

Our Club Profile

A need was identified for an underage soccer club in the parish and so we began playing in the Limerick County Schoolboys league in September 2007. With many players nine and under and most playing competitive soccer for the first time we struggled to compete but the focus was on the future as we a fledging club in ever sense. We also entered and U8 team in the non-competitive summer league and our player base grew further still. Whilst both teams struggled, it was noticeable that the players were gradually improving and most of all enjoying themselves.

In June 2008 the Schoolboys club was formally created, until then we had played under the affiliation of the Junior club which was now defunct. At the inaugural meeting officers were elected and a blueprint for the future of the club decided. With all bar two players overage from the previous season, we have made great strides this season and currently lie in a comfortable second position in our U10 league with just three games remaining, winning 7 and losing 2 of our 9 games to date. We will again enter and U8 team in the on-competitive league, which usually runs in May. We now have three coaches who have completed the Kickstart 1 coaching course, but we need many more coaches/helpers in the coming years as we intend to enter U11,12,13 etc. teams in the future.

We currently have 21 players registered U10 and U8 (both 8-a-side) and have many more under 6 attending indoor training every Monday night in Caherconlish. The panel of players are **Sarah Miller, Rian O'Dea, Calvin Murphy, Daniel Gleeson, Stephen O'Dea, Patrick Rodahan, Sean McCarthy, Brian O'Grady, Dylan Holmes, Robbie Holmes, Shane O'Grady, Alan Dwane, Eamon Murphy, Tadhg Griffin, Declan Kenny, Jack O'Connell, David O'Connell, Josh Sheehan, Eoghan O'Dea, Shane Dwane, Conor Egan.**

Sean McCarthy Plant Hire has very kindly sponsored a full set of gear for our U10's. Recently our Dressing room and all our training equipment were destroyed in a fire by mindless vandals, but our players and their parents rallied around and gave up a few hours of their St. Stephens days to go on the "wren" and raise money towards the purchase of a new dressing room.

We are always on the look out for new players so anyone from the parish or locality should feel free to contact any of the club officers above, they can be assured their children will be coached and managed in a fun and friendly environment. We also need adults to help out in any way possible in the running of the club, as we grow we will need more and more help so even the smallest contribution will mean a lot.

Noel O'Dea
Chairperson