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HOME CARE COMPANY TO CREATE 50 NEW POSTS

Major jobs boost by new Ardee company

Christine DOHERTY

NEW Ardee company, Comfort Keepers hopes to employ 50 people in the north-east over the next 12 months, owner Bob Power said at the official opening of its Bridge Street premises.

Comfort Keepers was set up in Dublin in 2005 and the new Ardee office is one of eight opened by the family owned company over the past four years.

The Ardee office provides care in the Louth, Meath, Cavan and Monaghan regions.

Comfort Keepers works with a variety of clients who need home care such as those recovering from illness or injury and younger disabled persons. Established in 2005

Comfort Keepers currently employs over 500 carers and its services include personal care, palliative care, respite care, companionship and homemaking.

Speaking at the opening of Comfort Keepers, Ardee, Minister of Justice, Dermot Ahern TD said: 'I am delighted to be here today to welcome Comfort Keepers to Ardee and the surrounding areas it will serve. Dignity in old age is a right which we



Launching the Comfort Keepers home care service in Ardee last week were Bob Power (Managing Director), Senator Francis O'Brien, Sue Ravenhall (Manager) and Rosanna Martin. Paul Connor

should all be able to look forward to. Nothing is more important to sustaining dignity than being able to stay in your own home. Organisations like Comfort Keepers are very important because they enable older people to remain in their own home, for all long as possible."

Bob Power, managing director, said he was proud to open the new Ardee office in Ardee.

'Our mission in Comfort Keepers is to provide a professional

caring service to our clients in their own homes. People who remain in their own homes are happier, healthier and enjoy a higher quality of life. Our ethos is to care for our clients as we would a member of our own family.'

Bob Power founded Comfort Keepers after his father need some assistance at home. With the help of home care, Gerry Power remained at home for five years rather than in a nursing home.

Terror raid on woman

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the shocked woman while the rest ransacked her home in which she has lived for many years.

Councillor Pearse McGeough was shocked by the events, particularly taking place in 'broad daylight'. He said that these criminals are 'so confident that they go out in the middle of the day and terrorise older people in their homes without any fear of being caught'.

Appealing to people to be aware of anything unusual in the mid-Louth area, he said that a young local couple had spotted a number of men acting suspiciously, earlier that morning.

Along with Superintendent Brennan, Cllr McGeough condemned this crime describing it 'as any attack on most vulnerable sections of society'.

In recent months, there have been a number of robberies carried out on elderly peoples homes, some while they were asleep in their beds.

The parochial house in Kilsaran was targeted, ransacked and money stolen one Sunday afternoon, in September. The Stabannon attack is a new low, according to locals because it was during the day.

Superintendent Brennan said that while the elderly lady didn't receive any physical injuries, 'the trauma of this crime will have a terrible effect on both her and the community'.

He is asking their public for their continuing support and if they see any of an unusual nature, be it cars or persons to make contact with Ardee station, 687 1130.

A Christmas Carol



Grace Goughran and Karl Martin who performed in a production of 'A Christmas Carol' in Scoil Ui Mhuiri, Dunleer.

Support urged for Dunleer mile run

THE GOAL Mile will take place in Dunleer again on Christmas Day at 10am and local runners and walkers are invited to turn out and support the annual fundraiser for the Irish charity.

The event has been running for a number of years and always attracts a good crowd.

There also an event in St Fechin's GAA Club, Termonfeekin on St Stephen's Day at 11am.