

Old Hurling Fields

Many fields in the locality have been used by the club for training and playing matches over the years. One of the first to be used was in O'Neills, Ballintee, which was the scene of many famous "battles" in the fifties. In the early sixties three different fields were used, Mick Barry's Goodwinsgarden and two different fields of Townsends at Raheen and Dunamaggin.

In 1968 under the guidance of Rev. Johnny Kearns and the generosity of William Heffernan, Caherleske, Hayden Park was established. For a nominal rent of one shilling a year the club was guaranteed a home for as long as they wished. A committee consisting of Fr Kearns, William Heffernan, Denis Treacy, Michael Barry, Jim "Link" Walsh, Harry Kearney and Bob Doherty was established to develop the field. Unfortunately only Bob Doherty remains with us today as all the others have departed to their Heavenly reward.

A wire fence was erected around the field and a fine entrance was erected. For those with an interest in inflation the total cost of developments came to the princely sum of £450. A tournament was run to fund developments and it is interesting to note gate receipts from a game between Mount Sion and Bennettsbridge amounted to £39.

Hayden Park was the home of Dunamaggin hurling until the move to the present field in 1996.