

# Christmas cheer from RAMS in Rhythm

A LOCAL retired men's choir is preparing to perform Christmas carols in Peamount and Liffey Valley to raise money for charity this month, while bringing some Christmas cheer to the community, reports Aideen O'Flaherty.

The Newcastle-based Retired Active Men's Social (RAMS) choir, called RAMS in Rhythm, are a familiar sight and sound in the community and they have raised thousands of euro for charity over the years.

They're continuing their charitable endeavours this month, which will see them performing in Liffey Valley Shopping Centre on December 23 from 12 noon to 2pm.

They'll also be in full voice when they bring their carol-singing repertoire to the staff and residents of Peamount Healthcare on December 22.

This follows on from the RAMS holding their last social occasion of the year last week, where the members were treated to Christmas puddings and a bumper raffle.

Matt Dowling, the secretary of RAMS, told *The Echo*: "The members were served a festive plate of mince pies, sherry trifle, and more plum pudding with Chantilly cream.

"Our acting chairman, Mr Jim Nolan, wished all the members a very happy Christmas, and reflected on the year past, with our

educational outings, pool competitions, and looking forward to our now annual Christmas function.

"Jim also remembered our deceased members, and those who had passed away in 2023. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam."

The RAMS in Rhythm did what they do best and gave an uplifting rendition of 'Let It Snow' for their fellow RAMS members at the end of the social event.

The following day, the RAMS in Rhythm sang in front of the GPO on O'Connell Street to raise funds for the Capuchin Day Centre and are excited to continue performing for good causes this Christmas.



ON SONG: RAMS outside the GPO

## Thirteen local groups benefit from €25k grant

FUNDING OF €25,000 to support 13 local projects in Clondalkin, Citywest, Newcastle, Lucan and Saggart has been awarded through the Community Development Grant.

Deputy Emer Higgins, TD for Dublin Mid West in welcoming the announcement said: "the Community Development Grants and Community Events Fund is a fantastic initiative to support and reward local communities in our area".

"I'm delighted at the announcement

that €25,615 has been granted to 13 dedicated local groups.

"These grants will fuel initiatives in Community Development, Community Events, and Sports Development. Each application was assessed by the Community Development Team, focusing on local impact, project delivery, sustainability, and cost-effectiveness" added Deputy Higgins.

The local groups that received funding include: Bawnogue Active

Retired Men's Club, Castle Park Residents Association Clondalkin, Citywest Community Council, Clondalkin Camera Club, Four Districts Day Care Company Ltd, North Clondalkin Community Choir, Retired Active Men's Social (RAMS), Rowlagh Majorettes, Clondalkin St Patrick's Day Parade, Irish Red Cross Lucan, ReNewcastle Community Group, Rowlagh Parish Community Centre and Saggart Village Residents Association

### PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (as amended) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT (SECTION 179A) REGULATIONS 2023 (S.I. 101/2023) - (PART 8 TEMPORARY EXEMPTION)

#### SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL - NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION S179A OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (as amended).

##### Location:

Site at Brookfield Avenue / Rossfield Avenue and Brookfield Road, Jobstown, Tallaght, Dublin 24.

##### Nature & Extent of the Proposed Development:

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 179A of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), South Dublin County Council (SDCC) hereby give notice to construct a Housing Development on SDCC land at Brookfield Avenue / Rossfield Avenue and Brookfield Road, Jobstown, Tallaght, Dublin 24.

The proposed housing development will consist of 16 apartment units and will include:

- Demolition of existing derelict two-storey shop unit at Brookfield Avenue / Rossfield Avenue.
- Removal of existing boundary walls, fences, existing entrance, gate and signage to Brookfield Enterprise Centre to facilitate proposed development.
- Construction of 16 No. apartment units in two blocks. Proposed blocks are located on both sides of the existing entrance roadway into Brookfield Enterprise Centre and will be three storeys in height stepping down to two storeys adjoining existing houses on Brookfield Avenue / Rossfield Avenue. Apartments will consist of a mix of 1, 2 and 3-bed own-door units.
- Construction of new entrance, gate, signage and bin-store to Brookfield Enterprise Centre, upgrading of roadways and paths, provision of new car-parking spaces, provision of cycle parking, hard and soft landscape works, lighting, signage and all associated infrastructure, site and development works necessary to facilitate the proposed development.

The plans and particulars of the proposed development will be available for inspection or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy from 14th December 2023 up to and including 19th February 2024 during office opening hours at:

**South Dublin County Council, County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24, D24 A3XC**

The plans and particulars of the proposed development are available for inspection online during the same period on the Council's Public Consultation Portal website (<http://consult.sdbublincoco.ie>)

A screening for Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) has been carried out and concludes that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development. A determination has been made that an EIA is not required.

A screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA) has been carried out in respect of the proposed development and concludes that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on a European site or sites. A determination has been made that an AA is not required.

A person may question the validity of any decision of the planning authority by way of an application for judicial review, under Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986), in accordance with sections 50 and 50A of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

**Signed: Director of Housing and Community Development, SDCC.**

**Date Public Notice: 14th December 2023.**

**Web: [www.sdcc.ie](http://www.sdcc.ie)**



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The proposed housing development will consist of 27 Age-Friendly homes, community room and associated open spaces to include an intergenerational park and will include:

- Construction of 27 Age-Friendly homes in a one and two-storey block enclosing a shared courtyard space.
- The proposed development will consist of 3 no. single-storey 1-bed homes, 10 No. 2-bed apartment units and 14 No. 1-bed apartment units over 2 storeys and a single-storey shared facilities structure (46m<sup>2</sup>).
- Provision of a public intergenerational park to the north of the site.
- Removal of existing boundary structures, boundary planting and mast structure to facilitate proposed development. Associated upgrading of roadways and paths, provision of car and cycle parking spaces, all hard and soft landscape works, lighting, boundary structures and all associated infrastructure, site and development works necessary to facilitate the proposed development.

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