

# Mathias Hynes

(1883–1926)

Athlete / Olympian  
Lúthchleasaí / Oilimpeach

Mathias Hynes was born to James Hynes and Mary Kelly in Gortmore, Killannin. He was working as a police constable at Barking Road station, West Ham, by 1911.

Two years earlier, he replaced Edward Barrett on the London City Police tug-of-war team. The team represented Great Britain at the 1912 Olympics in Stockholm, Sweden, winning silver.

In 1913, while still serving with K (Stepney) Division of the Metropolitan Police, Hynes helped London win the British Police tug-of-war championship.

Hynes won a medal at an Amateur Field Events Association championship for '56lb Weight Flinging' and in 1924 won the Shot Put Essex Championship, retaining his title again in 1925 with a throw distance of 36ft 4½in.

Aged just 43, Hynes suffered endocarditis and died at Canning Town, London.

Rugadh Mathias Ó hEidhin do James Hynes agus Mary Kelly sa Ghort Mór, Cill Annáin. Bhí sé ag obair mar chonstábla póilíní i stáisiún Barking Road, West Ham, faoi 1911.

Dhá bhliain roimhe sin, tháinig sé in áit Edward Barrett ar fhoireann tarraingt téide Póilíní Chathair Londan. Rinne an fhoireann ionadaíocht ar an mBreatain Mhór ag Cluichí Oilimpeacha 1912 i Stócólm na Sualainne, agus bhuaigh siad bonn airgid.

I 1913, agus é fós ar dualgas le Rannán K (Stepney) de na Póilíní Cathrach, chabhraigh Hynes le Londain craobh tarraingt téide Phóilíní na Breataine a bhuaich.

Bhuaigh Hynes bonn ag craobhchomórta Chumann Imeachtaí Páirce Amaitéara do 'Chaitheamh Meáchan 56 púnt' agus i 1924 bhuaigh sé Craobh Caitheamh Meáchan Essex, ag coinneáil a theideal arís i 1925 le fad caithimh 36 troigh 4½órlach.

Gan é ach 43 bliain d'aois, d'fhulaing Hynes galar croí agus fuair sé bás i Canning Town, Londain.

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Matt Hynes with British Tug-of-War team practicing for Olympics 1912 Stockholm. Hynes is second from left.

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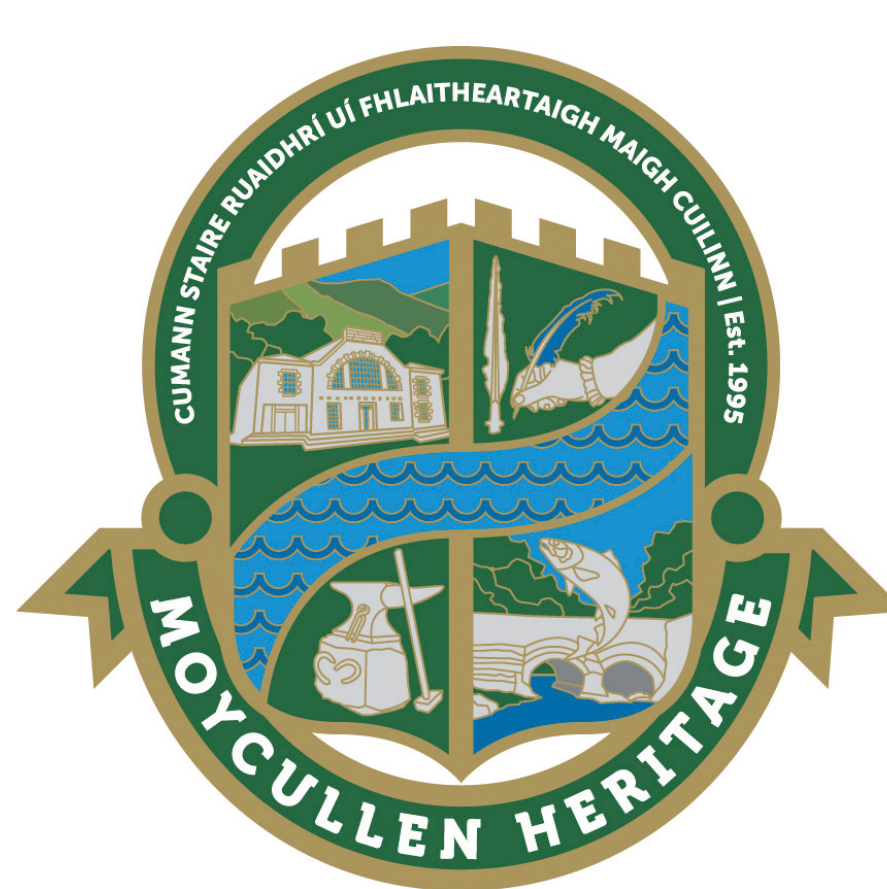
Metropolitan Police 'K' Division Tug-of-War and Quoit Teams 1910 – Matt Hynes far left second row.

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Obverse side of Hynes' 1912 Olympic Tug-of-War Silver Medal.

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