



Rosslare

Community & Sports Centre

2019 Year Review



Crazy Golf

RCDA were awarded a grant from Leader for the upgrade and repair to the Crazy Golf Course. Work began in early 2019 to repair all the crazy golf holes and provide drainage outlets. Following this, we replaced the existing fence between the Crazy Golf Course and the Tennis Courts which was proving to be a health and safety risk. We were delighted with the installation of 10mm wellness crazy golf grass and white lines before the Easter weekend. The total cost of this project was €13377.50 and funding of €9232.95 was granted which we are hoping to receive any day now. It is important to note that all funding that is granted can only be claimed once all payments have been made to suppliers.

We were delighted to receive a private donation along with voucher from the Men's Shed from their prize winnings at the Topline Men's Shed competition towards painting the Crazy Golf course which complemented the finish of the whole project. In 2020 we aim to add different features to each hole and we will hold a Crazy Golf Tournament in August for the whole family to get involved in!

Upcycling

We launched an upcycling movement from the donations of wood we received over the year. We made garden benches, picnic tables, flower boxes, Christmas features and other items for around the centre.

We are blessed to have a very skilled maintenance team and wonderful volunteers at the community centre and through working together it has allowed us to create beautiful pieces of craftsmanship.



Mosaic Project

The Friends of Rosslare applied under the Creative Community Grant to do a Mosaic Project and its recent completion of a wonderful public mosaic trail was featured in November's newsletter. Funded by Wexford Council's Creative Ireland Craft Scheme, the pieces were crafted by volunteers from a variety of local community groups under the tutelage of mosaic artist, Claire O'Brien. In a series of group workshops, over 21 volunteers from the Active Retirement, Tidy Towns, Waves Art Group, Studio 8 Art and Women's and Men's Shed joined forces with the Friends of Rosslare to create beautiful pieces for the garden.



Garden Works

In October we met with officials from the National Parks and Wildlife Service to discuss how we could treat the amount of weeds we had in the grass at the garden. With this being a protected area we are very limited with the action we could take.

Following our discussions we applied for a licence to treat the grass with millions of Nematodes which took place in late October so we hope to have a weed free garden in the not too distant future.



New iron works were fitted to the water feature which will be covered with paving allowing visitors to get closer to the water fountain, an added sensory feature to the garden.

Awards

In November we were delighted to win the "Best Community Project to Improve Accessibility to Gardens/Parks" at the Wexford County Council's Environment Awards.

The Rosslare Men's Shed came 2nd in the Topline Men's Shed competition for their entry based on the Rosslare/Marconi link. They generously donated some of their prize money towards the painting of the crazy golf and community centre.



Centre Refurbishments

We continued to enhance the centre with a new window/hatch for the Centre shop, installed together with a new bright window which has replaced the old doorway into the Centre. The two fire doors in the hall have been replaced, thanks to a private donation.

We added railings to the accessibility ramp to the rear of the centre and along the pathways.



**It's Been
A Busy
Year.**

Quick Overview from Jan – Dec 19

- New Payroll and Accounting Systems Upgrade
- Secured Licensing from Motion Picture to show movies at the centre.
- New Fire Alarm system upgrade in the attic.
- New Fire Doors installed.
- Forensic audit undertaken by Pobal which has officially been “signed off”.
- Disability Barriers installed with ramp at the back of the Fort Room
- Fencing replaced between Crazy Golf & Tennis Courts and additional repairs made to existing fencing.
- Repair of Crazy Golf holes along with a full resurface.
- Crazy Golf holes are painted.
- New hatch double glazed window installed at the shop.
- Awarded funding of the Community Enhancement Scheme to purchase IT equipment
- 20 tonnes of sand delivered to Playground.
- Organised two historical walks in Rosslare
- RCDA liaised with Yvonne Byrne, consultant, in implementing, distributing and financing the recent village survey.
- Community Centre painted.
- Parks Tennis started for the Summer
- New Slushee Machine purchased for the shop.
- Launch all Summer Events Schedule
- Teddy Bears Picnic
- Field Day.
- Golf Classic.
- Kilsoran Summer Sale.
- Beach Party (Cancelled due to bad weather)
- Colour Relay.
- Dip in the Nip
- Home / Holiday Home Owners Meeting
- Awarded Community Grant for upcycling project.
- Shop updated to HSE standards
- Licence granted to treat Garden with millions of nematodes to remove the weeds & try to improve our protected lawn.
- Replacement of three office computers.
- Assisted with grass cutting at Commodore Barry Park and Cois Mara.
- Mosaic Project started from the funding received from Creative Ireland Craft Scheme.
- Installation of two new Fire Doors in the Sports Hall
- Removal of old front door and replaced with window.
- RCDA & Friends of Rosslare win “Best Community Project to Improve Accessibility in Gardens/Parks
- Awarded €32,189.00 for the refurbishment of tennis courts.
- New indoor soccer goals are provided to the centre by Rosslare Schoolboys/girls.
- Christmas Lights at Access for All Garden.
- Cooking Courses/Demos start in December

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!!

