

# ROSSINVER: A Place Called Home

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*Why is it that the place where we were born or spent our early years is always 'home'; no matter how near or how far, or how long, when we go back, we are always going 'home'? It's hardly surprising then that studies tell us that it is our home place, its people and its values that help shape who we are. It is interesting too that the memory bank and value system is transferred down the generations even connecting virtual strangers to the 'home place'.*

Included in the memory bank of Rossinver is the old Ballagh Hall, which was at one time



▼ Heritage & Culture Festival July 2013 ▲ Finished Building Oct 2015



the centre of parish life. It was partly the necessity to recapture that central focal point in the community that propelled the people of Rossinver to 'rebuild' their parish hall as a

brand new Community Centre. Rossinver Community centre opened its doors in June 2015. The journey began for Rossinver Youth & Community Project in 2007 and the

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**'Help us to raise MATCHING FUNDING for ROSSINVER's new COMMUNITY CENTRE'**

**Make your mark In the community**

A Community Centre is an integral part of the community. It is the centre point; the place where people come to play sports, to socialize, to have meetings, to support new enterprises, to learn new skills and often to mourn the passing of a neighbour. The new Community Centre in Rossinver is for the benefit of whole community, families & children, younger and older people and visitors. Rossinver Youth & Community Project is proud of what has been achieved since it began in 2007. When you look at the list of achievements overleaf you will be in no doubt of the commitment of many Board members over many years to bring what is best to Rossinver, and to complement and add to the work being done by other groups who also provide necessary services.

NOW we are asking for your help to raise the matching funding for the new Community Centre. Fundraising, through our many annual events, will be ongoing to meet loan repayments and running costs, but we are appealing to families, visitors and friends for a one off contribution to go directly towards the loan.

For a one-off contribution of €100 your name or any name/s of your choosing will be inscribed on a brick which will then be incorporated into a wall in the foyer. By simply buying a brick you can have your own or your family name immortalised forever in the new Community Centre. A Committee member will call to each house to answer any queries or you can contact us by phone or email.

A number of payment options are available

1. A one off payment by cheque or cash (post to Stradconnolly, Rossinver or give to committee member)
2. ONLINE purchase through FB or WEBSITE [www.rossinveryouthcommunity.com](http://www.rossinveryouthcommunity.com). using our secure *Paypal* account.
3. A quarterly contribution by Standing Order (our Bank Details below)

On payment your name will be recorded and you will be issued with a receipt.

So why not put your own or your family name up there? ..... Perhaps you could do it for your child or your grandchild ... Would your absent relatives, young and not so young, like their name up in Rossinver?

We will post or email this leaflet to any family member or Email us at [rossinvercommunity@gmail.com](mailto:rossinvercommunity@gmail.com) or call us on 00353-71-9832970

**THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO PUT YOUR STAMP ON ROSSINVER & TO CONTRIBUTE TO ITS FUTURE...Thank You!**

▲ **Buy a Brick Fundraising Campaign**

company is proud of what has been achieved through the support of several development and funding agencies and the hard work and financial support of local volunteers and workers - all who have given so much to make a dream a reality.

The Community Centre will be an integral part of the community and already it is a hive of activity with classes, concerts,

▼ **Frank Ferguson Basket Maker**



sports, parties and dancing! It is for the benefit of whole community, families & children, older and younger generations, and of course, will especially welcome visitors. Visitors to Rossinver have been captivated by its scenery and its musical and cultural heritage. People have even admitted that they visit or indeed have moved to Rossinver to capture a way of life that is quickly disappearing. Emigration, however, has always been a way of life but in 2016 visitors and returning family will have an opportunity to sample that sense of home at the homecoming festival - Rossinver Reunion weekend July 15th to 17th. On that weekend Rossinver will celebrate its heritage, culture and landscape and however long you are gone or if your ancestors once belonged here, then you will be welcome home to Rossinver! Follow us day by day on Facebook. Check us out and contact us at: