



Community, Sports & Leisure Centre

Drumcliffe, Co. Sligo



"Building a better future together"

500
Club Draw

2011 - 2012

Oxford 500 Club Monthly Draw

Introduction...

The Oxford Centre has been at the heart of community life in North Sligo for over 3 decades. However it is now in urgent need of a new roof and heating system in order to secure its immediate future. These works will also represent the first phase of a redevelopment project to transform Oxford into a modern, flexible, multi-purpose community facility serving the wider community, both young and old alike.



Who's behind Oxford...

In Autumn 2009, a new publicly elected cross-community management committee was elected to take over the operation and development of the Oxford Centre. Since then, this management team has worked diligently on behalf the community and has achieved much, including:

- Significantly increased usage
- Formalised audited financial accounts for the last 12 years
- Strengthened the Corporate Governance
- Organised major community and family orientated events
- Explored options for redeveloping / improving the existing Centre
- Is currently seeking grant aid to assist with the redevelopment of the Centre

The Existing Centre...

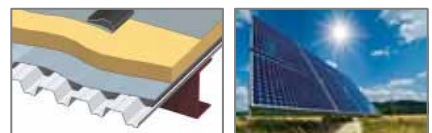
The roof of the existing Oxford Centre consists of asbestos sheeting which has reached the end of its serviceable life and it leaks with increasing regularity. In addition the roof has very poor thermal properties.



Add to this an old and ineffective heating system, and we are left with a building which is almost unusable in cold conditions, particularly for the younger and older members of the community. Indeed the condition of the roof, if left as is, is likely to deteriorate to a point where the Centre would have to be permanently closed.

Fundraising Context...

The Oxford 500 Club Draw is the first fundraiser for the Oxford Centre in over a decade. Since the last draw in 2001, the Centre has been struggling to survive with little or no income. While the new management team has established a sustainable day to day income through increased usage, a major fundraising effort is now urgently required in order to raise matching funding for grant applications for the proposed new insulated roof, and a new effective and efficient heating system which will include solar panels for heating water.



The Draw...

The Oxfield 500 Club Draw is a monthly draw with 66 prizes, with over €22,000 cash in prize money, including a bonanza prize of €10,000. The draw organisers hope to sell in the region of 500 tickets both within and outside the locality.

There will be 12 monthly draws starting in December 2011 and running until November 2012. Each month there will be €1,000 in cash prizes, comprising of €500, €200, €100 (x3). There will be a grand prize of €10,000 in the November 2012 draw, plus a series of other fantastic prizes every second month, ranging from a family holiday in the Costa del Sol to an iPad2.



Tickets...

Tickets will cost €10 per month based on a 12 month commitment (by standing order). Or alternatively €100 up front. This commitment equates to as little as €8.33 per month or €1.92 per week (based on the €100 option).

Tickets can be purchased from any of our committee members or ticket sellers.



Proceeds...

The proceeds from this draw will be used alongside grant aid (which we are currently in the process of applying for) to complete this Phase 1 project which is expected to cost in the region of €150,000. When complete, the project will allow the Centre to be used all year round, and will facilitate a greatly expanded level of service and range of activities for the entire community.

Your Support...

The success of this fundraising effort is wholly dependent on everyone in the wider area pulling together.



To this end we hope make contact with every house in the area in the coming days and weeks. While we fully acknowledge the difficult times we are in, all we ask is that you consider our proposal, the relative costs involved, and the benefits which a rejuvenated Oxfield Community Centre offers to you, your children, your grandchildren and your community.

Thank You...

On behalf of everyone involved with Oxfield, thank you for your time and continued support!

Redevelopment Vision...

The proposed new roof and heating system for the Oxfield Centre are the first (and most urgent) elements of an overall redevelopment plan which we have been working on for the last 2 years.

The overall vision is to transform the existing Centre into a modern multi-purpose facility which we hope will serve our entire community for generations to come, and will include new community spaces and services, café/catering facilities, a play area, improved toilet/ changing facilities, increased car parking, etc.

The process so far has included an appraisal of the existing Centre, Architect concept competition, and consultation with the public and community groups and clubs who currently use Oxfield.

And it is important to note that the new roof and heating system currently being proposed will be detailed such that they fit in this overall redevelopment plan.



Artist's Impressions of what the new redeveloped Oxfield Centre might look like.

For More Information...

Simply check out our website, follow us on Facebook and Twitter, or pick up one of our monthly Community Newsletters.

www.oxfield.ie



Oxfield – Home to Your Community...

Some of the local Community Groups and Clubs which currently have involvement with the Oxfield Centre:

- Foróige Youth Club
- North Sligo Athletics Club
- Drumcliffe Rosses Point GAA Club
- Yeats United Soccer Club
- 11th Sligo Benbulbin Scouts
- Oxfield Walking Club
- Oxfield Active Age
- Carney Tidy Towns
- Allwin Tennis Foundation
- Drumcliffe Community Games
- Drumcliffe Handball Club
- North Sligo Higashi Karate Club
- Maugherow Boxing Club
- Joes to Pros Fitness

Oxfield Facilities / Activities...

Oxfield currently caters for a huge variety of facilities and activities – see below. But just imagine what we could do with a redeveloped Centre!

- Multipurpose Community Spaces
- Meeting Room / Community Room
- Indoor Community & Sports Hall
- Birthday Parties
- Active Age Events
- All-weather Walking / Running Track
- Floodlit Tennis Court
- Fitness Coaching / Circuit Training
- Gaelic Football / Hurling / Camogie
- Soccer / Indoor Soccer
- Evening Walking
- Handball / Racquetball
- Squash
- Karate
- Boxing
- Indoor Hockey
- Basketball
- Badminton
- Volleyball
- Pool / Snooker

Oxfield and You...

Oxfield is your local Community Centre. So if you or your Group/Club would like to know more about using Oxfield, or indeed if you have any feedback or suggestions for the Oxfield team, please contact us on oxfieldcentre@gmail.com.