



ALAN KELLY TD

DELIVERING FOR THE PEOPLE OF ROSCREA

Summer 2015

Dear Constituent,

I am honoured to serve the people of Roscrea and to deliver for this area. I would like to take this opportunity to update you on some of the local matters that have arisen and show that progress is being made for the local community in Roscrea. You will find here some information on projects and developments that I have helped to secure that will benefit the Roscrea area. Effective public representation, at both local and national level, is essential to ensuring that Roscrea is treated as a priority area by the Government and I remain deeply committed and proud to continue delivering for the people of Roscrea. If at any time I may be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.



NEW SCHOOL FOR SACRED HEART CONVENT

Funding was allocated for new builds to Sacred Heart Convent, Roscrea. The project consists of the demolition of existing school and prefabs, and provision of a twelve classroom new school. I announced this last December and I am sure it was much welcome news for pupils, staff, parents and Board of Management at the school.



I am pictured here in the Sacred Heart Convent with Kate Delaney, Chairman of the Board of Management John Fitzpatrick, School Principal John Devitt and Nora Loughnane

ROSCREA OFFICE



Pictured outside the Roscrea Constituency Office with Karen Eastwood

My constituency office in Roscrea is now open on Monday's and Tuesday's from 9am – 5pm and on Wednesday's 9am – 1pm. The office is located on Limerick Street, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary and you can contact us on 050 524328. If ever I can of assistance to you in the future please do not hesitate in contacting me or calling into the office.

MARRIAGE EQUALITY REFERENDUM

I couldn't have been happier with the outcome of the Marriage Equality Referendum in May and especially with Tipperary saying 'Yes'. It was a truly historic day and one where Ireland and Tipperary showed its acceptance of gay people. It was an emotional day for many people, especially those who are gay or have a family member who is. One of the best meetings I attended throughout the campaign was in Roscrea. The speeches and stories told on the night were inspirational and especially the one told by local man Damien McKelvey.



Pictured at the Marriage Equality Referendum information night in Roscrea with Damien McKelvey (chairman of North Tipp For Equality group), Sandra Irwin-Gowran (Yes Equality), Fergus Ryan (Law lecturer from NUI Maynooth) and Jason Kennedy (Irish Independent).

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AN POST SORTING FACILITY IN ROSCREA

Last year, I announced that planning permission had been granted to An Post for a sorting facility for An Post in Benamore Roscrea. The building will be modified for use as a Delivery Service Unit to serve Roscrea. It will meet the needs of the mail services in the area and improve facilities for customers as well as improving the working environment for employees. This was great news for Roscrea, it is a significant investment in the town and represents another major step in its development.

FRS RECRUITMENT THE PREFERRED BIDDER TO DELIVER THE JOBPATH PROGRAMME

A Tipperary company was among the preferred bidders to deliver the Government's Jobpath programme. FRS Recruitment, who are based in Roscrea form part of the Turas Nua Ltd Consortium who were selected to deliver the Jobpath programme in the Southern half of the country on behalf the Department of Social Protection. I would like to particularly congratulate and commend their CEO Colm Donnery, in what is a major local success story. This announcement has the potential to have 80-100 jobs based there.



Pictured here during a visit to the FRS offices in Roscrea with Colin Donnery, FRS Recruitment and Peter Byrne, FRS Network.

CORVILLE NATIONAL SCHOOL RECEIVES NEW CLASS FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

In 2013, Tipperary received seven new classes for children with special needs. I was well aware of the work that was being put into special needs teaching across the county as I have been working with many of the schools that deliver these classes.

I was delighted that Corville National School benefitted from this announcement.

BUS FOR ST CRONAN'S ASSOCIATION IN ROSCREA

€10,000 was secured for the provision of a new bus for St Cronan's Roscrea. This was extremely important as many of the service users rely of this means of transport on a regular basis.

€45,000 FOR ROSCREA HURLING CLUB



I am pictured here with Dan Kennedy, Michael Phelan, Shane Lee, Christopher Neville and Donald Kennedy.

During my time as Minister of State in the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport I assisted Roscrea Hurling Club with their Sports Capital Grant application where they successfully received €45,000. I want to say well done to all and keep up the good work being done within the club.

Roscrea GAA club also benefitted from energy upgrades as part of a major investment package announced by the government in 2013. The upgrade will save the club approximately €2,000 a year, which can be used for club development purposes.

NTLP ROSCREA YOUTH PROJECT

NTLP Roscrea Youth Project was one of eight groups around Tipperary to receive national lottery funding from the Department of Children and Youth Affairs in 2014. This fund provides once-off grants to community groups and voluntary organisations with an involvement in the provision of Children's and Youth services. Grants are awarded for one-off projects across a wide variety of areas such as youth cafes, scouts, summer camps, play equipment for playschools/crèches and other once-off programs, day trips for youth clubs/summer camps, and the provision of equipment for youth clubs.

ROSCREA BROADBAND PLAN TO BE COMPLETE BY 2016

A new online map service highlighting the time frame for broadband roll out throughout the country was launched late last year. Roscrea will get high-speed broadband from a commercial operator by the end of 2016. Access to broadband is vital for every home and business in our county.

Not only does it help attract investment and jobs to rural areas, but it also enables people to interact socially with one another, access important information about public services, and to use it as a learning tool. It simply should no longer be the case that just because someone is living in a rural community, they don't have the same opportunities when it comes to online access. It is part of the Government's overall strategy to ensure parity of coverage between urban and rural areas.

SUMMER WORKS SCHEME

Many schools in Roscrea benefitted from the governments Summer Works Scheme. I was in constant contact with many of these schools and was delighted to assist them in securing these works.

St John's	Mechanical Works
Sacred Heart Primary School	Roof Repairs
St Anne's Special School	Bathroom Repairs
Colaiste Phobáil	Window Repairs



SMARTER TRAVEL FUNDING



John Lupton, Brendan O'Meara Manager BOI, Brian King, Myself, Peter Fee, Steve Crofton RCDL Chairman

As Minister for Public and Commuter Transport I allocated €70,000 to Roscrea to be spent on a new bus parking facility for the town. Works improved pedestrian linkage which in turn will encourage greater tourism access to this national heritage town.

ROSCREA PLAYGROUND

€12,000 was secured from the Department of Children & Youth Affairs for works to be carried out in Glebe Park. In addition the council are to match this funding, bringing the total allocation to €24,000.

I made numerous representations to the relevant department and also to council officials to ensure this funding was granted to Roscrea.

I know from working with many local people recently that this was a major issue for the town and I am delighted to have delivered on this. Works are due to begin on the 3rd August.

MINISTER HUMPHRIES VISITS ROSCREA

In October last year I invited Minister for State in the Department of Social Protection Kevin Humphries to Roscrea to meet various community groups. We visited the local social welfare office, St Cronan's Centre, Roscrea Community Employment Forum and Abbey Hall. In Abbey Hall we met representatives from representatives of Roscrea Stands up, Roscrea Men's Shed, Kennedy Park, Chapel Lane, P J Wright Assumption Park, Gleann Glas, Ashbury, Copper Beech, Glencarrick, Ard na Greinne, Roscrea Tidy Towns and Roscrea Women's Group.



Back Row: Derek Russell, Myself, Sharon Mulrooney, Colin Donnery, Shane Lee, John Lupton and Eileen Doherty. Front Row: Jackie Dillon, Minister Kevin Humphries and Carrie Ann Nolan



Paddy Reidy, Minister Kevin Humphries and Stephen Crofton

€400,000 ALLOCATED TO TIPPERARY PROJECTS UNDER THE 2014 LOCAL AGENDA 21 ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERSHIP FUND

Last year, I announced the recipients of grant funding under the 2014 Local Agenda 21 Environmental Partnership Fund. This grant scheme promotes sustainable development by assisting small scale, non-profit environmental projects at a local level. A total of 54 projects within the county received €15,700 from my Department and a similar amount from Tipperary County Council. This scheme is an important contributor to local small scale environmental projects.

TIPPERARY GETS €7 MILLION HOUSING BOOST

I have announced the approval of over €7 million worth of public house building for County Tipperary. This will create an estimated 70 jobs throughout the county and is part of the first phase of housing investment for the county which will see approximately €57 million invested in various housing supports for Tipperary.

STRATEGIC BANKING CORPORATION OF IRELAND

Local businesses will benefit from the new Strategic Banking Corporation of Ireland (SBCI) when it begins providing loans to SMEs soon.

A total of €5 billion is set to be loaned to SMEs across the country over the next five years under the new bank, with an initial tranche of €800m to be released.

As a local Labour representative, I have been particularly diligent on pressing home the need for us to implement the strategic banking fund that Labour had pledged to deliver in the Programme for Government.

I am confident it will help deliver more jobs and quality employment for people in our local area.

€382,000 FOR TIPPERARY RURAL WATER SCHEMES

€382,000 in funding has been allocated to Tipperary rural water schemes. My department has granted this funding to Tipperary County Council under the Department's Rural Water Programme which sets aside funding for upgrading and upkeep of group water schemes in rural areas.



€10.1 MILLION FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN TIPPERARY

As Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government I announced a €10.1million rural development fund for Tipperary. The funding forms part of the Government's €250 million



Minister Alan Kelly with Minister Ann Phelan and Pat Spillane at the recent launch of the CEDRA Report

funding for the Leader element of the rural development programme. LEADER funding will be used to support sustainable economic development projects for rural communities ranging from tourism, agri-food and other business activities. This money will be targeted at tackling social inclusion, rural isolation as well as increasing the capacity of rural communities to participate in economic development.



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