

# Planning Pack Map Tir Mona AC



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No	Description	Quantity	Key
1	Trees	30	●
2	Bug hotel	3	■
3	Re-wilding	1600 m sq.	▬▬
4	Wildflower	2	●
5	Bike rack	12	■
6	PV panels	20	■
7	EV charge pt	1	■
8	Swap shop/Cloths	2	■

North



Grass running track

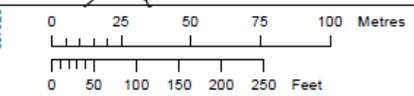
Rewilding between hedge row and walking track along 3 x sides of Tir Mona site approx. 1600 m square.

Club house for collection

Wheelchair Parking space

Car Park

Corduff



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**Please reference the planning pack map key above for the location of each number.**

### **1. Plan for tree planting**

Tír Móna AC ground has 30 mature Ash trees in the grounds that provide food and shelter for multiple species.

Ash trees support lichen, provide nest sites and a food source for birds, shrews and voles, its leaves are eaten by the caterpillars of many moth species.

Fallen leaves and rotting ash wood improves soils and also provides a valuable invertebrate habitat.

Unfortunately, some of these trees are showing signs of Ash die back [Ref https://www.teagasc.ie/crops/forestry/advice/forest-protection/ash-dieback/](https://www.teagasc.ie/crops/forestry/advice/forest-protection/ash-dieback/), and we would like to plant 30 similar trees that will provide alternative habitats in the years to come and position these around the circumference of the grounds.

We have consulted with [Daly native Irish trees](#), who grow trees from seed & whips, they recommend we plant a mix of the following trees, Silver Birch, Irish Oak, Alder, Wild cherry and Aspen to help address this loss of habitat in the years to come.

The club volunteers and children will the plant trees together with Green Councillor, Peter Hamilton with no planting cost to the grant other than the trees and stakes:

### **2. Plan for 3 X bug hotels**

Hotels will be made in house by the club, using recycled materials, pallets, wood, supplied from the local hardware supplier TJ O Mahony in Prosperous and local Forrester Robert Wilson right. [Ref : https://www.gardenninja.co.uk/how-to-make-a-bug-hotel-the-right-way/](https://www.gardenninja.co.uk/how-to-make-a-bug-hotel-the-right-way/)

The club members / children will complete the work as an educational and learning exercise to awaken children's interest in nature conservation in the locality.



### **3. Plan for re-wilding along hedge rows**

Tir Mona is a rural site, we will rewild approx. 1600 square meters of ground between the walking track and hedge row to help support insects/ invertebrates, birds and small mammals.

Signage from recycled poly-board will be placed in these areas with wording to notify children/ parents that rewilding is taking place and to make them aware of this environmental initiative and the benefits.

### **4. Plan for wild- flowers pollinators**

Wild- flower seeds will be planted in 2 locations around the track to support native insects. The wildflowers included in the planting will support the All-Ireland bee Pollinator Plan ,Ref <https://www.wildflowers.ie/all-trade/a0-all-pricelists.htm>

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### **5. Plan for bicycle parking.**

In order to encourage patrons of Tir Mona and the general public to move away from travelling to our ground by cars and towards carbon free transport when visiting our grounds, 12 cycle parking spaces for bikes will be fitted to club car park. Also, an EV charging point would be beneficial as some patrons travel in excess of 10 k and cycling in winter months will not be practical on unlit country roads

### **6. Plan for improved energy efficiency and reduced carbon footprint**

A design specification was given to 4 vendors for a ground mounted Solar panel system with battery pack.

Tir Mona's running costs are in the region of 5k per year with energy and diesel accounting for 70 % of this cost.

Tir Mona plans to move to solar powered battery mowers (4 in total) and LED efficient lighting ( Funding in place already and outside this grant). The addition of solar panels will generate power to provide 100% of our grass cutting power in the summer and 50% of our flood lights energy needs in late spring and early autumn.

We have applied for sport capitation grant in September 2023, Ref TRN4122009MH-R-27-29 CRM:0036142 to cover the cost of two battery mowers and have funding in underway for 1 more removing the need to use a diesel ride on lawn mower.

### **7. EV charge point.**

EV charge point located at one side of the wheelchair access parking location this will allow for all patrons of the ground to avail of Ev charging.

The nearest Ev charging point from Tir Mona is 12k in Clane.

2500 euro for system and 2215 euro to dig 60m trench, 1ft deep, with 60mm ducting for cables, pull rope and concrete base.

### **8. Recycling Plan/Swap shop:**

The club already runs two cloths recycling initiatives each year with a company called progressive solutions.

We ask parents, friends and members of the community to use the club house as a recycling centre, the money raised is used to subsidise the day to day running cost of the club. We discussed putting recycling banks in the car parks but illegal dumping could be a problem as it is with other cloths banks in the area.

We also recycle club gear, spikes running shoes, singlets and pass these onto athletes who are growing out of old kit and growing into new kit, this **swap shop** saves unnecessary purchasing of club gear and is a cost saving to parents.