lifelong engagement with our Association.



OUR MISSION

The GAA is a community-based volunteer organisation promoting Gaelic games, Gaelic culture and lifelong participation.

We are dedicated to ensuring that our games and values enrich the lives of our members, families and the communities we serve.

We are committed to active lifelong participation for all and to providing the best facilities.

We actively seek to engage with and include all members of our society.

We promote individual development and well-being and strive to enable our members to achieve their full potential in their chosen roles.

OUR VALUES

Values	What this means
Community Identity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community is at the heart of our Association. • Everything we do helps to enrich the communities we serve. • We foster a clear sense of identity and place. • We support our members in contributing to the well-being of their respective communities.
Amateur Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are a volunteer-led organisation. • All our players and members participate in our games as amateurs. • We provide a games programme at all levels to meet the needs of all our players.
Inclusiveness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We welcome everyone to be part of our Association. • We support the needs of all of our members.
Respect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We respect each other both on and off the playing fields. • We operate with integrity at all levels. • We listen and respect the views of all.
Player Welfare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We provide the best playing experience for all our players. • We structure our games to allow players of all abilities to reach their potential.
Teamwork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The cornerstone of our Association is effective teamwork on and off the field. • Ní neart go cur le chéile (There is no strength without unity).

PLANNING PROCESS OVERVIEW

The Mayobridge GAC Steering group charged with the task of developing an evidence based and well informed 5-year strategic plan:

- Sean Rooney (Chairperson)
- Cindy Griffin
- Ciaran Cunningham
- Michael Goss
- Pat-Joe Magee
- Declan Mason
- Roisin Woods

The steering group first met to plan a way forward on the 24th April 2024. It was agreed that the Down Rural Community Network would be engaged to assist with evidence collection. Their expertise provided invaluable insights to ensure this strategic plan would well-informed and effective.

Where are we now?

Information on the population of the local and wider Mayobridge Area was obtained from Parish Records, the Electoral Register and detailed of

fully paid members on the Foireann Register. The Strategic Plan 2016-21 was examined to confirm what has been achieved and what has still to be done.

The creation of a carefully designed online survey for members of the local Mayobridge community to complete. The purpose of the survey was to ascertain local opinion on what Mayobridge GAC is doing well and what could be done better. Throughout the survey there were open ended question to collect more qualitative responses that would inform the strategic plan.

The Down Rural Community Network facilitated a consultation workshop where representatives from key groups within Mayobridge Club completed a SWOT Analysis based on the 4 themes (Aontas):

1. Finance and Fundraising,
2. Coaching, Games Development and Performance
3. Club Facilities
4. Governance and Administration



STRATEGIC CONTEXT

While St. Patrick's, Mayobridge as the club was first affiliated to the GAA in April 1888 it is known that Mayobridge football team was in existence long before that date. For example, the first recorded football game played by St Patrick's Mayobridge took place on Saturday 28th January 1888 when Lisnamulligan (near Hilltown) provided the opposition in a game played at Mayobridge. While this is the first "recorded" game there is no reason to think that other unrecorded games took place earlier in the month or even in the latter part of 1887. What is known for certain is that the minutes of the Central Council of the GAA record that on Sunday 30th April 1888, an application for affiliation was received from St Patrick's Mayobridge County Down. The acceptance of that application makes the club the oldest registered GAA club in the county.

- Currently the club has 840 members: 3 adult men's teams and 9 juvenile boy's teams; 1 adult camogie team and 6 juvenile teams; 1 adult LGFA team and 7 juvenile teams; 340 registered players; 40 qualified coaches; schools in the County; 3 referees and 6 members on county committees.
- Through our last plan we developed two new pitches and including floodlights for one of them. We improved the clubs finance by increasing our membership, introducing a scheme for members to support the new plan and increasing our participation in the county draw. We achieved the Platinum award in Club Maith and obtained the Bonn Airgid (Silver Award) in the Fondúireacht Sheosaimh Mhic Dhonncha (Joe McDonagh Foundation).
- We have two full size grass pitches, one of which is floodlit, as well as a small training pitch, 4 dressing rooms and a gym, a social club with a large hall for hosting bigger functions, and a smaller members lounge.



OUR STRATEGY

GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Establishment of committed subcommittees to oversee the implementation of the aims of the 4 pillars identified in the strategic plan. To achieve this goal, we will pursue the following objectives and specific actions. We will measure success using the progress indicators.

Objectives	Specific Actions	Progress Indicators
1.1 Establish effective and committed subcommittees	1.1 Agree the purpose of each subcommittees required to oversee the implementation of the strategic plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each sub • committee has a clear vision of what it needs to do to achieve the desired goal. (examples) • Finance • Fundraising • Games development, coaching and performance. • Facilities and infrastructure • PR and community committee • Youth committee (Future Leaders/ Club Leadership development Programme)
	1.2 Examination of key members in club to identify strengths and areas of expertise and assign them to appropriate subcommittees.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective and efficient subcommittees are created to enable the 5 year strategic plan to be implemented.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robust action plans pertaining to each subcommittee are created that outline a clear pathway that achieve the goals of the 4 pillars. • Structures created within each subcommittee to include Chairperson, Vice Chair and Secretary. 	
	1.3 Key representatives from Subcommittees attend training events (Ulster/Down GAA) pertaining to their role and cascade to members of subcommittee.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key members are knowledgeable and informed in relation to key actions required for success in their area.
	1.4 Representation from all codes in all subcommittees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each subcommittee has a representative from Camogie, Gaelic Football, Scor, Handball, etc.

	1.5 Regular meetings, with attendance register and minutes taken to be presented to full committee meeting for approval.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greater sense of accountability among all subcommittees in that progress of plan are well documented and presented at full committee.
	1.6 Creation of a finance and fundraising committee to oversee the effective financial management and growth of the club:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A strategic fundraising plan is created that will support long term, capital investment to improve club facilities. • Sustained fundraising programmes
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore and replicate models where fundraising efforts have been a huge success. • The finance and fundraising committee will create an action plan that will support their vision (facilities subcommittee are key to plan) 	
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COACHING GAMES, DEVELOPMENT AND PERFORMANCE

The development of a robust Coaching Games Development and Performance Programme, supported by well qualified and skilled coaches with the aim of achieving continued success across all ages and across all codes.

<p>2.1 The development of a robust Coaching Games Development, and Performance Programme, supported by well qualified and skilled coaches with the aim of achieving continued success across all ages and across all codes.</p>	<p>2.1.1 Creation of subcommittees to ensure representation of all codes across all age groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audit of training and development needs of all coaches across all codes. • Appropriate training and upskilling of coaches in advance of training season. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subcommittee has a clear vision of what it needs to achieve to reach the desired goal. • We will have a consistent development approach/ pathway across all grades and age groups, underpinned by the subcommittees vision.
	<p>2.1.2 Review of current coaching safeguarding procedures and code of conduct:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audit of coaches to ascertain safeguarding training. • Full safeguarding training provided, and registrations completed every 3 years. • Annual safeguarding ‘mop-up’ for updates. • Annual solution-based workshop on common challenges for coaches (consideration of needs of players). • Annual review and dissemination of code of conduct for all coaches in advance of training season. • Annual review and dissemination of code of conduct for all players in advance of the training season to include mandatory attendance to workshops on nutrition, alcohol and drug use, emotional health and wellbeing. • Explore other GAA clubs where good practice exists in relation to supporting underage players from a range of backgrounds and needs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The needs of all underage players are met highly trained and knowledgeable coaches. • And all-inclusive environment is created where all players are appropriately supported. • Secure the GAA for All award.

	<p>2.1.3 Audit of current training needs of coaches:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of audit and appropriate training organised. • Subcommittee organises effective structures within each code to oversee the coaching games, development and performance programme. (experience and qualifications) • Regular review of coaching across all codes to consider player and parent voice, discussed with minutes at subcommittee meetings and presented at general committee level. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A greater sense of club community where members feel valued and appreciated. • There is greater cohesion across the club
	<p>2.1.4. Review of current coaching programme across all codes and all age groups (subcommittee):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence based identification of what is going well and what could be done better across all codes with the aim of ensuring consistency across the board. • Examination of other clubs across the country where excellence in underage coaching games performance and development exists. • Subcommittee to meet with GAA coaching officer (BC) and school to review PE curriculum and after school provision (gaps identified across all codes) • Senior players will be involved with underage teams across all codes. • Where significant numbers of underage players exist within a particular age group additional teams should be created that are of equal ability to ensure everyone gets a chance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structured and documented succession plans are created(mentorship) in relation to coaching, performance and development using senior players from all codes to support underage development. • Senior players will work with our youth players to coach and provide positive leadership and the will to win as they develop. • All players feel valued, included and have consistency of experience and development opportunity.

FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Consolidate, repurpose and refurbish existing club and community facilities and extend and or create additional facilities to support the growth and development of Mayobridge GAC

<p>3.1 Facilities and infrastructure: Consolidate, repurpose, refurbish and extend existing club and community facilities.</p>	<p>3.1.1 Review of current facilities to identify areas of strength and areas for development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subcommittee to complete a needs analysis in terms of community resourcing and facilities: Development of gym Changing rooms Meeting rooms Toilet areas Indoor training area Social club and bar area Rooms for specific community use Further development of walkway. Consultation with external agencies to support review and plans. Visiting clubs in other areas where facilities have been reviewed, updated and extended to gain an insight into process and procedure as well as other concepts of good practice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clear vision and strategic plan developed to make best use of consolidated community facilities and further development of all facilities to meet the needs of Mayobridge GAC and local and wider community. Presentation of strategic plan approved by general committee (link with Finance and Fundraising committee).
	<p>3.1.2 Purchasing of additional land to extend playing field provision for all codes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage with fundraising committee to identify funding streams that could be accessed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identification of possible and accessible lands in the local and wider Mayobridge area. Additional funding secured through alternative funding streams.

	<p>3.1.3 Development of indoor/outdoor training facilities to provide opportunities for future planning, winter training and income.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Examination of other clubs who have developed their facilities as a model of good practice. Consultation with external agencies to support review and plans. Engage with fundraising committee to identify funding streams that could be accessed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Players across all codes have access to high quality training facilities.
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CLUB, CULTURE AND ENGAGEMENT WITH THE WIDER COMMUNITY

To create a club that meets the needs of the Mayobridge community to ensure an increased active membership.

<p>4.1 Club, Culture and Engagement with Wider Community: the creation of a PR and community committee to successfully implement the strategic plan.</p>	<p>4.1.1 Creation of a PR and community subcommittee to oversee the vision of the strategic plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members from the local community who have expressed an interest in supporting the club (via survey) are invited to join the sub-committee. Survey members to ascertain additional activities/events that would increase participation (outside of sports) - language classes, keep fit, educational classes (SRC), ICT classes, mindfulness, health and wellbeing checks for families (operation transformation) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mayobridge GAC becomes a club for the community. (our GAA Where We All Belong) Increased in club membership.
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	<p>4.1.2 Engagement with other local sporting organisations to become a more all-inclusive club.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore funding opportunities to enhance facilities for all sports; (e.g. Newry Rugby Club could access club gym) • Outreach to members of the local newcomer community and others who have recently moved into the area (school and parish register) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding secured to improve facilities for all members of the club. • An increase in the number of club members. • Increase in pool of young people who may wish to participate in a GAA code.
	<p>4.1.3 greater promotion of our Irish Language and Culture:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitating Irish Language classes for the local and wider community; Coisti Gaelige initiative • Continued promotion of Scor Sinsear and Scor Na nOg. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the knowledge and use of the Irish language is increased among members (e.g., meetings introduced in Irish). • To develop the social and cultural dimension of the club by encouraging members across all ages to enjoy and participate.
	<p>4.1.4 Greater cohesion across all age groups involved in Mayobridge Club (Bridging the Gap):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intergeneration project across school, parish and club - arts and crafts, music, ICT (online banking, shopping, watching GAA games, etc). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greater sense of community in Mayobridge Club. • Younger generation have a greater sense of ownership and become more invested in the club. • Additional resources secured through funding (computers/ ipads).



IMPLEMENTATION FRAMEWORK

This ambitious plan will require significant resourcing to ensure it becomes reality. The implementation of the Actions identified, will only happen if Mayobridge GAC receive commitment from our members.

We propose the following to monitor, review and report on the plan quarterly.

Monitor

The Executive Committee will assign responsibility to the designated subcommittees. These subcommittees will be required to report regularly at Executive Committee meetings.

Review

This Strategic Development Plan will be assigned to the agenda of each Executive Committee meeting. In addition, formal 6 monthly review meetings will be scheduled to assess progress and identify areas for improvement, if required.

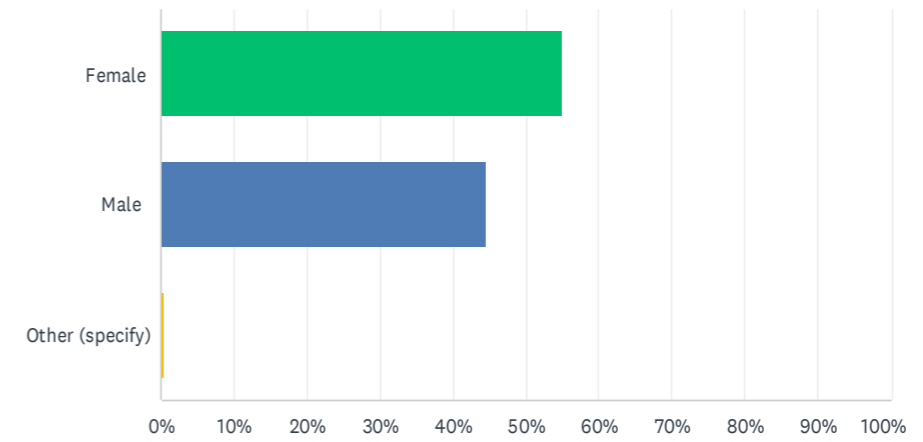
Communication

The Executive Committee will ensure that there is open and regular communication to all members on the progress of our 5 Year Strategic Development Plan.



Q1 What is your gender?

Answered: 425 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Female	55.06%	234
Male	44.47%	189
Other (specify)	0.47%	2
TOTAL		425

#	OTHER (SPECIFY)	DATE
1	dog	11/7/2024 2:41 PM
2	Hi	11/6/2024 9:05 PM



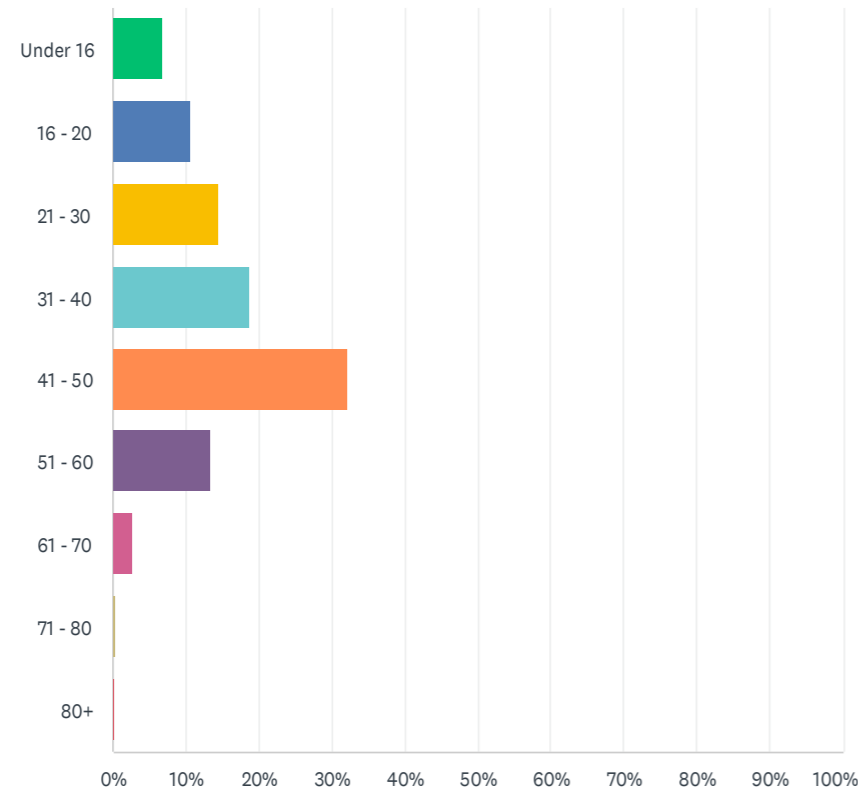
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Results of online community survey

Mayobridge GAC survey 2024

Q2 What is your age?

Answered: 425 Skipped: 3

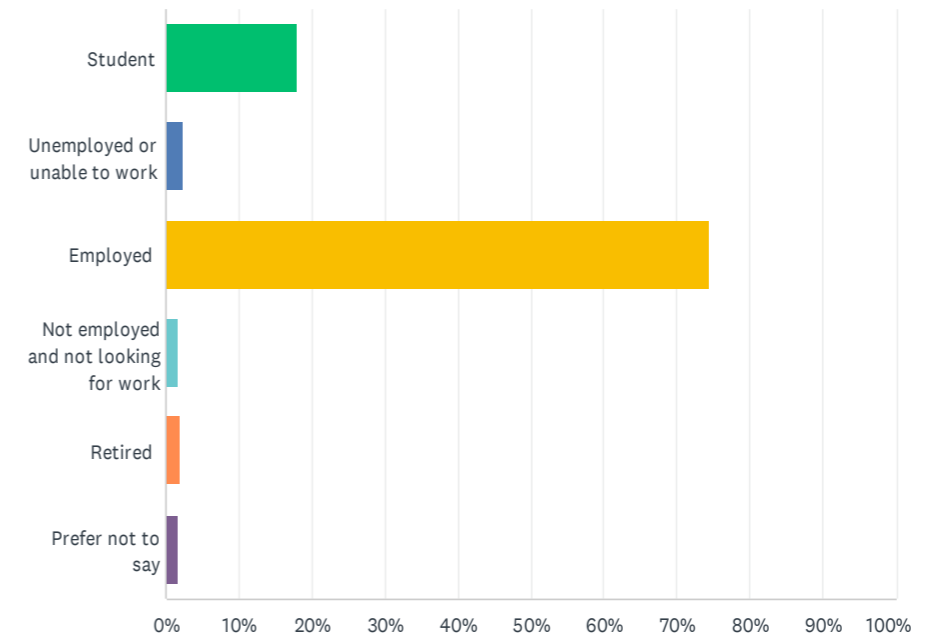


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 16	6.82%	29
16 - 20	10.59%	45
21 - 30	14.59%	62
31 - 40	18.82%	80
41 - 50	32.24%	137
51 - 60	13.41%	57
61 - 70	2.82%	12
71 - 80	0.47%	2
80+	0.24%	1
TOTAL		425

Mayobridge GAC survey 2024

Q3 Which of the following categories best describes your employment status?

Answered: 423 Skipped: 5



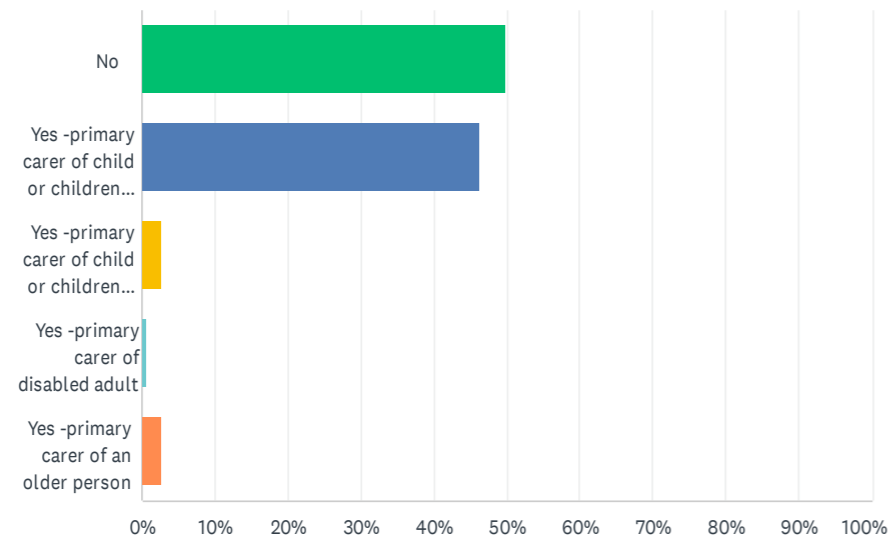
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Student	17.97%	76
Unemployed or unable to work	2.36%	10
Employed	74.47%	315
Not employed and not looking for work	1.65%	7
Retired	1.89%	8
Prefer not to say	1.65%	7
TOTAL		423

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
	There are no responses.	

Mayobridge GAC survey 2024

Q4 Do you have caring responsibility for a child and/or another adult? Tick all that apply.

Answered: 421 Skipped: 7

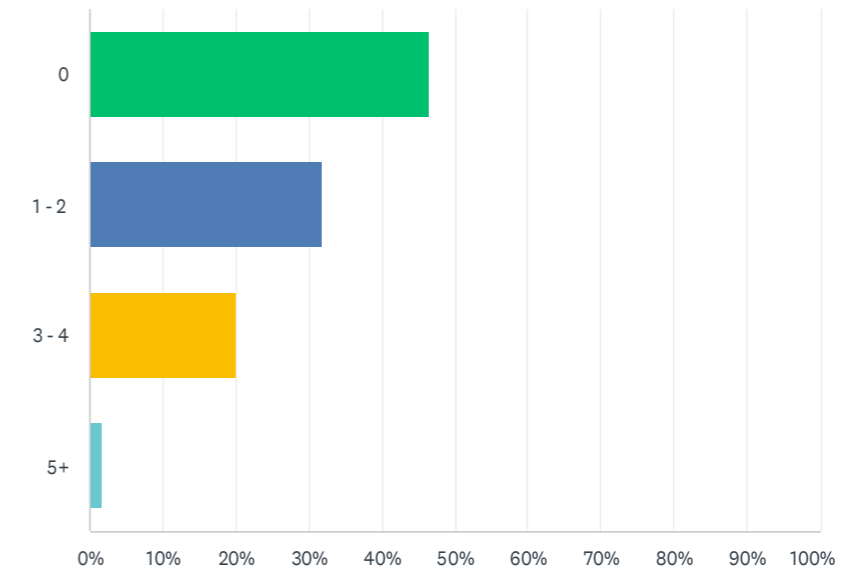


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
No	49.88% 210
Yes -primary carer of child or children under 18	46.32% 195
Yes -primary carer of child or children under 18 with a disability	2.85% 12
Yes -primary carer of disabled adult	0.71% 3
Yes -primary carer of an older person	2.85% 12
Total Respondents: 421	

Mayobridge GAC survey 2024

Q5 How many children under the age of 18 are in your care?

Answered: 419 Skipped: 9

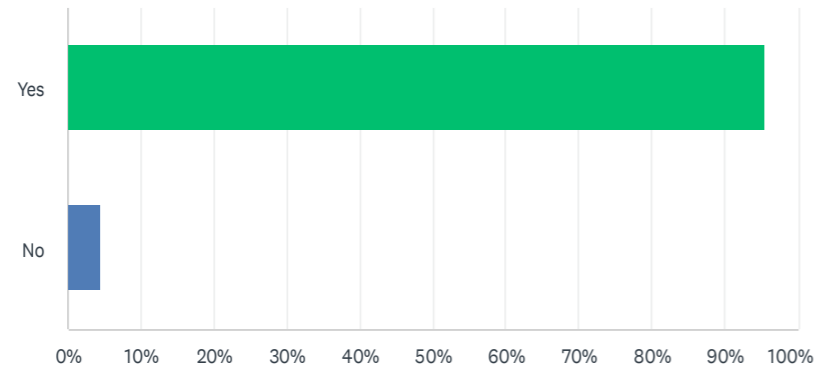


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
0	46.54% 195
1 - 2	31.74% 133
3 - 4	20.05% 84
5+	1.67% 7
TOTAL	419

Mayobridge GAC survey 2024

Q6 Do you live in Mayobridge or the local surrounding area?

Answered: 422 Skipped: 6



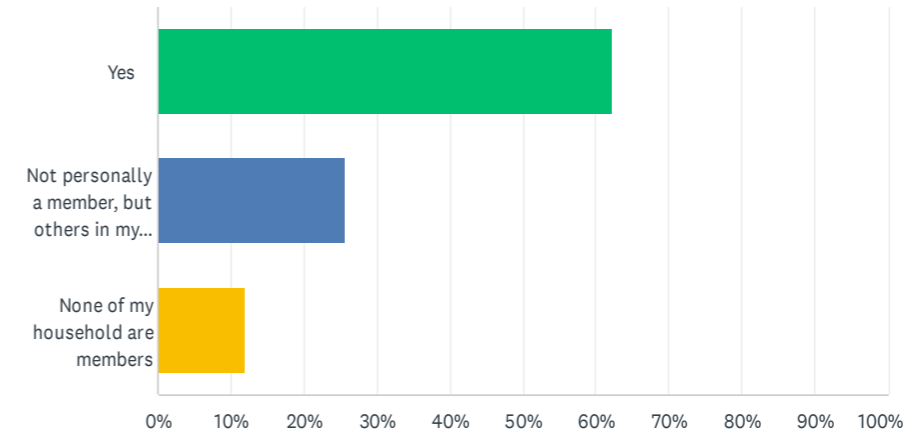
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	95.50% 403
No	4.50% 19
TOTAL	422

#	IF YOU DO NOT LIVE IN THE MAYOBRIDGE AREA, PLEASE LET US KNOW YOUR INTEREST IN COMPETING THIS SURVEY (50 WORDS MAX):	DATE
1	For the good of the club and community	11/15/2024 8:58 AM
2	Gaa	11/9/2024 7:41 AM
3	Originally from Mayobridge	11/8/2024 10:02 PM
4	Grew up in Mayobridge whole life playing for all age groups and heavily involved in club.	11/6/2024 9:53 PM
5	Partner from Mayobridge	11/6/2024 9:51 PM
6	Not currently	11/6/2024 9:30 PM
7	From mayobridge	11/6/2024 9:09 PM
8	My daughters play camogie for the club	11/6/2024 9:08 PM
9	Current senior player	11/6/2024 9:06 PM

Mayobridge GAC survey 2024

Q7 Are you currently a member of Mayobridge GAC?

Answered: 382 Skipped: 46

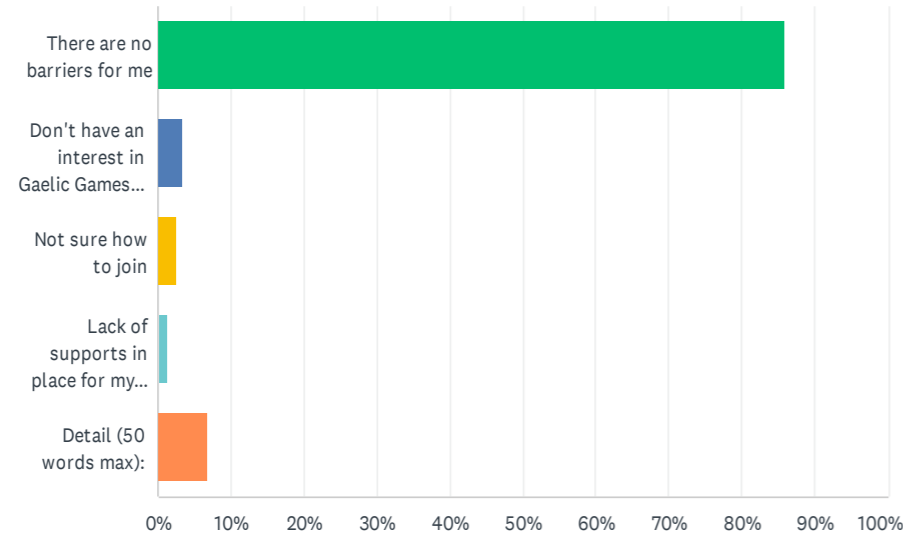


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	62.30% 238
Not personally a member, but others in my household are members	25.65% 98
None of my household are members	12.04% 46
TOTAL	382

Mayobridge GAC survey 2024

Q8 What, if any, do you perceive as the main barrier to membership of Mayobridge GAC?

Answered: 361 Skipped: 67



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
There are no barriers for me	85.87% 310
Don't have an interest in Gaelic Games / Irish culture	3.32% 12
Not sure how to join	2.49% 9
Lack of supports in place for my needs / family's needs (please provide detail below)	1.39% 5
Detail (50 words max):	6.93% 25
TOTAL	361

#	DETAIL (50 WORDS MAX):	DATE
1	N/a	11/14/2024 11:17 PM
2	My children and husband are members.there is nothing for me to join for..nothing offered for me.. Like gym etc	11/14/2024 10:25 PM
3	Never any online information about when underage football begins etc relying on word of mouth which is hard when you don't know too many within the club itslef	11/13/2024 10:55 PM
4	I feel they don't give each child their oppportunity to grow, them home in on the beat players and don't see or give others the chance to progress	11/10/2024 1:02 AM
5	I have lived in the community for 6 years and have attended some events/classes. However, as I don't have children I have found it very difficult to engage with others. It's like everyone knows each other and if you don't have children at the club or in the local school, you don't have a place at the club.	11/9/2024 11:24 PM
6	poor sportsmanship across teams	11/9/2024 10:02 PM

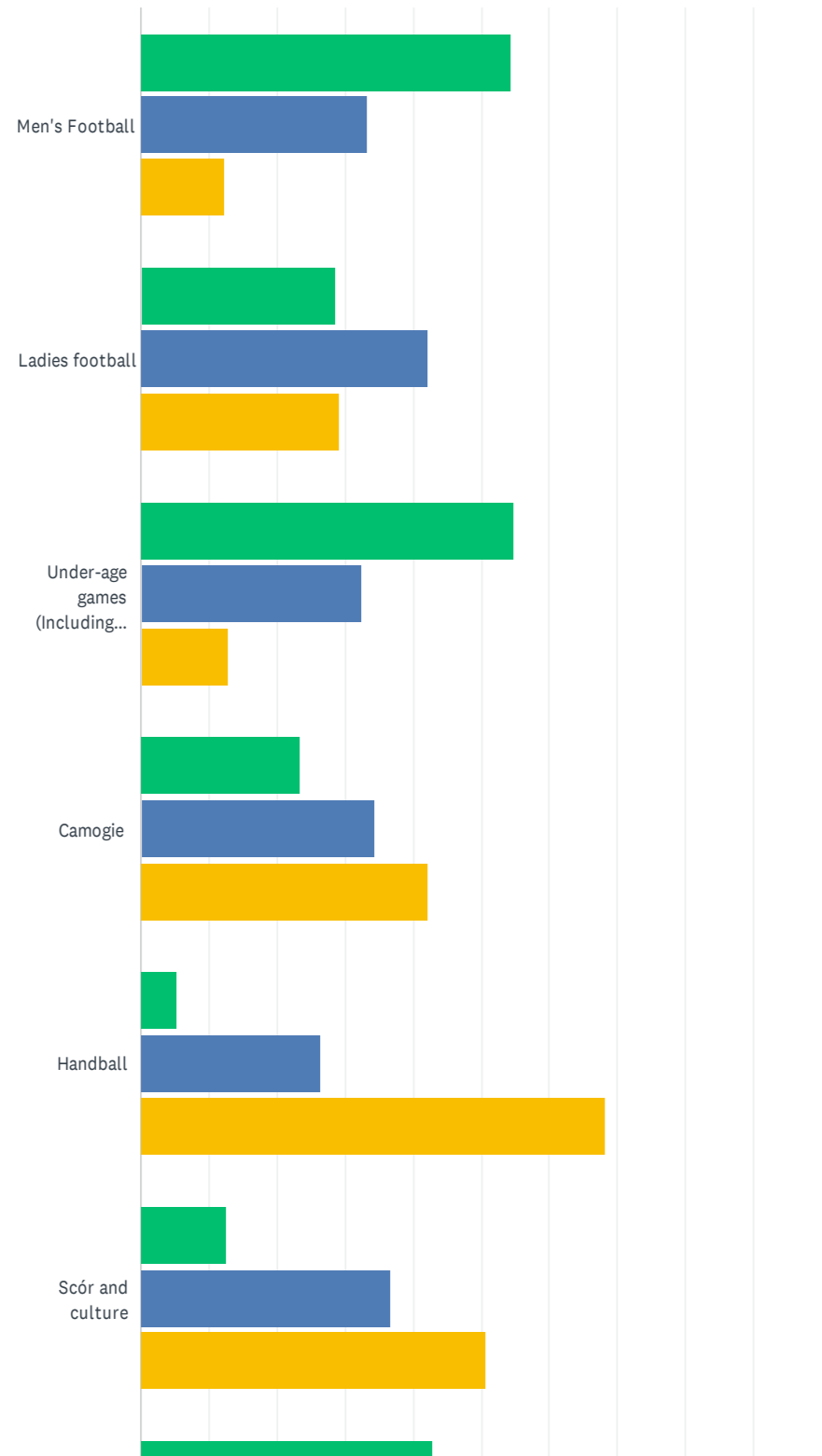
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7	Cost of membership	11/9/2024 8:58 PM
8	As a non player/committee member there is no incentive to join as no concession for home matches etc	11/9/2024 7:10 PM
9	Part of other GAA club	11/9/2024 7:41 AM
10	What can Mayobridge provide to me. My children, yes, but me as an adult, with no links to the club?	11/7/2024 10:44 PM
11	The price	11/7/2024 1:45 PM
12	No vision, same old mindset, too cliché	11/6/2024 11:00 PM
13	Membership cost	11/6/2024 10:11 PM
14	I feel unless you have a history with the club or a sponsor you're child has little chance of progression through the club	11/6/2024 10:11 PM
15	I'm not into sports so don't know what I can do?	11/6/2024 10:02 PM
16	Gym membership should be more inviting	11/6/2024 10:00 PM
17	Activities for kids with special educational need. Also the foireann app is a nightmare. I never manage to use it successfully.	11/6/2024 9:58 PM
18	Older so don't participate	11/6/2024 9:37 PM
19	Unless you're a active member of the club or a sponsor you're child has little or no chance of getting the correct coaching or support to progress further	11/6/2024 9:30 PM
20	Girls and ladies basic needs are not met. A simple sanitary system needs to be implemented in all changing rooms.	11/6/2024 9:14 PM
21	Both children are under the age of 5 so currently no sports they can enrol for	11/6/2024 9:11 PM
22	Not everyone has access to internet and computer and not able to join online	11/6/2024 9:10 PM
23	If outside age group of teams and not a mentor or committee member	11/6/2024 9:09 PM
24	Not availing of services and unable to commit to any sport	11/6/2024 9:06 PM
25	Cost	11/6/2024 9:05 PM

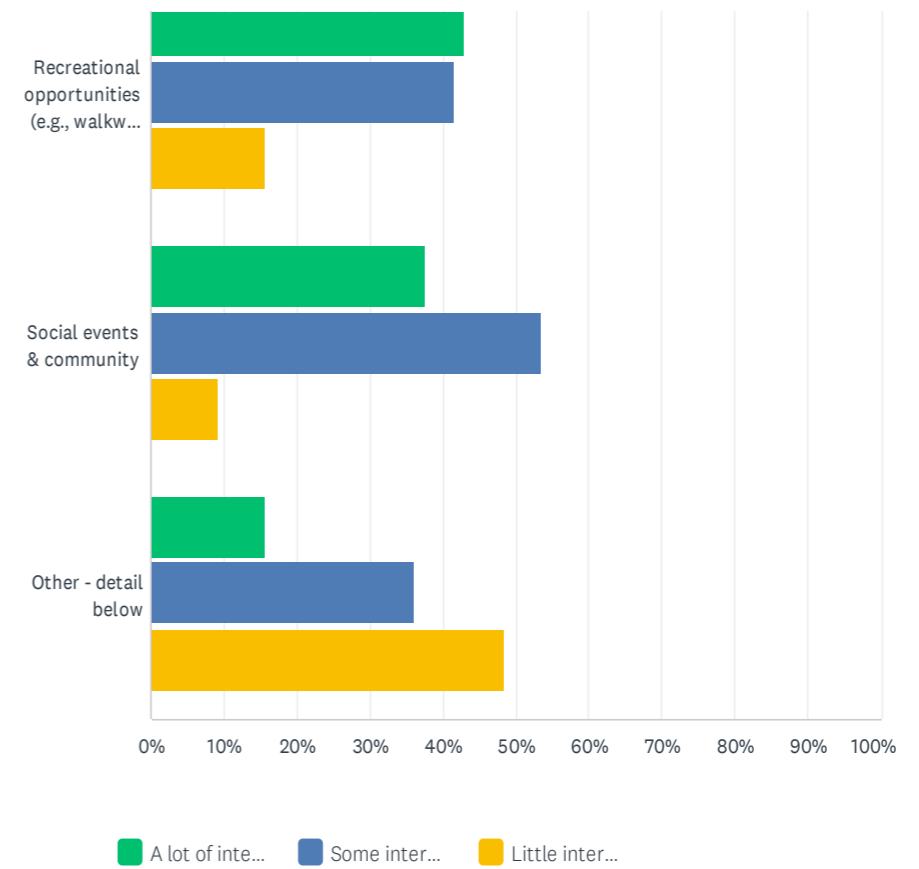
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Q9 Please tell us your main interests in Mayobridge GAC.

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	A LOT OF INTEREST	SOME INTEREST	LITTLE INTEREST	TOTAL
Men's Football	54.34% 194	33.33% 119	12.32% 44	357
Ladies football	28.57% 98	42.27% 145	29.15% 100	343
Under-age games (Including football, camogie, handball etc)	54.79% 200	32.33% 118	12.88% 47	365
Camogie	23.46% 80	34.31% 117	42.23% 144	341
Handball	5.28% 18	26.39% 90	68.33% 233	341
Scór and culture	12.54% 44	36.75% 129	50.71% 178	351
Recreational opportunities (e.g., walkway, fitness)	42.94% 155	41.55% 150	15.51% 56	361
Social events & community	37.47% 136	53.44% 194	9.09% 33	363
Other - detail below	15.63% 20	35.94% 46	48.44% 62	128

#	PLEASE DETAIL: (50 WORDS MAX)	DATE
1	Using the club facilities like the gym or keep fit classes	11/14/2024 10:25 PM

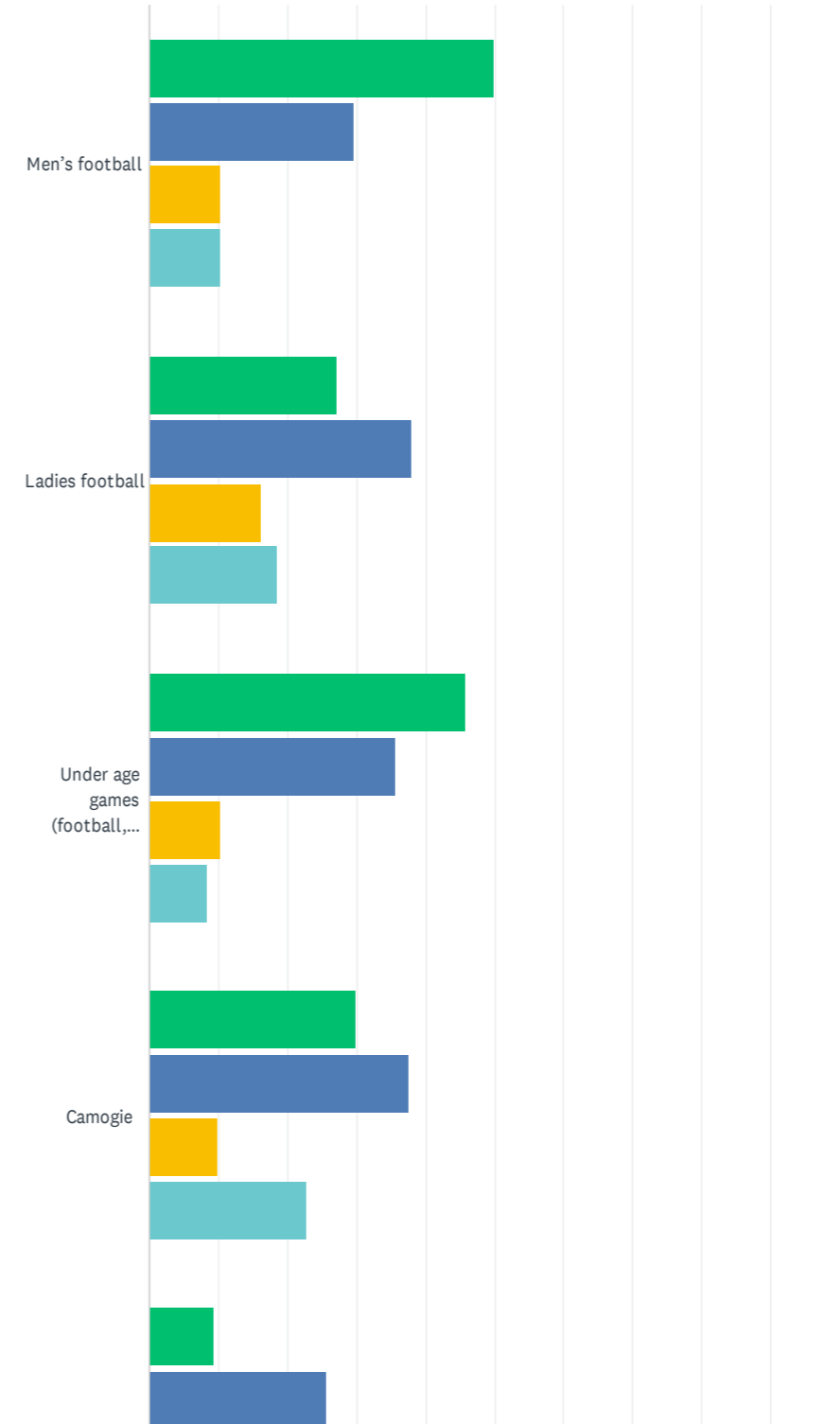
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2	How club can be a hub to support other community groups and events.	11/14/2024 3:54 PM
3	Living and Lifestyle with a senior population	11/13/2024 10:21 PM
4	Note Club Merchandise is over priced in comparison to other Clubs. New colours on some pieces not consistent and looks	11/9/2024 10:19 PM
5	Loved the unique Mayobridge GAC Annual Mass and how it showcased the community in its entirety.	11/8/2024 5:25 PM
6	Gym facilities are sub standard. The space is not the right place and this space could be used more productively. General changing room/ toilet facilities are very poor and are an eye sore	11/8/2024 7:56 AM
7	Something for retired or semi retire age group	11/7/2024 1:58 PM
8	Art club for youth and adult	11/6/2024 10:02 PM
9	Developing community unity with club central.	11/6/2024 9:59 PM
10	Community events	11/6/2024 9:21 PM
11	Event nights in the club	11/6/2024 9:13 PM
12	Mayobridge Fc to work with the Gaa as we players playing both codes	11/6/2024 9:13 PM
13	Light up walk way	11/6/2024 9:08 PM
14	For a start... we need more club events. Strictly, white collar. Get people back into the bar for nights, it's dying a death at the minute. Get everyone mixing, the camogie team need to start pulling there weight with fundraising, they like too put the there names on the senior lads sheets and don't have any input in it or put in any effort. They are extremely lazy in this department,	11/6/2024 9:08 PM
15	It would good to see improvements to gym and surrounding toilet areas as quite often unclean	11/6/2024 9:06 PM

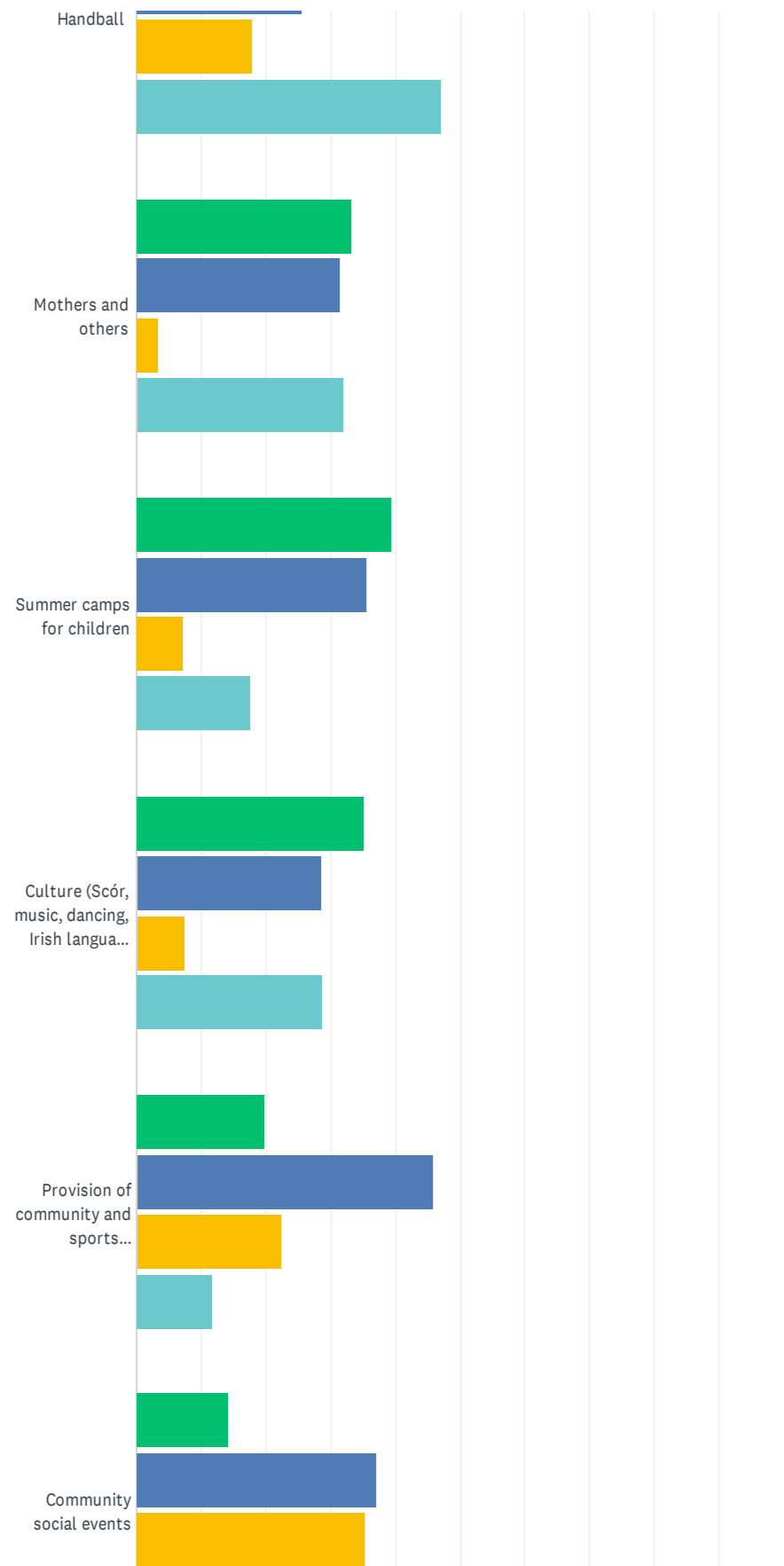
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Q10 Thinking about Mayobridge GAC in general...How well do you feel we are providing for the following?

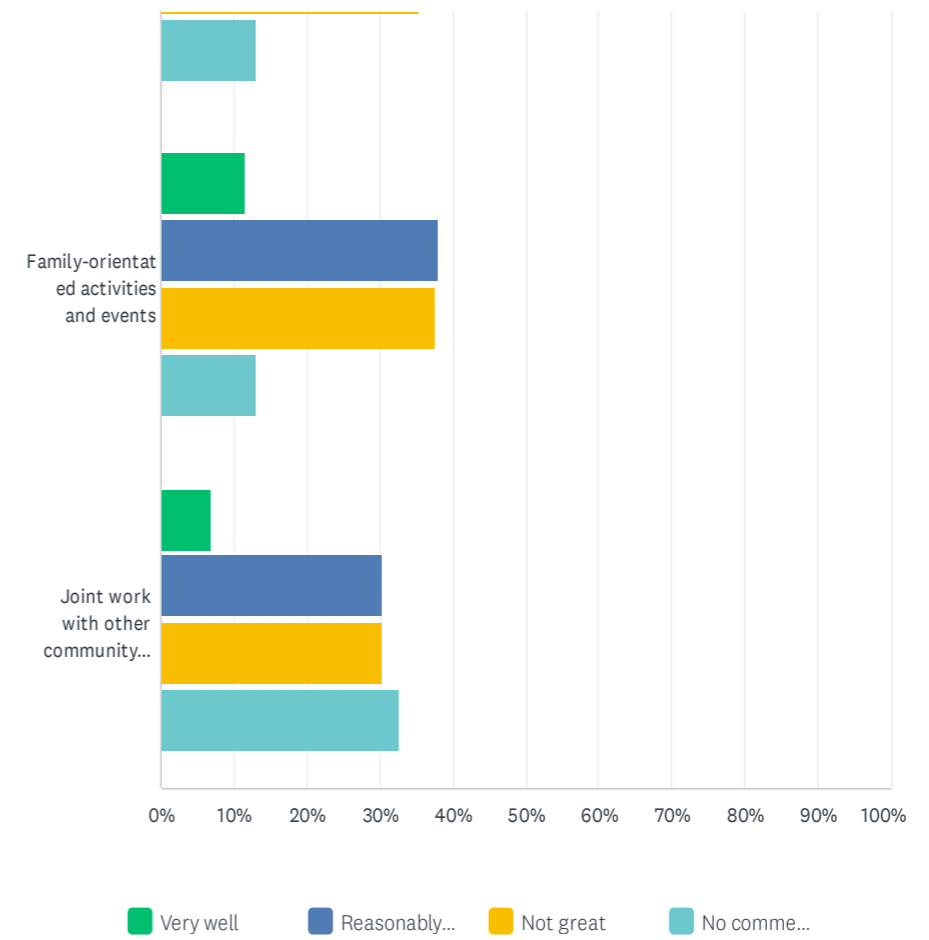
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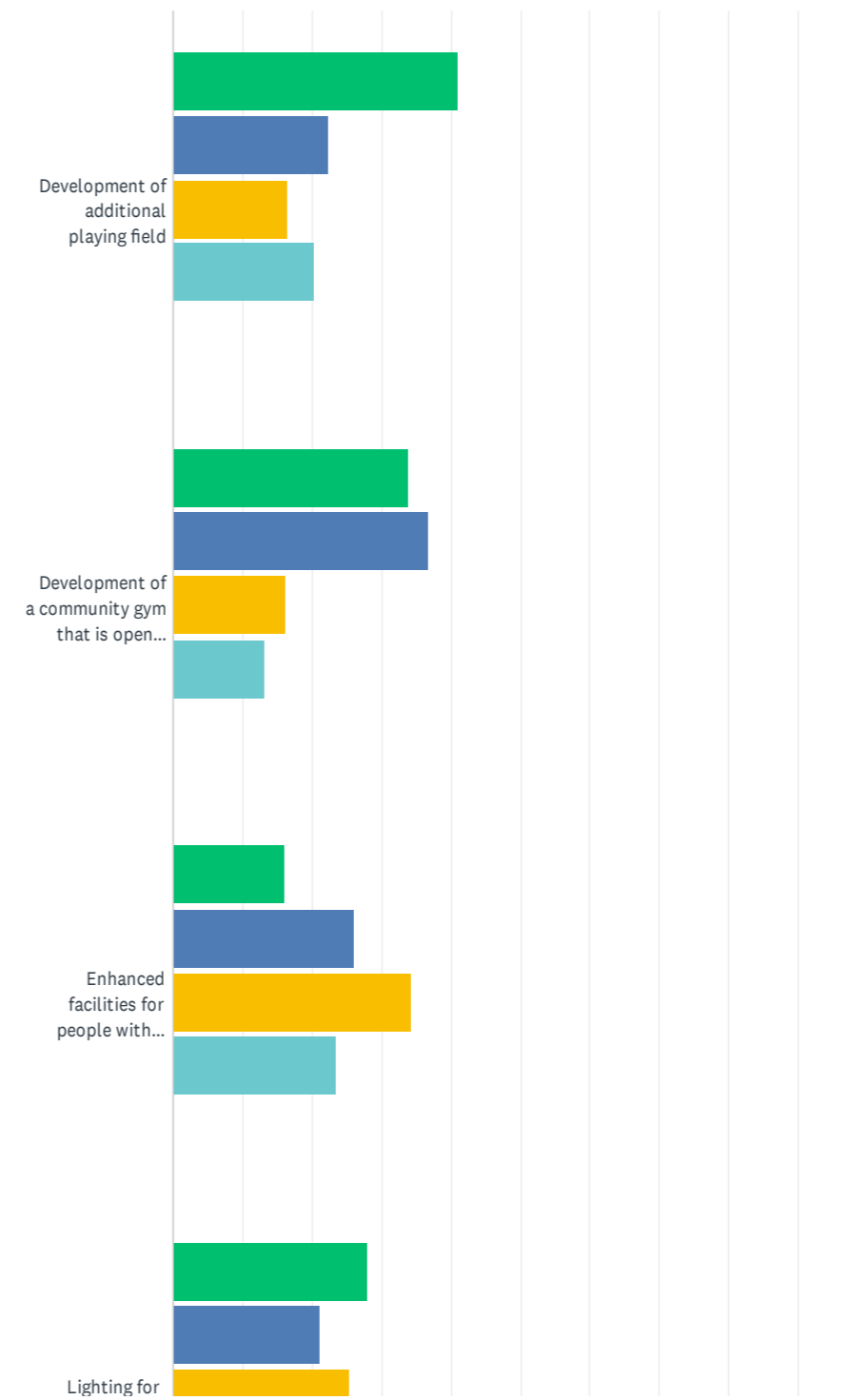
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	VERY WELL	REASONABLY WELL	NOT GREAT	NO COMMENT / DON'T KNOW	TOTAL
Men's football	49.83% 151	29.70% 90	10.23% 31	10.23% 31	303
Ladies football	27.12% 80	37.97% 112	16.27% 48	18.64% 55	295
Under age games (football, camogie, handball etc)	45.87% 139	35.64% 108	10.23% 31	8.25% 25	303
Camogie	29.83% 88	37.63% 111	9.83% 29	22.71% 67	295
Handball	9.43% 28	25.59% 76	17.85% 53	47.14% 140	297
Mothers and others	33.22% 99	31.54% 94	3.36% 10	31.88% 95	298
Summer camps for children	39.53% 119	35.55% 107	7.31% 22	17.61% 53	301
Culture (Scór, music, dancing, Irish language classes, Comhaltas sessions)	35.23% 105	28.52% 85	7.38% 22	28.86% 86	298
Provision of community and sports facilities	19.93% 59	45.95% 136	22.30% 66	11.82% 35	296
Community social events	14.38% 43	37.12% 111	35.45% 106	13.04% 39	299
Family-orientated activities and events	11.41% 34	37.92% 113	37.58% 112	13.09% 39	298
Joint work with other community groups	6.73% 20	30.30% 90	30.30% 90	32.66% 97	297

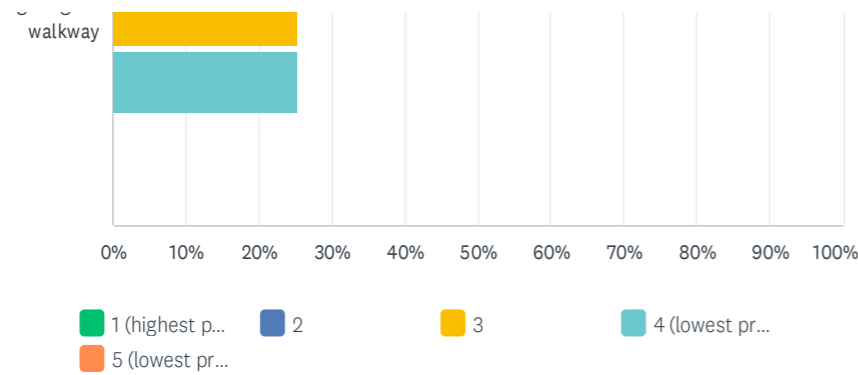
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Q11 Thinking about facilities only:What do you consider are the main priorities the Club needs to focus on in the next 3-5 years?Please rank from highest to lowest priority.

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	1 (HIGHEST PRIORITY)	2	3	4 (LOWEST PRIORITY)	5 (LOWEST PRIORITY)	TOTAL
Development of additional playing field	40.93% 97	22.36% 53	16.46% 39	20.25% 48	0.00% 0	237
Development of a community gym that is open to all members / the public	33.94% 75	36.65% 81	16.29% 36	13.12% 29	0.00% 0	221
Enhanced facilities for people with disabilities (accessible car parking, toilets, ramps, handrails etc)	16.09% 37	26.09% 60	34.35% 79	23.48% 54	0.00% 0	230
Lighting for walkway	28.00% 77	21.09% 58	25.45% 70	25.45% 70	0.00% 0	275

#	ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS? PLEASE SPECIFY (50 WORDS MAX)	DATE
1	We need another pitch, potentially a small 3G and further parking space	11/15/2024 8:36 AM
2	Changing facilities could fo with a face-lift	11/14/2024 11:47 PM
3	Outside Gym equipment for adults beside children play park so adults can use when children in park	11/14/2024 10:43 PM
4	The spectator bank at the Club side needs terracing urgently. It's a H & S risk.	11/14/2024 8:37 PM
5	Cars parking on the ball wall during games. Can't be used then.	11/14/2024 3:55 PM
6	The walkway concrete surface is awful. It would remove skin to the bone.	11/14/2024 12:02 AM
7	Personally for my family, the main priority would be the advancement of the handball programme	11/13/2024 10:39 PM
8	Events and programmes targeting an older population	11/13/2024 10:39 PM
9	More activities relating to Irish culture - language and instrument lessons, trad sessions, Irish crafts (eg.weaving,brigid's cross making). Community garden.	11/9/2024 11:25 PM
10	Improved toilet facilities, not just inclusive provision	11/9/2024 10:19 PM
11	Facilities should be inclusive regardless of above options	11/9/2024 9:03 PM
12	Gym access	11/9/2024 8:09 PM
13	Existing toilet facilities are shockingly poor compared to other clubs, particularly for visitors and girls. Hospitality facilities are poor.	11/8/2024 5:41 PM
14	I think the GAA have enough fields for use. The only field left for the public is the council field at St Anns pk and should be left for family's to use and for other none gaa to use . There were plans to turn this area into a play area for older children and I feel that would better serve the community.	11/8/2024 9:58 AM
15	Changing room facilities are in urgent need of an upgrade	11/8/2024 8:03 AM

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16	Reduce the steepness of the drops on the walk way, and place bollards to stop cars parking tight against the wall beside community centre/park.	11/7/2024 10:49 PM
17	More parking	11/7/2024 1:48 PM
18	Ban dogs from the walk way / pitch . Most owners will pick up dog dirt, but some don't and that will cause someone to lose an eye.	11/7/2024 10:03 AM
19	We definitely need new toilets the toilets I wouldn't use the toilets we have at the minute I go back to the house if I need to use the toilet	11/7/2024 9:15 AM
20	Would like to see upgrades to changing rooms & separate box for mc'ing games	11/7/2024 7:47 AM
21	Around the main pitch needs a facelift. Maybe behind the goals and the bank could be terraced with railings and the bank possibly covered.	11/7/2024 12:22 AM
22	Increase top car park size or entrance for easier accessibility/safer drop off & parking	11/6/2024 10:50 PM
23	Provision of bins and fence around the grounds	11/6/2024 10:39 PM
24	Re vamp of changing rooms	11/6/2024 10:31 PM
25	The GAA has 3 pitches. They do not need a further pitch. The council grounds should be left as council ground to afford other non GAA sport the opportunity to grow and develop.	11/6/2024 10:30 PM
26	How about doing away with A B C team for under age teams and stopping coaches in these teams coaching their own children in these teams and showing a bit less bias towards other players but maybe that's a step to far for the club!!	11/6/2024 10:25 PM
27	3g	11/6/2024 10:16 PM
28	Adult clubs non sport	11/6/2024 10:11 PM
29	Toilets down up for games and supporters	11/6/2024 10:04 PM
30	!	11/6/2024 10:03 PM
31	Adequate equipment for each team, for example, good quality balls for all teams should be looked at before sports trackers for some teams	11/6/2024 9:53 PM
32	Further development of our spectator Bank behind top Goals & along the Bank behind social club. Another suggestion would to complete a revamp of the large room in the social club to facilitate social/Music/Dance night more often.	11/6/2024 9:46 PM
33	Enhanced toilet facilities for everyone they are terrible	11/6/2024 9:37 PM
34	3G pitch	11/6/2024 9:33 PM
35	All weather pitch	11/6/2024 9:32 PM
36	Toilets	11/6/2024 9:29 PM
37	Development of covered ball wall and 3G Area where current ball wall is and remove car parking in that area	11/6/2024 9:24 PM
38	A stand for people to watch matches With roof	11/6/2024 9:24 PM
39	Rubbish bins along pitches.	11/6/2024 9:19 PM
40	Toilets are most definitely needed cleaned and upgraded they do be that bad your child can't even go to it . Other clubs have a full time caretaker maybe consider this?	11/6/2024 9:16 PM
41	These should be done ASAP, no club improvement in over 10 years.	11/6/2024 9:16 PM
42	A large indoor hall	11/6/2024 9:15 PM
43	The shop needs developed	11/6/2024 9:13 PM
44	The GAA does not need an additional field. We have 3 which is much more than other clubs. The council ground should be left as council ground and other sports should have the opportunity to use this area and the development of a MUGA pitch should be priority for council.	11/6/2024 9:13 PM

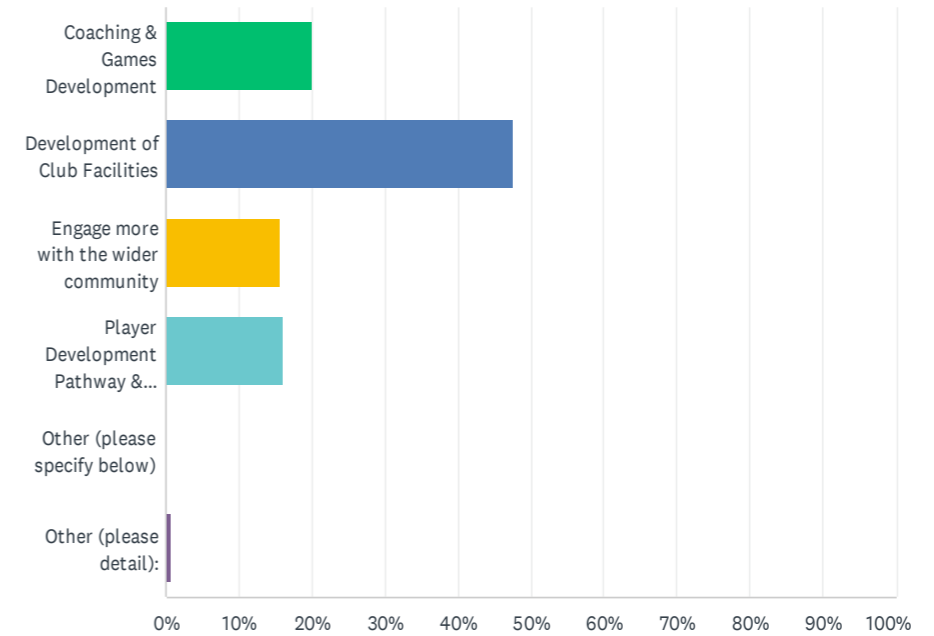
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45	Possible get flood lights on main field. Does not be used enough and will attract more games in championship etc. surface is not great on it because it does not get played enough	11/6/2024 9:11 PM
46	State of the art gym and 4g pitch should be a priority	11/6/2024 9:10 PM
47	Don't really want to rank as I feel all are required and essential.	11/6/2024 9:07 PM

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Q12 From the drop down menu below, please select which, In your opinion, should be the top priority in the development of a new three-year strategic plan for Mayobridge GAC?

Answered: 288 Skipped: 140



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Coaching & Games Development	20.14% 58
Development of Club Facilities	47.57% 137
Engage more with the wider community	15.63% 45
Player Development Pathway & Support	15.97% 46
Other (please specify below)	0.00% 0
Other (please detail):	0.69% 2
TOTAL	288

#	PLEASE EXPLAIN (50 WORDS MAX):	DATE
1	Mayobridge is growing and so is the club and at the minute it is very hard to accommodate everyone's training needs with our facilities so more is needed asap	11/15/2024 9:05 AM
2	Enhanced club facilities will reach to new members and encourage growth of the club	11/15/2024 9:02 AM
3	There is good work going on with the Athletic development. We need to support the youth as much as possible with professional guidance if we are to become a force again at Senior level	11/15/2024 8:36 AM
4	Limited facilities compared to other clubs.	11/15/2024 8:24 AM

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5	Training for coaches to deal with bullying	11/14/2024 11:22 PM
6	Another field and banks at top and club side of field done up	11/14/2024 10:43 PM
7	Club gym	11/14/2024 10:35 PM
8	The better facilities the more people will use them and then more support for the club	11/14/2024 10:27 PM
9	Expansion of gym and walk way lighting needed	11/14/2024 10:26 PM
10	Development and training for underage coaches.	11/14/2024 3:58 PM
11	Toilets and new gym	11/14/2024 1:20 PM
12	make it better	11/14/2024 8:00 AM
13	Underage is the future. Senior men's team get too much space and time on pitches and this is not balanced by results. Right people are not leading the team and there's a few who calling the shots in the team and that's not working either. Look after the youth and instil better discipline and rewards will be reaped. You need managers that can see ahead not listen to the past.	11/14/2024 7:16 AM
14	Players who commit to play for their club need to be supported in their development.	11/13/2024 11:15 PM
15	Think our toilet facilities let us down as a club , if I need to travel 29 mins or more , forst port of call is toilets ! If I was travelling to mayobridge would say there really is no toilet facilities	11/13/2024 10:59 PM
16	With better facilities wd can cater for most of the development needs for all the games and players	11/13/2024 10:47 PM
17	Handball specifically	11/13/2024 10:39 PM
18	Population in Mayobridge is more multicultural and multi racial than ever before. How are you reaching out to be more inclusive ?	11/13/2024 10:39 PM
19	Training hub like a neighbouring club	11/13/2024 10:15 PM
20	Should be the main focus to get Mayobridge back to where they need to be	11/10/2024 8:58 PM
21	Important to develop players from young age and help thrm improve both their skills and mentality as they age	11/10/2024 1:00 PM
22	.	11/10/2024 10:21 AM
23	Indoor hall like burren have	11/10/2024 8:35 AM
24	Already discussed above - the focus should be on community engagement to make the space inclusive and welcoming for all of the community, not just those involved in sport or with children.	11/9/2024 11:25 PM
25	improved facilities contributing to improved performance on the field.	11/9/2024 10:04 PM
26	The club facilities haven't been updated in a while and some of the facilities aren't in the best shape either	11/9/2024 9:46 PM
27	The facilities are aging and aren't really astheticly pleasing and are very underwhelming compared to other clubs	11/9/2024 8:47 PM
28	lights	11/9/2024 7:28 PM
29	The club (senior men)need to get back to contesting titles.	11/9/2024 7:20 PM
30	Better changing rooms, toilets and pitches	11/9/2024 6:53 PM
31	I don't know very much about the club or how to get my kids involved	11/9/2024 4:10 PM
32	Gym facilities open to all/members would be fantastic for the whole community, physically and socially.	11/9/2024 9:13 AM
33	Mayobridges camogie severely lacks attention	11/9/2024 7:43 AM
34	A family friendly hall to facilitate activities and events, that can be used or hired by the wider community. With proper toilet and hospitality facilities. Could generate income and benefit our	11/8/2024 5:41 PM

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	community.	
35	Facilities like the gym are becoming out dated and more space in pitches are needed for amount of teams training	11/8/2024 9:01 AM
36	Our underage structure s are very strong and we are going in the right direction. To allow this to grow we need access to winter training facilities, ie large hall with gym &more playing/training space	11/8/2024 8:03 AM
37	I come from outside the club/parish and bar my children playing in the club, there are no attempts made to get parents involved with the club.	11/7/2024 10:49 PM
38	Environments of respect, fairness& inclusivity encourage us to thrive. Awareness& psychoeducation for coaches training Young People (YP) could help. E.g., systems promoting equal opportunity; modelling encouraging behaviour/communication; developmental feedback, addressing player concerns, awareness of unconscious bias (i.e.,)parents coaching their kids. Raising awareness could be worthwhile and prevent thwarting talent.	11/7/2024 5:39 PM
39	Many of the community do not feel included in activities membership or planning	11/7/2024 2:04 PM
40	Following strong success in minor level we need to see success in senior men's & women's teams.	11/7/2024 1:45 PM
41	Favouritism needs to stop at underage levels. Management continuously prioritising players and leaving let's face it kids on the bench. It's doing absolutely nothing for their confidence. Mge should not be managing their sons and daughters. It will never change if this is not addressed. The committee should have more power to make changes.	11/7/2024 1:22 PM
42	Before Owen Roe is extended. All avenues should be explored into getting the land. Desi Butterfield could be key to that	11/7/2024 10:03 AM
43	The club facilities need modernisation maybe a 3G pitch	11/7/2024 9:15 AM
44	There are a lot of foreign nationals in the area and would be good if they are involved in the club and community	11/7/2024 8:27 AM
45	Gym for members/non members, lighting for walkway	11/7/2024 8:12 AM
46	Would like to see a better public toilet for games	11/7/2024 7:47 AM
47	We have good facilities which obviously continue to need to be developed. But giving our underage & senior players positive role models who can guide them and importantly properly coach them is most important so that we can have success on the pitch. People are more important than infrastructure.	11/7/2024 12:22 AM
48	Upgrade of changing facilities. Well maintained toilets. Club shop providing refreshments/easier access to club merchandise.	11/6/2024 10:50 PM
49	Fence between the pitch and Owen Roe to prevent footballs falling into private properties	11/6/2024 10:39 PM
50	People from other areas can very much feel like out siders in this village. In fact people from this village, ever born and raised can be made to feel like outsiders for simply not participating in GAA games.	11/6/2024 10:30 PM
51	Please reach out to our unionist neighbours and other nationalities	11/6/2024 10:25 PM
52	Mayobridge is now a multi cultural village and I don't feel the GAA have tried to reach out or encourage those from other ethnic backgrounds to participate/join in.	11/6/2024 10:22 PM
53	It would be great to have indoor facilities to accommodate training for all age groups through winter months.	11/6/2024 10:18 PM
54	Need to win senior football championship	11/6/2024 10:16 PM
55	Making the club accessible for all	11/6/2024 10:14 PM
56	A weekly bulletin at a nominal charge available from our local shops of what events are on. People in rural areas are not aware of events that are on	11/6/2024 10:14 PM
57	Offer more facilities for the whole community	11/6/2024 10:11 PM
58	Toilet are in need of massive revamp, especially for visitors and parents to use while their kids	11/6/2024 10:09 PM

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	play football at our grounds	
59	Burren have got the right idea ... bigger better facilities rented out to local community. Our community deserves more	11/6/2024 10:05 PM
60	There is too big of a gap from minor to senior in both ladies and men's teams. Ladies football and camogie lose way to many players from minor to senior and in men's the jump is too hard for minor to senior	11/6/2024 10:04 PM
61	Toilets are horrendous, gym access isn't inviting like other clubs, buying Mayobridge gear is impossible	11/6/2024 10:03 PM
62	Having in-house coaches in gym work , kids from u12 to minors paying (cash)money outside club membership for extra strength and conditioning?	11/6/2024 10:03 PM
63	Facility's are not very good old gym terrible changing rooms	11/6/2024 10:01 PM
64	Not enough room for all teams to train on busy nights	11/6/2024 9:55 PM
65	More social events concerts etc	11/6/2024 9:54 PM
66	The club is great but seems to be dominated by a number of tight knit families, some who are not very welcoming to new members of the community.	11/6/2024 9:52 PM
67	Facilities that can we used all year round including a gym or an open sports hall	11/6/2024 9:48 PM
68	We currently have a good underage coaching structure within the club which will hopefully bear fruit in the next few years, but we need to develop and improve our facilities for our players to develop and reach their max potential.	11/6/2024 9:46 PM
69	Building additional facilities will encourage others	11/6/2024 9:44 PM
70	Refurbishment of toilets, changing and showering facilities	11/6/2024 9:43 PM
71	We need new people with new ideas and new perspectives m	11/6/2024 9:41 PM
72	A community gym plus indoor facilities for off-season training	11/6/2024 9:40 PM
73	Need young ones coming through from underage fit and strong enough to compete with seniors. Need a solid s and c program from early age	11/6/2024 9:36 PM
74	More unity needed	11/6/2024 9:33 PM
75	The facilities could be upgraded, better changing facilities, social club to be improved and the shop at events to be upgraded in line with other clubs	11/6/2024 9:33 PM
76	Focusing on developing our athletes physically, skillfully in preparation to maximise our results on the pitch	11/6/2024 9:32 PM
77	Gym is a mess and always left in a mess	11/6/2024 9:32 PM
78	Development of club facilities supports everyone in the community of all abilities and ages	11/6/2024 9:30 PM
79	Need another pitch and cleaner toilets	11/6/2024 9:29 PM
80	Very little development in ladies sports in the club	11/6/2024 9:29 PM
81	Player development should be the main focus of any club	11/6/2024 9:28 PM
82	So the club has more success	11/6/2024 9:27 PM
83	Better training facilities, better community gym facilities, better parking and grounds, better shop facilities	11/6/2024 9:26 PM
84	Improved facilities and usage by local community would encourage more young people to join the club	11/6/2024 9:24 PM
85	We need another pitch and stand to watch games vistors Toliets	11/6/2024 9:24 PM
86	My children play at underage level, I would like to be more involved in the club community but I wouldn't be fit enough to play for the mothers and others. I would like to be be involved in a non-sporty group or help in another way.	11/6/2024 9:23 PM

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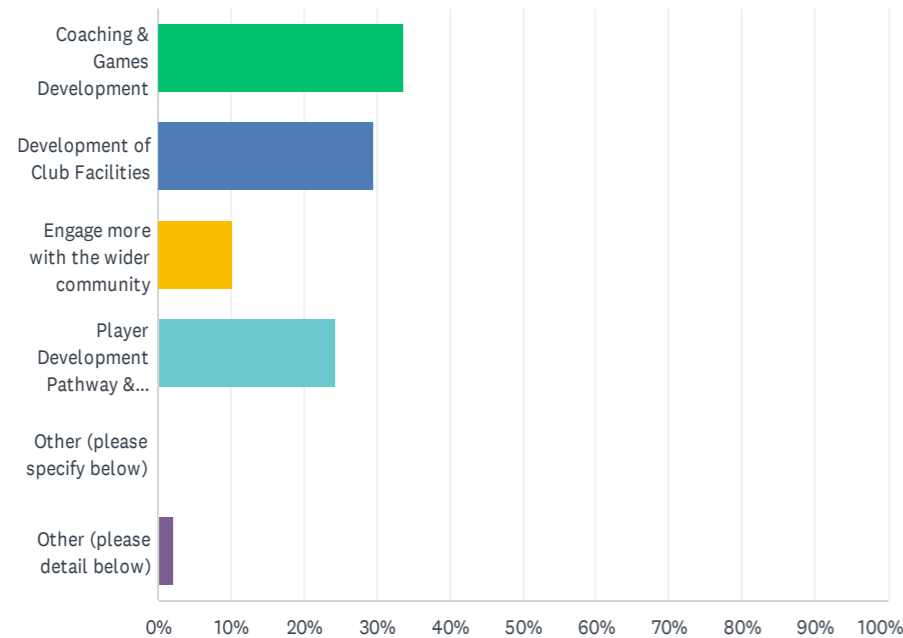
87	A safe place where young people can meet up and hang out and help remove antisocial behaviour from the streets. a club that represents ALL members of the public and not just those who are into sports	11/6/2024 9:21 PM
88	Underage needs work	11/6/2024 9:20 PM
89	Not enough facilities and pitch availability for all teams within the club	11/6/2024 9:17 PM
90	A new and improved gym is crucial, the gym available is adequate but with upgraded facilities this would be a great boost to all teams and also the bridge community in general.	11/6/2024 9:17 PM
91	New pitch and new gym	11/6/2024 9:16 PM
92	Coaches are there and the players. But the facilities are lacking behind other clubs. Redvelop the gym are out onto the ball wall area or a long container along top of juvenile pitch, similar size to clonduff. Social club becomes 2 story.	11/6/2024 9:16 PM
93	More available space for games and training is essential in my opinion	11/6/2024 9:16 PM
94	Gaa clubs lose to many players these days. There are always late developers.	11/6/2024 9:15 PM
95	The shop needs developed and opened more often	11/6/2024 9:13 PM
96	GAA is has high membership and needs to be part of engagement with wider community.	11/6/2024 9:13 PM
97	Not everyone within the community is of Irish nationality. There is very little else offered to the community for those who do not want to engage in GAA sports. We are now a multi cultural village and other sporting opportunities should be afforded.	11/6/2024 9:13 PM
98	We have to available of Burren complex and would be a fantastic way for us to generate extra funds through rental while providing members with first class facilities	11/6/2024 9:12 PM
99	Keep going with our underage success at the minute	11/6/2024 9:11 PM
100	We are behind all other clubs in terms of facilities. State of the art gym etc	11/6/2024 9:11 PM
101	Need to be working towards making Mayobridge a team who other clubs will fear. Set a standard right through the club	11/6/2024 9:10 PM
102	4g pitch would be so beneficial	11/6/2024 9:10 PM
103	Equal support for all teams	11/6/2024 9:08 PM

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Q13 From the drop-down menu below, please select which, In your opinion, should be the number two priority in the development of a new three-year strategic plan for Mayobridge GAC?

Answered: 276 Skipped: 152



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Coaching & Games Development	33.70% 93
Development of Club Facilities	29.71% 82
Engage more with the wider community	10.14% 28
Player Development Pathway & Support	24.28% 67
Other (please specify below)	0.00% 0
Other (please detail below)	2.17% 6
TOTAL	276

#	PLEASE EXPLAIN (50 WORDS MAX):	DATE
1	Development of senior teams within the club will provide role models to our youth	11/15/2024 9:02 AM
2	We need another pitch/a small 3G/indoor hall for underage winter coaching/training	11/15/2024 8:36 AM
3	Only involved in underage teams. Not always aware of what other activities there are available.	11/15/2024 8:24 AM
4	Many new people moving into mayobridge go out and try to get them involved in club	11/14/2024 10:43 PM
5	Again if more people use the facilities more money for the club to make it better	11/14/2024 10:27 PM
6	More events that include everyone in the community. Fun days for children in the community	11/14/2024 10:26 PM

	will bring parents into the club.	
7	The club requires more playing and training facilities. Should club look at buying land away from present ground to expand.	11/14/2024 3:58 PM
8	get better	11/14/2024 8:00 AM
9	Work better and get a stand with seating in place. Would do better abd that gravel is going to get someone hurt	11/14/2024 7:16 AM
10	The social club should be utilised to bring more revenue in. A social calendar with 8-10 key events for the club each year which could maximise money raised to pay for other improvements.	11/13/2024 11:15 PM
11	Developing our young people in as many ways as possible will make for a healthy, active and happy community	11/13/2024 10:47 PM
12	Encourage families who are not involved in gaelic football that they are welcome	11/13/2024 10:39 PM
13	All weather indoor pitch . A Gym for all public use with qualified trainers and physios available every day . Small meeting room/ workshop space. A village crèche .	11/13/2024 10:39 PM
14	More coaching workshops for coaches, working with county board to link with their expertise for coaching, bringing in guest coaches to take sessions.	11/13/2024 10:16 PM
15	Players to come into the senior team and fit right in	11/10/2024 8:58 PM
16	Adding disability access is very important in making the club more inclusive.	11/9/2024 11:25 PM
17	The club needs to involve everybody by making it more appealing to those who don't particularly like Gaelic games	11/9/2024 9:46 PM
18	Just to grow the club back to where it was and where it belongs	11/9/2024 8:47 PM
19	Maybe better training for coaches (at all levels) will help develop our games and keep that late talented teenager committed to the game.	11/9/2024 7:20 PM
20	Underage needs to be strong to build senior teams for the future	11/8/2024 9:01 AM
21	The public gym is crying out to be done, ABC have a gym in Rathfriland, why would Mayobridge not have one too.	11/7/2024 10:49 PM
22	I assume coupled with good pathway support, coaching and games development would go hand in hand	11/7/2024 5:39 PM
23	Facilities to promote inclusion for older groups	11/7/2024 2:04 PM
24	Need to make sure younger players are kept engaged and progressing to senior level.	11/7/2024 1:45 PM
25	Our club is in need of a complete overhaul with proper facilities for our members and visitors. The toilet facilities are embarrassing and let us down as a club and community.	11/7/2024 1:22 PM
26	Lots of new people into community with no GAA connections. They will be tempted to other sports being offered locally. Schools connections essential.	11/7/2024 10:03 AM
27	Feel this would help the boys and girls of mayobridge	11/7/2024 9:15 AM
28	The work being done around the field is great but feel we need to update the club and gym facilities	11/7/2024 8:27 AM
29	we have good facilities but the gym needs updated/ possibly a new gym altogether. Bank/behind goals needs a face lift. Demand for a new pitch too which doesn't have to be a full size pitch.	11/7/2024 12:22 AM
30	At all underage levels, a more fair approach to team selection.	11/6/2024 10:50 PM
31	Gym, squash court would be great	11/6/2024 10:39 PM
32	Less bias coaching at under age level would be a start	11/6/2024 10:25 PM
33	Scór provision is absolutely fantastic. Would love to see the language take a stronger footing across the club at all stages - integrated.	11/6/2024 10:13 PM

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34	Rural and isolating living here important to provide a club for all	11/6/2024 10:05 PM
35	Coaches are critical in achieving player development and keeping players committed	11/6/2024 10:04 PM
36	To ensure all teams develop and continue to senior level	11/6/2024 9:55 PM
37	Coaching is very important as it gives player motivation	11/6/2024 9:48 PM
38	Important we don't take our eye of the ball as this is a crucial moment element that needs constant review and improvement.	11/6/2024 9:46 PM
39	Key to support all players	11/6/2024 9:44 PM
40	To invest in the future of the club	11/6/2024 9:43 PM
41	People are attracted to success. If we're successful on the field, the community will build around that. It's all linked	11/6/2024 9:41 PM
42	Expand activities to other pursuits beyond GAA	11/6/2024 9:40 PM
43	Should the club have an interest in supporting the local church? Underage football on a Sunday morning does not make it easy for parents who might attend otherwise.	11/6/2024 9:37 PM
44	A better structure of letting parents know about training and matches. An App that details training timetable and fixtures for underage games.	11/6/2024 9:33 PM
45	Improved gym facilities, another pitch, all weather pitch for winter months.	11/6/2024 9:32 PM
46	Really important to give kids the opportunity to play & exercise but challenge is to keep all kids involved and not lose interest	11/6/2024 9:30 PM
47	Provide coaches with little experience more knowledge	11/6/2024 9:29 PM
48	Close second comes the coaches development	11/6/2024 9:28 PM
49	Better teams	11/6/2024 9:27 PM
50	Get more members by having a reason for country folk to have access to a top class gym	11/6/2024 9:26 PM
51	Improve calibre of player coming through mayobridge, as we have had problems retaining young players in my opinion	11/6/2024 9:24 PM
52	To bring players right through to senior level from youth as there is too much of a gap from minor to senior level this where we need to give the players help and not to lose them .	11/6/2024 9:24 PM
53	A lit dog-friendly walking track would be beneficial	11/6/2024 9:23 PM
54	I think the club already do this so will be good to keep it up	11/6/2024 9:21 PM
55	Could do with covered stand and better toilet facilities needed	11/6/2024 9:20 PM
56	We have one of the best pitches in Ireland. The clubrooms are a disappointment and need a major facelift	11/6/2024 9:19 PM
57	Developing a new gym leads into a player development pathway. For Mayobridge to catch the top teams at senior in Down, the work begins underage. The recent minor success can't be a flash in the pan, and needs to be backed with proper coaching structures, S&C structures and coach education within the club to carry this on through.	11/6/2024 9:17 PM
58	Athletic Development sessions from a coach for children aged between 4-6 each Saturday. Parents much part take with child. This happens in each club in Dublin every weekend.	11/6/2024 9:16 PM
59	More support in recovery for eg dual players	11/6/2024 9:16 PM
60	You need a large indoor hall. Not easy to get i understand	11/6/2024 9:15 PM
61	More rewards for u derage other clubs do more end of year etc	11/6/2024 9:13 PM
62	Need facilities to meet needs	11/6/2024 9:13 PM
63	Continuous support and investment particularly in under age and right structures in place for seniors	11/6/2024 9:12 PM
64	Very important to get an extra field	11/6/2024 9:11 PM

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65	Massively need a new gym/ Fitness suite with hot tubs etc	11/6/2024 9:10 PM
66	Anyone and everyone is getting into coach our kids just because they have a child.. this isn't developing our future. We need the right people on the job or we will never develop	11/6/2024 9:10 PM
67	Need more space as men seniors gets preference over other teams	11/6/2024 9:08 PM

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Q14 We want to ensure our club is diverse and open to all people within our community*Can you suggest how we could achieve this as we move into the future?*e.g. including older people, children & adults with support needs, people from minority communities, people from LGBTQ+ community, non-playing adults and children.

Answered: 95 Skipped: 333

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Some social groups for children with learning needs eg GAA for all etc	11/15/2024 9:02 AM
2	More family events for whole community not just people involved in teams.	11/15/2024 8:24 AM
3	More engagement with wider community	11/15/2024 12:47 AM
4	Need more family fun days, comedy nights with proper advertising to reach wider community	11/14/2024 11:47 PM
5	Work with kids who play a range of different sports	11/14/2024 11:31 PM
6	Offer quiet times for walking/pick abouts etc	11/14/2024 11:22 PM
7	Run activities in club for older people	11/14/2024 10:43 PM
8	Children get told from young age they are not good enough and leave. However what can be the case is the mentors aren't well enough trained to actually be able to hone in on specifics and develop skills from start. We losing too many children who aren't supported but could do well if trained better. It's not all about the mentors child.	11/14/2024 7:16 AM
9	Don't have the T+Q and + in lgbtq	11/14/2024 1:02 AM
10	Including people of all different backgrounds and religions	11/14/2024 12:37 AM
11	Some clubs provide SEN sessions for the younger groups. Inclusion is of great importance to all children. It could beneficial to the club	11/14/2024 12:02 AM
12	GAA for all could be introduced to the club. There are currently several children attending other clubs to participate. A seniors dinner day once a month instead of just Christmas time (free for members, £5 non members). A leaflet drop to all houses in area inviting them to join the club. Information night for potential new members about what the club can offer them/ their children as members.	11/13/2024 11:15 PM
13	Invite different groups to our club and show them how our facilities can help them and how their involvement with our club can help us.	11/13/2024 10:47 PM
14	Supporting and welcoming minority families	11/13/2024 10:39 PM
15	You must offer and host events and programmes that will be of interest to the people stated above. In some cases you may need to offer personal invites to encourage them to come. You need to engage with local businesses and workplaces to let them know that such events are being held and that there would be some expectation of attendance. You need to art to print posters and leaflets in various languages and if necessary post through letterboxes to reach out.	11/13/2024 10:39 PM
16	Older people: the senior citizens dinner is a great success... maybe look at doing this more regularly? Engage with the school to encourage minority communities to get involved... bi-language flyers for non English speaking parents, highlight the club is more than football to encourage children who are not interested in sport. Develop mini-committees to allow non playing adults to become involved e.g. shop, events, clean-ups etc	11/13/2024 10:16 PM
17	Open facilities to non-members so they are around the club and encourage them to become members and bring any children along with them	11/10/2024 1:00 PM

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18	Keep toilets unlocked even when no training or games are on	11/10/2024 8:35 AM
19	As I am an autistic, adult woman, I feel like my comments have covered this. However, it's worth adding that socialising is very difficult for neurodivergent people but we enjoy it when the environment is right. The environment is not right in Mayobridge. I know if I had children it would have been much easier and I would have been welcomed at everything I have attended. It's worthwhile educating people about inclusivity and it will have a huge benefit not only in the wider community but within the sports too!	11/9/2024 11:25 PM
20	Open club facilities for activities other than Gaelic Games related	11/9/2024 10:50 PM
21	Make everything is more inclusive by being able to appeal to different people	11/9/2024 9:46 PM
22	Idk	11/9/2024 8:47 PM
23	More advertisement on social media	11/9/2024 8:03 PM
24	a camp	11/9/2024 7:28 PM
25	This type of inclusion starts with listening to the voice of those who you want to engage with and then educating existing committee members/members on importance/benefits of an inclusive club	11/9/2024 7:20 PM
26	Make club more accessible to join, and include other benefits in membership to attract those who don't play sport as well as those who do. E.g. gym, Irish language courses etc	11/9/2024 9:13 AM
27	Events, such as evening entertainment, kids parties, seasonal activities. More interaction with the school community to promote Gaelic games and culture.	11/8/2024 5:41 PM
28	All star team	11/8/2024 5:27 PM
29	I feel the gaa is a strong organisation in mayobridge and could use their influence to ensure that other parts of the community are looked after including those who don't participate in the gaa.	11/8/2024 9:58 AM
30	Reach out to the foreign national community and try to encourage them to get involved in playing our games	11/8/2024 8:03 AM
31	Host culture nights, where people can celebrate other cultures.	11/7/2024 10:49 PM
32	Including other families in the community in social events not just those who play Gaelic etc.	11/7/2024 9:57 PM
33	Perhaps events such as workshops, training etc. that could invite more inclusivity.	11/7/2024 5:39 PM
34	Don't prioritise the men's teams in the club as much	11/7/2024 4:40 PM
35	Widen the remittance of the club to include skills and activities meet the needs of older members	11/7/2024 2:04 PM
36	Themed nights and community events for other groups.	11/7/2024 1:45 PM
37	By inviting everyone to participate and welcoming all new members. It's very much controlled by a select few.	11/7/2024 1:22 PM
38	We must try to engage with new minority families who are living in our community. I think we need to visit & explain what we do & how we do things. They need to be aware of how open and welcoming we are.	11/7/2024 11:27 AM
39	School connections is key. Committee to manage Underage coaches to go into school m. Must be structured or school won't want to know. Offer Mayobridge pencil cases etc/ actively target non player kids	11/7/2024 10:03 AM
40	Have an open meeting with community and try and get foreign nationals and non members to attend to see what they can bring	11/7/2024 8:27 AM
41	Being more inclusive, GAA for all team etc.	11/7/2024 8:22 AM
42	Not sure	11/7/2024 8:12 AM
43	Different events, gathering for those groups to interact together	11/7/2024 7:47 AM
44	More social events to bring people together and also create funds for the club.	11/7/2024 7:12 AM

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45	Adults with support needs	11/7/2024 1:18 AM
46	More community based activities consistently ran.	11/7/2024 12:22 AM
47	More appealing	11/6/2024 10:59 PM
48	Going into school and engaging with the members of the community that are not active members of the Mayobridge GAA.	11/6/2024 10:30 PM
49	Be pro active hold open days reach out to soccer clubs in Rathfriland and maybe suggest fun days between both clubs making all feel welcome?	11/6/2024 10:25 PM
50	A dad's and lads non competitive team could be created, also if there is need there could be the development of a Gaelic for all team. Going into school and speaking to people from other backgrounds to try and encourage inclusion.	11/6/2024 10:22 PM
51	Older trip's	11/6/2024 10:16 PM
52	More non sport activities- art, music, life skills ,	11/6/2024 10:11 PM
53	More open minded people generally would help. Options of playing other sports at the club not just GAA... basketball/ netball/ soccer	11/6/2024 10:05 PM
54	Man shed and women's shed for older people. Possibly a dads and lads	11/6/2024 10:04 PM
55	Maybe offer club out for events (small fee)	11/6/2024 10:03 PM
56	Activities for kids and young people with special needs	11/6/2024 10:00 PM
57	Make sure everyone is welcoming	11/6/2024 9:55 PM
58	More diverse clubs need to be on offer to all members of Mayobridge. A Bridge night for example for older people, clubs on offer for children who are do not play sports. We should try to draw on the skills of our community who can offer different types of classes whether it is coding etc. Inclusion of adults and children with learning disabilities for example Gaelic for All as other clubs have done expanding to other clubs.	11/6/2024 9:53 PM
59	Taster Days, focus on the benefits of the GAA, pathways for young teens, young coaching and development opportunities for a diverse cross section of the community	11/6/2024 9:52 PM
60	Think we could start by including older people & Non-playing members to help with running our club shop at games, cleaning schedule to maintain our facilities, caretaker roles within the club. Could we also look at involvement for people from minority communities that reside in our community.	11/6/2024 9:46 PM
61	Make a football/hurling/camphor team for people with special needs so they feel more included (I've just joined Mayobridge football so I'm not completely sure if this is already a thing, sorry if it is)	11/6/2024 9:44 PM
62	Encourage all community to use facilities e.g. gym, walking, indoor facilities	11/6/2024 9:44 PM
63	A stand with seats/benches, Gaelic for all team, an event around pride month- Camogie Association has had a pride week for the past 3 years that clubs can get involved with, development of gym facilities that non playing adults can use.	11/6/2024 9:43 PM
64	Loaning our grounds for recreational soccer. Have seen groups of Asian (?) men playing soccer on the top field, can be a way to introduce them to the GAA and have them integrate with the community	11/6/2024 9:41 PM
65	Consider starting a "GAA for all" group (like Saval recently started) to include less-able children and their families to get involved with GAA.	11/6/2024 9:40 PM
66	Picnic areas, additional bins, outdoor wellbeing areas for adults. Flowers, more paving less gravel, more sponsorship signage areas for local businesses.memorial benches, allotment areas for retirees.	11/6/2024 9:37 PM
67	A weekly meet up for older people to reduce isolation. Visual participation in Newry Pride or social media to tie with events/dates.	11/6/2024 9:37 PM
68	Include everyone	11/6/2024 9:36 PM
69	Inclusivity for all should be considered, programmes for children and adults with additional	11/6/2024 9:33 PM

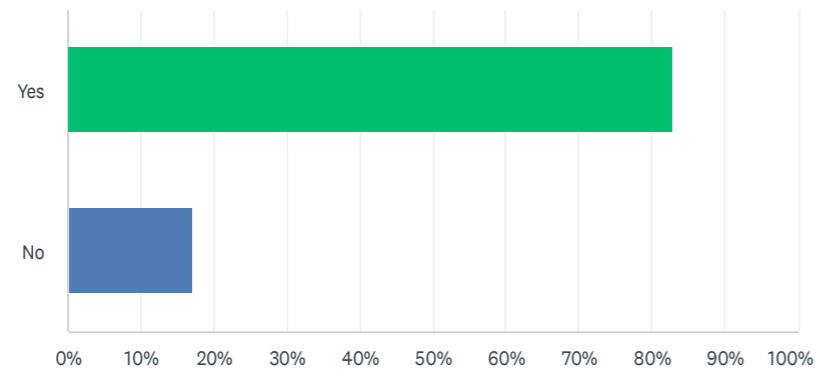
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	needs.	
70	More community events, inviting all along, reaching out as some may feel to intimidated.	11/6/2024 9:32 PM
71	Nothing	11/6/2024 9:32 PM
72	holding more community events e.g. fun days. Possibly providing events targeted at age groups such as the elderly in order to help encourage socialisation within the community.	11/6/2024 9:32 PM
73	Forget about the LGBTQ+ nonsense not pushing that on children playing sport	11/6/2024 9:28 PM
74	Don't know	11/6/2024 9:27 PM
75	reach out to the new irish	11/6/2024 9:27 PM
76	Engaging with the school, chatting and encouraging the children to join the club.	11/6/2024 9:24 PM
77	Provide more activities outside of GAA related bingo nights/gym classes/running groups etc	11/6/2024 9:24 PM
78	To include all members of the community	11/6/2024 9:24 PM
79	A lit dog-friendly walking track, outdoor exercise equipment bear the playpark, non-sport activities	11/6/2024 9:23 PM
80	Advertising on face book when under age times are for underage , not just on what's up	11/6/2024 9:23 PM
81	Advertise the above, and also advertise in other languages , for example Polish ,etc	11/6/2024 9:21 PM
82	Offer opportunities for exercise for everyone (indoor activities)	11/6/2024 9:17 PM
83	Setting up partnerships with local charities (Autism charities, mental health charities). These things aren't just going to happen because you want them to, again a plan needs to be put in place and these organisations contacted, and work together to find activities that suit the needs of the people in Mayobridge, but are also attractive for people outside of the core Bridge community to come into.	11/6/2024 9:17 PM
84	More social events	11/6/2024 9:16 PM
85	Developing social club area. This is where club could invite and hold sessions/ evenings for groups to meet etc.	11/6/2024 9:16 PM
86	Encourage non playing adults and children into the cultural side of the club	11/6/2024 9:16 PM
87	na	11/6/2024 9:15 PM
88	Use social.media more create videos on Instagram etc of how fun it is at all ages and links how to get involved	11/6/2024 9:15 PM
89	Paying a direct debit over a number of years. This was done in the past and was a great success.	11/6/2024 9:13 PM
90	provision for children with additional needs	11/6/2024 9:13 PM
91	Different types social events.	11/6/2024 9:12 PM
92	One for All sporting initiatives like sport and music to include disability and older ages	11/6/2024 9:12 PM
93	I think we should try work with the primary school maybe to push some of the foreigners to trying GAA. They need to be in from a young age.	11/6/2024 9:11 PM
94	Children with special needs	11/6/2024 9:09 PM
95	Games for all, particularly children in the community with disabilities.	11/6/2024 9:07 PM

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Q15 Are you willing to help with the development of our new strategy and help bring it to reality?

Answered: 293 Skipped: 135



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	82.94%	243
No	17.06%	50
TOTAL		293







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