

GAA Oral History Project

**Interview Report Form**

<b>Name of Interviewer</b>	Vincent McNaughton
<b>Date of Interview</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb 2011
<b>Location</b>	N/A
<b>Name of Interviewee</b> (Maiden name / Nickname)	Jimmy Hughes
<b><u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u></b>	
<b>Gender</b>	Male
<b>Born</b>	<b>Year Born:</b> 1954 <b>Home County:</b> Armagh
<b>Education</b>	<b>Primary:</b> Our Ladies Primary, Derrynoose <b>Secondary:</b> Castleblaney Technical School
<b>Family</b>	<b>Siblings:</b> None <b>Current Family if Different:</b> 2 girls, 1 boy
<b>Club(s)</b>	St. Mochua's, Derrynoose GAC [Armagh]
<b>Occupation</b>	Unemployed – previously involved in food sales for 30 years
<b>Parents' Occupation</b>	Roadworks with DOE [Father]; Cook in Primary School [Mother]
<b>Religion</b>	Roman Catholic
<b>Political Affiliation / Membership</b>	SDLP
<b>Other Club/Society Membership(s)</b>	N/A

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<b>Date of Report</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> July 2012
<b>Period Covered</b>	1960s - 2011
<b>Counties/Countries Covered</b>	Armagh
<b>Key Themes Covered</b>	Grounds, Facilities, Playing, Training, Managing, Coaching, Officials, Administration, Fundraising, Education, Emigration, Role of Teachers, Role of Women, Role of the Club in the Community, Volunteers, Club History, County History, Earliest Memories, Challenges, Retirement, Purchase of Grounds, Relationships, Economy / Economics
<b>Interview Summary</b>	<p>Jimmy Hughes became involved with the Derrynoose club in the early 1970s, aged 20. He explains the reasons for his relatively late participation, including the decline of the club in the 1960s and the impact of the 1973 championship winning club team. Hughes discusses his own playing career and his subsequent move into team management and club administration. In the course of this discussion, he touches on key developments in the club's on and off field record of performance. Hughes also reflects on the challenges facing a rural club like Derrynoose and advocates a 'careful' approach to expenditure into the future.</p> <p>00:00:07 Discusses the reasons for his late involvement with the Derrynoose GAC – he came to the club in 1974, aged 20. Mentions influence of 1973 championship winning team and the local 'heroes' on that team.</p> <p>00:01:00 Talks about his primary school experience and the absence of underage opportunities in Gaelic games.</p> <p>00:01:20 Attendance at Castleblaney Technical school and attendance of school teams for a number of years.</p> <p>00:01:50 Talks about the influx of players of the same age as himself into the Derrynoose club following the 1973 championship success. A number of these individuals are named.</p> <p>00:03:00 Comments on the impact of emigration on the Derrynoose club between 1964 and 1970.</p> <p>00:03:20 Refers to his interest in following county football before becoming involved in club scene, as well as to the absence of the club team at a formative stage in his own</p>

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	<p>development.</p> <p>00:03:40 Discusses his own playing career in the 1970s and the role that injury played in curtailing it.</p> <p>00:04:30 Mentions opening of new grounds in 1983. St. Mochua Park, and the place of the club in the social life of the community.</p> <p>00:05:05 Becoming involvement of Derrynoose team management in the early to mid 1980s. Talks about some of the players he managed, including the six Lennon brothers.</p> <p>00:06:44 Refers to taking over the team in 1984 and the subsequent successes they enjoyed: including promotion to Intermediate, winning Intermediate championship and moving to Division 2.</p> <p>00:07:30 Comments on the importance of working hard at underage level and reflects on the club's record in this regard.</p> <p>00:08:01 Talks about his decision to step down as manager, the turn in club's fortunes in the early 1990s and the possible reasons for it.</p> <p>00:09:12 The move into club administration and his reasons for making it.</p> <p>00:10:21 Discusses the challenges facing rural clubs such as Derrynoose: reflects on the problems of emigration in the 1960s and expresses concerns about the impact of the prevailing economic climate. Talks of need for clubs to be 'careful' about their spending etc.</p> <p>00:11:20 Mentions the individuals in club who had foresight in the 1990s to put the club in a good place and voices confidence about the future.</p>
<p><b>Involvement in GAA</b></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supporter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Player <input type="checkbox"/> Manager <input checked="" 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>
<p><b>Record as a Player</b> (Titles won; Length of time played)</p>	<p>Player with St. Mochua's for only a 'few years due to knee injury'</p>

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<b>Record as an Administrator</b> (Positions held; how long for)	Coach of Senior football team for 9/10 years. Committee members with St. Mochua's for many years
<b>Format</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audio <input type="checkbox"/> Audio-Visual
<b>Duration</b>	Length of Interview: 00:11:48
<b>Language</b>	English

**To be filled in by Interviewer:**

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