

# 2020 Year Review



## Biodiversity Project

RCDA were delighted to have secured funding from LEADER for the promotion and protection of biodiversity at Rosslare Community & Sports Centre. The total cost of this project is €12122.73. Leader will award €9092.05 (75%) of funding and RCDA will need to raise the remaining amount of €3030.68. This project is currently underway at our award winning "Access for All" Village Garden. It will enhance the biodiversity at the Community Centre with the addition of trees, hedging, additional bee friendly plants and bird feeders. Three galvanised archways have been fitted to act as support for Honeysuckle, Jasmine, Rosa and other bee attracting climbers to provide nectar for bees, butterflies and moths. There are 5 damaged trees in the garden which will be replaced in the new year. To complement this, additional trees with wild flower underplanting will be planted all of which will benefit biodiversity. Additional bird boxes and feeders to provide nesting sites have been secured and will be fitted shortly. There will be signage installed to inform and educate visitors about the rare and protected species in our lawn. The large road frontage area in the garden will be planted with Ilex JC Van Toll hedging to provide shelter for birds and nectar for the bees. The fencing along the garden and the tennis courts has been replaced, and this will support climbers which would provide nesting places, food and shelter for birds and insects.



Help Support RCDA in their fundraising activities. Like many charities and community groups RCDA have been hit hard by the pandemic. With all our annual fundraising activities cancelled we need your support more than ever to ensure we keep our doors open and be able to offer the wonderful facilities we have available in our beautiful village into the future. You can simply make a personal donation by logging on to [www.idonate.ie/rcda](http://www.idonate.ie/rcda) or you can also set up your own fundraiser to raise money for our community organisation. Please remember we are a registered charity so if you are a business you can help us by donating. Our registered charity number is 17027. For anyone who makes a donation of over €250 in one year you can complete a CHY4 Form and we will submit this to Revenue to receive a further reimbursement on your generous donation.

# We need your support!

## Water Sustainability Project

RCDA were delighted to have secured funding from LEADER for a water sustainability project at Rosslare Community & Sports Centre. The total cost of this project is €53539.40. Leader will award €40154.55 (75%) of funding and RCDA will need to raise the remaining amount of €13384.85. This project will be completed by Christmas installing an irrigation system for the soccer pitch and community garden at the Community & Sports Centre, Rosslare. As many of you are well aware of the drastic effects the droughts have caused to the pitch and garden during the summer months over the last number of years, this project will source freshwater located in the saturated sands underlying the land adjacent to the soccer pitch. The freshwater will be harvested by 4 well points along the eastern boundary of the pitch. Water from the well points will be pumped to underground storage tanks of 25000 litres capacity. Stored water will be pumped by a submersible pump through a distribution pipe to standpipes along the soccer pitch and to a standpipe in the community garden. With sprinklers capable of operating at 5.5 bar with hose and couplings will be provided for connection to the standpipes along the pitch.



## Tennis Courts

Funding has now been fully approved by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media for the refurbishment of our two synthetic grass tennis courts. The aim was to start this project in early 2020 but due to Covid-19 Pandemic lockdown this project was postponed until early 2021. Works are scheduled to commence in February and will be ready for a prosperous 2021 season. The cost of the refurbishment will be €33432.56 and the Sports Capital Programme will provide grant funding of €31760.93. Matching funds of €1671.63 will need to be raised by RCDA.

## Mobility Ramp

RCDA were delighted to receive funding from Cllr. Ger Carthy for a mobility ramp at the Community Centre. This piece of equipment will greatly assist members and visitor access to the Bowling Green.



# Quick Overview from Jan – Dec 20

- Hosted a 2 Day Strength & Conditioning Coach Seminar for youth soccer.
- Sewing Classes returned due to popular demand.
- Cookery Demos
- Annual grass cutting begins around the village.
- Submission to Leader on two applications.
- Lockdown Operations
- Volunteer network established to assist with lockdown.
- Shop donations made to Ozanam House & Wexford Ambulance Service.
- Applications made for several grant supports during lockdown.
- Awarded €1000 for emergency funding from Wexford County Council
- Installation of all sanitising equipment & PPE.
- Staff Induction for reopening safely.
- Reopening of Community Centre
- Reduced membership campaign launched for reopening.
- Cancellation of all fundraising events – Golf Classic, Beach Party, Teddy Bears Picnic, Bingo and Field Day.
- Mobility Ramp installed
- Audited Accounts completed for 2019.
- Crazy Golf Competition.
- Launch of Fundraising Campaign
- Summer Camps begin - with a difference.
- Village Scrap Metal Day
- Repair of large Sports Netting at playing fields.
- Flower Sale at Access for All garden.
- Dip in the Nip
- Leader project funding awarded for the promotion and protection of biodiversity at Rosslare Access for All garden.
- Leader project funding awarded for a water sustainability project at Rosslare playing fields and garden.
- Grass clearance at Water Sports Centre.
- Cannon site cleared along with maintaining other historical sites.
- Renovation of Charity Shop.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> lockdown
- Fencing replaced between tennis courts and garden.
- Drilling completed for well points
- Groundwork completed for pipelaying for irrigation system.
- Installation of water tanks for water system.
- Electrical works completed for water sustainability project..
- Installation of 3 galvanised archways.
- Christmas garden project
- Winter kindling project.
- 7 year battery purchased for Defibrillator.
- Reindeer and Christmas Tree workshop.

***A massive thank you to all the groups, volunteers and everyone who visits the Community Centre each year. You may not necessarily have the time but you always have the heart!!***

