



HAZELWOOD TENNIS CLUB PROJECT

What was the idea

Hazelwood Tennis Club has been in existence since 1961. The Club has more than 100 members from the local area. If Hazelwood tennis Club was able to improve their second court, they would be able to run competitions, hold blitzes and offer more lessons for the local schools.

Planning for the future

Hazelwood Tennis Club has two tennis courts, one court was re-surfaced in 2015. There is great interest in tennis in the local area, but the group were constrained by the lack of facilities. The proposed project was to resurface the second court which had become unplayable, to the same standard as the first court, enabling the club to host competitions and increasing the number of people using the facility.

SECAD Community Engagement Services Community Industry Partnerships


How has this funding made a difference?

The group undertook a major re-development programme and gratefully received funding from the Castlepook Wind Farm Community Fund for new seating and equipment. The Committee, again with the help of funding from the Castlepook Wind Farm, started on the next round of developments to resurface the second court and as a result membership has grown. The club for the first time ever were able to field a team for the Munster Winter League. The team did remarkably well, and this success locally is encouraging new members. This has had a massive impact on local children who want to get involved in a successful club.



'We hosted the first ever Summer Cup Competition in Hazelwood Tennis Club recently. In order to host a competition you need to have two courts, which we now have'

Wind Farm Castlepook Wind Farm

 Amount Awarded
€22,500 commitment, awarded over four fund years

Niamh Kenny- Hazelwood Tennis Club



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Impact

Tennis has experienced a significant boost as one of the few sports which people could play towards the end of the Covid-19 restrictions.

The membership of Hazelwood Tennis Club has doubled this year as a result

of the increased interest and in particular because of the new facilities which we can now offer. We have recently started a new round of lessons and have approximately 70 people participating 50 of which are young people and children'

Linked to Sustainable Development Goal



 Project Financing
Castlepook Wind Farm
LEADER Funding
Local Authority Grants
A Bridging Finance Loan



“Hazelwood Tennis Club has worked with SECAD over the last number of years to secure much needed funding from the Castlepook Community Benefit Fund. As a small rural club, Hazelwood is at the heart of the community which has lost many other services over the years. SECAD assisted us to put together a multi-annual application and facilitated us to get a bridging loan from Clann Credo. Both of which enabled us to re-surface our second court and refurbish court one and get new lights. The assistance from SECAD and the Community Benefit Fund has transformed our little club and given it a new lease of life. Many thanks to all involved”.

Niamh Kenny – Hazelwood Tennis Club, Committee Member