



**Department of Rural and
Community Development**



*An Roinn Forbartha
Tuaithe agus Pobail*

Mary McGrath
Rosetown Lodge
Newbridge
Co Kildare

07/12/2017

Dear Mary,

As you are aware, I was appointed as Minister for Rural and Community Development in June of this year. This involved the establishment of a new Department with new powers and responsibilities in relation to rural Ireland.

I recognise the important role played by show societies across the country. I visited a number of Shows over the summer. I am struck with the large number of volunteers, who, by giving of their time and skills, make these events an important happening in rural Ireland.

Accordingly, I have decided to allocate €7,000 to your Show Society. This money can be used at the discretion of your Committee. This is a once-off grant allocation and should not be considered as a recurring subsidy.

Sincerely,

Michael Ring T.D.,
Minister for Rural and Community Development