



Track Open Day

We intend to have an open day at the track on **Saturday 16th December from 2-3.30pm** to showcase current developments and to let athletes & families see where the investment is going.

We believe it's important to give everyone an opportunity to see at first hand what has already been built and hopefully encourage more people to support our fundraising efforts & specifically the Lotto.

Club Registrations

- ❖ Our registrations for 2024 will commence at the start of December.
- ❖ As always this will be open to existing members first to register before those on waiting lists have the opportunity to apply.
- ❖ This year, our registrations will be done in the same system as our Lotto (Klubfunder), giving you the opportunity to register and sign up for the lotto together, should you wish to do so.
- ❖ Further details will be sent out on our WhatsApp groups.



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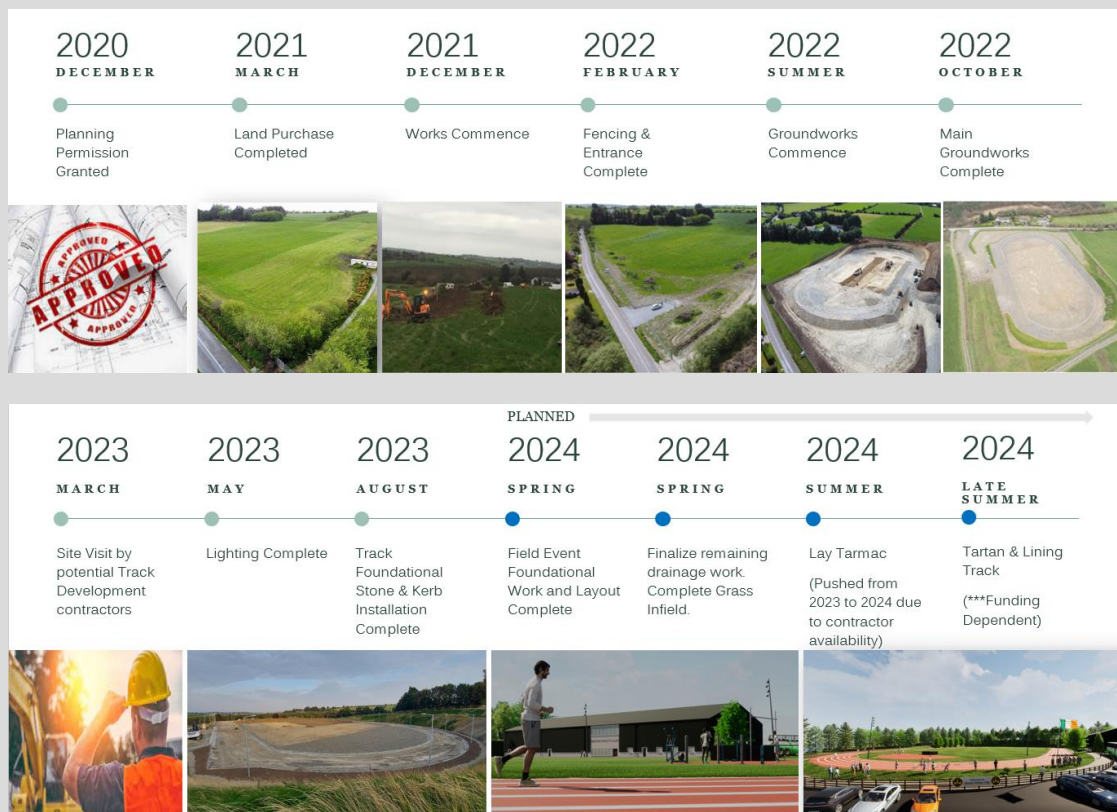
Welcome to the new Bandon AC Newsletter!

The purpose of this newsletter is to keep you updated on the track development as well as activities being undertaken by the club to help finance these new state of the art facilities. We also share highlights from the year so you see why it's so important for us to develop the track!

We would also like to take the opportunity to thank all club members & everyone who supported the club this year and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!

Track Development Update

Track Development History & Plans



CLUB HIGHLIGHTS



Road Racing

Bandon AC club members were very well represented on the Marathon & Road Race front throughout this year, from local to international level, setting new PBs & super times!



Great to see some of our coaches in their club colours leading by example!!



Cross Country Updates

As we are well into cross country season, a huge 2023 highlight was the club hosting the very successful County Cross Country Uneven Age & Novice Championship. Well done to all involved and a special thanks to the many volunteers that helped make this such a success & our very generous land owner!

The Southern Star
16 Oct · 📍

Not only did Bandon Athletic Club promote an excellently organised county cross-country at Ratharoon East, but the club also had the distinction of providing the first two finishers in the main event of the day, the novice championship.



There has been super participation from the Club from U9s right up to Senior ranks and great successes.



Not least of which was a terrific Gold in the National Senior Womens Cross Country!!!

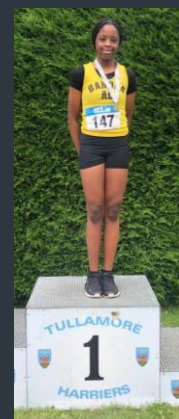


Track & Field



It was great to see such terrific participation & a sea of yellow in the various Track & Field competitions this year with fantastic success at all levels!

Athletes across all age groups excelled in sprints, walks hurdles, middle & long distance, steeplechase, long jump, high jump, pole vault, shot putt, discus, javelin, hammer, as well as multi events & relays.



With competitors both Indoors & Outdoors, in West Corks, Counties, Munsters and Nationals, we saw PBs and super performances with multiple national medals coming back to Bandon including 3 national champions from one family!! Well done to all!!!



Club Awards Night



We were delighted to have the opportunity to host our Club Awards Night for the first time post-Covid. This is a great opportunity to recognise outstanding achievements in both athletics & in positive/inspiring sporting behaviour. It's also great fun for all!



CLUB HIGHLIGHTS



Summer Camp & Open Sports

Two huge events in the Bandon AC calendar are the Summer Camp and the Catherine Duggan Memorial Open Sports.



Great fun was had by all at the Summer Camp, with everyone making the best of the mixed weather for the week!!



It was great to see representation from far and wide at the Open Sports with a mix of events for all ages. And our very own Olympian was there to present medals and inspire the next generation!



Masters Success

Bandon AC masters continued to show the rest how it's done at a regional, national & International level!



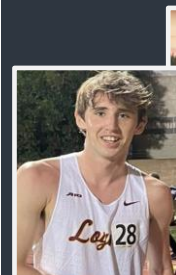
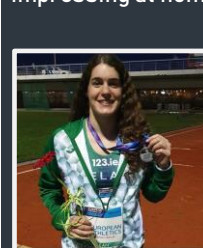
Drop & Run

Fantastic to see so many new members active as part of our 'Drop & Run'. Time is precious & exercise so important. Why not keep healthy when you drop the kids & enjoy the company of other parents and members ?! We cater for all abilities!



Universities

Bandon AC athletes past & present always make a big impact at a Universities level. Below just a few impressive at home & abroad!



Proudly Wearing the Green

Club members continued to impress on a national stage over the last year.



A familiar face co-captaining Team Ireland to a super victory in the European Athletics Team Championships in Poland

At a Masters and Schools level too, the Irish jersey was worn with pride by club members & met medal success.



Disclaimer. Above are just a selection of the very many highlights over the last year to give you a feel for the depth and breadth of the clubs activities and impacts. Any omissions are entirely unintentional!

Track Cost Overview

The estimated full cost of developing the track, associated field activities & walking/jogging track is expected to be in the region of €1.25 million.

This is made up of:

1. Site Purchase & Associated Fees
2. Entrance & Fencing
3. Groundworks
4. Lighting
5. Field Event Construction
6. Tarmac
7. Tartan & Lining
8. Equipment
9. Cross Country/Walking Track

The funding is in place for the first 6 elements of the project above thanks to:

- ✓ Significant State and Local County Council Funding
- ✓ Generous Sponsorship of Local Businesses
- ✓ Loan for Site Purchase
- ✓ Club Fundraising supported by club members and local community

There is still a **shortfall of over €500K** to complete the last four elements above. We hope to get some further state funding via the latest Sports Capital Fund but need to provide significant funding ourselves to complete. The Lotto will be an important source of such vital funds so your support is very much appreciated!!



The lotto depends on the support of club members & other stakeholders within the community. The main function of the lotto is to help finance our new track.

We really need your help now!!

Our aim is to consolidate all fundraising aimed at club members into the Lotto going forward so we don't keep looking for your support in different forms.

We would love if every family associated with the athletic club could help by:

1. Signing up to an annual subscription supporting the lottery at cost of only €2 per week; (Preference is an annual or bi-annual subscription to minimize transaction charges)

2. Sourcing at least one other subscriber to support the lottery for the full year.

This funding will facilitate the construction & maintenance of a top-class, local facility for the benefit of our members & the local community.

We can't do this without your assistance.

The following explains the financial aspect of our funding model.

Income:

- Our steady source of income comes from a portion of the annual subscriptions and the €2 received on training nights.
- The club receives financial support through grants, sponsorship, fundraising and donations towards the capital costs of the athletic track.

Expenditure:

- Bandon AC pays a large portion of the annual subscriptions to Athletics Ireland to register every club member;
- The club also pays entry fees for all competitions;
- The club has a long term rental agreement with BGS and the costs incurred are fixed, regardless of the number of athletes attending;
- The club must also purchase new equipment and replace old equipment every year;
- Loan repayments are required to cover the cost of loans for site purchase plus any other loads required;

Lotto Launch

The launch of the new club lotto takes place in Dec 2023.

1st Draw - Wed 31st Jan 2024

We are delighted to announce this initiative and would like to thank the committee for all the work that they have put into this already.

Where to Play Lotto

- 🚩 Link in the Club Webpage
- 🚩 Link sent in WhatsApp group to members
- 🚩 Go to Klubfunder.com, 'Find My Klub', Play Lotto
- 🚩 https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Bandon_Athletic_Club/Lotto
- 🚩 Scan QR code below



How to Play Lotto

- 🚩 Choose 3 numbers from 1 to 36.
- 🚩 Draw will take place Wednesdays at 7:00 at training.
- 🚩 Annual subscription cost just €2 per week with 2 free draws;
- 🚩 The lottery fund starts at €500 and €100 is added every week until the lotto is won.





Grants

Sports Capital Grant



Bandon AC were thrilled to receive a fantastic €290,000 from the **2020 Sports Capital Grant** Scheme in 2021.

This grant has been used for the extensive groundworks required to level and layout the site for the track, as well as the significant lighting requirements.

The club are hugely grateful to the local TDs, Senators and Councillors for their terrific public support of this project and for bringing it to Government attention on the Dail floor.

The club has recently applied for the **2023 Sports Capital Grant** for assistance with completing the final phases and are very hopeful of further assistance to bring the project to completion.

Cork County Council Grants



Cork County Council provided a generous grant of €20,000 in 2021 towards the cost of the entrance & erection of the boundary fencing under the **Community Fund Scheme**.

A further €50,000 grant was received in 2023 from the **Community Recognition Fund** which is being used for kerbing the track & foundational work on the field events.

We are hugely thankful to Cork County Council and our very supportive local councillors for giving us such a fantastic head start on this project.

Access Credit Union

The club were delighted to receive €2000 from Access Credit Union Community Fund.

Acknowledgements

Bandon AC would like to acknowledge the great generosity of our sponsors, without which it would have been impossible to make the progress we have to date.



Bandon AC Track Development Sponsors Board





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Bandon AC gratefully acknowledges and appreciates the support of sponsors who wish to remain anonymous, as well as the many smaller but not insignificant donations received.

Please support these local businesses that have so generously supported us!

