



Knockanure GAA Club



What was the idea

Knockanure GAA Club was established in 1896 and has been a central part of the community since its foundation. The GAA club and its facilities has provided a recreational and sporting outlet for the youth of the parish. The club has won several North Kerry League and Championship titles. The aim of the club is to provide opportunities for people in the community to participate in sport. Over the past few years, they have invested in the pitch and facilities. In order to provide recreational space for non-playing members and others in our community the club wanted to install a floodlit walking track around the perimeter of the playing pitch.



Challenges

The Club has always serviced the sporting and recreational needs of the local community providing a playing pitch for GAA, community games and athletics. The facilities are used by club members and local National Schools. However, the pitch and facilities needed significant work and as a result two years ago, the club put together a plan to redevelop the pitch and improve the playing facilities. The upgrades would meet the needs of the current players and encourage parents to get their children involved in sport. Many people in the community would enjoy a walkway but with limited footpaths and pedestrian areas, must walk on dark country narrow roads which is unsafe. The club wanted to meet this need by installing a safe and secure all-weather walking track



How has this funding made a difference?

The improved playing facilities will assist in the development of our players and will encourage more children to join and participate in sport'

"Providing safe walking areas and encouraging people to go out walking will also have a positive impact on the physical and mental health of the local community. The facility will be used by everyone in the community and also will be used by the National School for outdoor PE"

- William Joe Leahy – Secretary Knockanure GAA Club

EIRGRID COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP FUND



Amount Awarded
€20,000 commitment

William Joe Leahy – Secretary Knockanure GAA Club



"It is vital that there is adequate sports and recreation facilities in rural areas for young people to participate and be active. This is essential for both the physical and mental health of the youth and adults in our community"



Key Users

- 200+ Facility Users
- Local National Schools
- Walking Groups
- Recreational Users

Linked to Sustainable Development Goals



Project Financing

- EIRGRID Community Sponsorship Fund
- Munster GAA Council Funding
- Applicant Funding

