



Grove House

2025

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The **Rosslare Community Development Association** is delighted to announce the completion of our new building at **Grove House**. The previous site had fallen into serious disrepair, with a collection of buildings of varying sizes that no longer met the needs of our community. Thanks to the excellent work of **Austin Codd Groundworks**, we now have a modern, purpose-built facility that will serve Rosslare for many years to come.

The new building includes the **Grove Room**, a general-purpose space available for hire and already in use by groups such as the Women's Shed, board meetings, and craft groups. Alongside this, a dedicated Men's Shed workshop has been created, connected to bathroom facilities and a canteen, providing a welcoming and practical space for members. The building also houses a large garage and workshop for the maintenance team at Rosslare Community and Sports Centre, where they can store and service the mowers used to maintain the village. This area is equipped with workbenches and its own canteen to support their daily operations. At the end of the building, a shared storage unit has been provided for the athletics clubs St Paul's and Menapians, ensuring they have secure and accessible facilities for their equipment.

The project was part-funded by the **Department of Rural and Community Development** and **Pobal** under the **Community Centre Investment Fund (CCIF)** programme, with a grant of €130,625.00 supporting Phase 3 of the development. Phases 1 and 2 were funded directly by the RCDA through a bank loan and the tireless fundraising efforts of our community. Events such as Family Bingo, SummerFest, and raffles played a vital role in raising the necessary funds.

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who contributed, whether through donations, participation in events, or volunteering. Your support has been instrumental in achieving this milestone and ensuring that Grove House will serve as a vibrant hub for the Rosslare community for generations to come.



Fundraising & Events 2025

A Year of Success and Gratitude

This past year has been another resounding success for our centre, marked by vibrant fundraising efforts and joyful community events. Families were spoiled with the wide offering of summer camps, and we are deeply grateful to all the organisations who partnered with us to make these camps possible. The children had a fantastic time—and the adults did too!

Fundraising Highlights

Our calendar was packed with events that brought both fun and vital support to the centre:

- Family Bingo, Golf Classic, Summer Raffle, and Summer Fest together generated over €29,000 in profit.
- A new addition this year, the Switch n' Bitch Night, kindly organised by Phyllis McCarthy, raised an impressive €2,500 in one evening.

These achievements would not have been possible without the dedication of our staff, volunteers, and the generosity of sponsors who continue to support us year after year. Every euro raised has gone directly to the development of Grove House.

Looking Ahead – 2026 Projects

While we celebrate our successes, we also face urgent challenges. In 2026, our large sports hall roof must be replaced. This is a matter of urgency, as rain is now entering through all walls, and some events may need to be cancelled if repairs are not completed. Unfortunately, no grants are currently available, so we will rely on upcoming fundraisers to help finance this essential project.

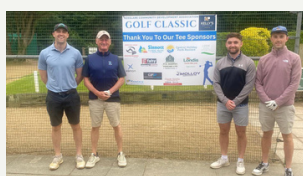
In addition to the roof replacement, we are excited to announce further development plans for 2026:

- Resurface of a running/walking track, beginning in the finer weather.
- Completion of the resurfacing of the flat roof.
- Tiling of the hallway, changing rooms, and ladies' toilets.

A Heartfelt Thank You

We extend our sincere thanks to our members, sponsors, and the wider public for their unwavering support throughout the year. Your generosity and commitment make all of this possible. With your continued help, we are confident we can overcome the challenges ahead and bring these projects to life.

Together, we are building not just facilities, but a stronger, more connected community.





YEAR IN REVIEW

- MARTHA SHERIDAN JOINS RCDA BOARD
- SUBMISSION OF POBAL FUNDING RETURNS
- NEW STEEL POLES AND WIRE INSTALLED AT ZIPLINE
- COLAS LAMBERT RETIRES FROM RCDA BOARD AFTER 7 YEARS AS TREASURER
- JILL KELLEHER STEPS INTO THE ROLE AS TREASURER
- DIARMUID MURPHY RETIRES FROM RCDA BOARD AS SECRETARY
- MARION BREEN APPOINTED SECRETARY OF RCDA BOARD
- CONTRACTOR COMPLETES BUILD ON GROVE HOUSE.
- HEATING WORKS FOR GROVE HOUSE COMPLETED
- ELECTRICAL WORKS COMPLETED AT GROVE HOUSE
- FIRE ALARM SYSTEM FITTED TO GROVE HOUSE
- MAINTENANCE TEAM BEGIN FIT OUT WORKS - PAINTING, FLOORING IN PUBLIC AREAS.
- LAUNCH OF SUMMER FLYER
- FINANCIAL REPORT SUBMITTED TO COMMUNITY CENTRE INVESTMENT FUND DEPARTMENT
- LEADER FUNDING APPLICATION SUBMITTED FOR NEW FLOOR IN HALLWAY, CHANGING ROOMS & LADIES BATHROOMS, FLAT ROOF RESURFACE AND BUILDING INSULATION
- FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ISSUED FOR 2024
- FINANCIAL RETURN SUBMITTED TO POBAL
- SUMMER CAMPS BEGIN
- SUMMER FAMILY BINGO BEGINS
- TEDDY BEARS PICNIC
- SWITCH N' BITCH NIGHT FUNDRAISER
- GOLF CLASSIC FUNDRAISER
- ROSSLARE SUMMERFEST
- 2ND MENS BOWTIE DIP
- 11TH DIP IN THE NIP
- INCIDENT AT CENTRE DAMAGING CRAZY GOLF & PADEL COURTS
- WAVEBORN OPENS AT WATER SPORTS CENTRE
- NEW CHAIRS PURCHASED FOR EVENTS
- OLD FUNCTION CHAIRS REUPHOLSTERED
- SECURED LEADER FUNDING OF €44949.97
- REPLACEMENT OF FRONT DOOR
- CENTRE INCLUDED IN COUNTY WEXFORD SOCIAL ENTERPRISE NETWORKING TOUR.
- NEW WOODEN POLES INSTALLED TO PLAYGROUND STRUCTURES
- BARRY FIELD JOINS RCDA BOARD
- SENSOR LIGHTING INSTALLED IN HALLWAY, CHANGING ROOMS, SHOP & KITCHEN
- RAFFLE RAISES €4100.00
- NEW APPLE TREES PLANTED TO EXPAND ORCHARD
- CHRISTMAS MARKET
- INSTALLATION OF NEW SENSOR LED LIGHTING IN SPORTS HALL



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