

Daffodil Day 2023

N22BBM

The Irish Cancer Society (formerly known as the Conquer Cancer Campaign) is the national charity in the Republic of Ireland dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem, and improving the lives of those who have cancer.

The Society was founded on October 10, 1963, as Conquer Cancer Campaign by Austin Darragh, a general practitioner, and is 94% financed by voluntary contributions from the public. It is the largest voluntary funder of cancer research in Ireland. The four strategic goals of the Society's current strategy statement (2013–2017) surround improving the lives of those affected by cancer, reducing the risk of cancer, influencing public policy on cancer and leading excellent collaborative research. The Society is governed by a board of directors composed of leading medical, scientific and business persons. The Board is also advised by a number of expert committees. In 1992, the Irish Cancer Society and the Irish Heart Foundation co-founded ASH Ireland to promote smoking cessation.

The largest single fund-raising activity of the Irish Cancer Society is the annual Daffodil Day. It is responsible for 20% of all income.

Daffodil Day 2023 fell on the 24th March and Tom Dorney assisted by Lily Rose Murphy Ownsworth both with Jons-John Cradock JV, the contractor on the N22BBM scheme, decided to take on the challenge of organising a series of fund-raising events.

- The Irish Cancer Society nurse, Sinead Power, came to site and took part in the monthly staff "standdown" on Monday 20th March. Ms Power gave an inspirational talk on the services provided by the Irish Cancer society, both to suffers and to their families. She also gave an excellent outline on the signs to watch out for with your own health.
- A Coffee Morning in the canteen in the contractor's Millstreet Road Office followed the "stand-down" with a large selection of goodies on offer.
- Another "Coffee&Cakes Morning" was held in the contractor's office at Toonlane Ballymakeera on Thursday 23rd March.

These events proved very successful with €2,900 in total being raised for the Irish Cancer Society. A big thank you to Annette and her colleagues for all the organising and coordinating put in to make this such a successful and enjoyable fundraiser.

Information on the Irish Cancer Society research and supports can be found on their website at https://www.cancer.ie







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