

## GAA Oral History Project

## Interview Report Form

<b>Name of Interviewer</b>	Regina Fitzpatrick
<b>Date of Interview</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> Oct, 2008
<b>Location</b>	Liverpool
<b>Name of Interviewee</b> (Maiden name / Nickname)	Karen Plunkett
<b><u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u></b>	
<b>Gender</b>	Female
<b>Born</b>	<b>Year Born:</b> 1981 <b>Home County:</b> Dublin
<b>Education</b>	<b>Primary:</b> Rush National School <b>Secondary:</b> St Joseph's Secondary School, Rush <b>Third Level:</b> Liverpool Hope University
<b>Family</b>	<b>Siblings:</b> 1 brother (James Plunkett)
<b>Club(s)</b>	John Mitchel's, Liverpool
<b>Occupation</b>	P.E. Teacher
<b>Parents' Occupation</b>	Panel Beater [Father]; Shop Assistant [Mother]
<b>Religion</b>	Roman Catholic
<b>Political Affiliation / Membership</b>	N/A
<b>Other Club/Society Membership(s)</b>	N/A
<b>Date of Report</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2009
<b>Period Covered</b>	1980s - 2008
<b>Counties/Countries Covered</b>	Dublin, Great Britain, Lancashire
<b>Key Themes</b>	Travel, Supporting, Grounds, Playing, Training, Coaching,

<b>Covered</b>	Administration Education Religion Emigration Involvement in GAA abroad, Role of Teachers Role of the Club in the Community, GAA Abroad, Identity, Rivalries, Earliest Memories, Family Involvement, Childhood, Impact on Life Career, Challenges, Outsider's Perspectives, Alcohol, Other sports
<b>Interview Summary</b>	<p>0:00 Introduction</p> <p>0:17 From Rush, north Co. Dublin; strong GAA tradition in family on both sides – Weldon and Plunkett; Grandfather (Plunkett) very involved in St Maur's club in Rush; uncles on Weldon side all played for their club</p> <p>00:50 Growing up in a GAA family – her brother not interested in sport – loved being involved in the GAA and the community.</p> <p>1:30 Played with St Maur's when she was younger; ladies team at St Maur's fell apart; started playing again in university for the Man O'War club (the rival team). Frowned upon for a while but wanted to play football.</p> <p>2:08 Played soccer and badminton in school</p> <p>2:22 Supporting Dublin growing up – on the Hill in Croke Park. Great atmosphere.</p> <p>3:00 Goes home in summer time and at Christmas.</p> <p>3:14 Went to Liverpool in 1999 to attend Hope University and has worked there since.</p> <p>3:42 Met lots of Irish friends in Liverpool. Hadn't known anyone going over to Liverpool.</p> <p>4:22 Mary Corker from Monaghan (Monaghan county player) setting up Ladies Gaelic team at Hope University – Karen involved from the start – what it was like setting the club up – came second in All-Britain two years with Hope.</p> <p>5:25 Why set up a Gaelic club – to get to know Irish people in a strange city; to play football.</p>
<b>Involvement in GAA</b>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supporter   <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Player   <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Manager   <input type="checkbox"/> Coach   <input type="checkbox"/> Steward</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Chairperson   <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Committee Member   <input type="checkbox"/> Grounds-person</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Caterer   <input type="checkbox"/> Jersey Washer   <input type="checkbox"/> Referee   <input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____</p>
<b>Record as a Player</b> (Titles won; Length of time played)	All Britain University Runner-up; All-Britain Junior Championship runner-up 2006; All Britain Junior Championship winner 2007, 2008; 9-aside County winner

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	2007, 2008; Captain Liverpool Hope – one year; Captain John Mitchel's Liverpool – 2 years
<b>Record as an Administrator</b> (Positions held; how long for)	Manager – John Mitchel's.
<b>Format</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audio <input type="checkbox"/> Audio-Visual
<b>Duration</b>	Length of Interview: 13:50
<b>Language</b>	English

**To be filled in by Interviewer:**

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Regina Fitzpatrick

Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2009