



# Travellers Rest truck on to raise funds for good cause

THIS year's truck convoy with non-profit group Travellers Rest funds were raised for the charity Sensational Kids.

All lorries met at the Travellers Rest pub in Littletown, Kildare on Friday 27 December and left from their starting point at 1pm, travelling through Kilmeague, Milltown, Kildare, Newbridge, Naas, Sallins, Clane, Prosperous, Robertstown, and Allenwood with street collections taking place throughout the run.

A Travellers Rest committee member said: "It was great, really great turnout. Between 78 and 80 lorries came. We have the same companies that come back time and time again. The whole reason

that this is still running is because we have the support year in, year out".

When it was time for planning this year's convoy, the Travellers Rest committee wanted to find a children's charity and happened upon the Sensational Kids office by accident.

"It was just by chance. It happened to turn out that the day (a committee member) went over they were after being on Kfm about their funds being pulled for their new project, so it all kind of fitted in. It was pure coincidence. Maybe it was meant to be," said the committee member.

Sensational Kids is dedicated to making therapy services access-

ible and affordable for children with additional needs across Ireland. Most children requiring these therapies are left on long waiting lists, most times never getting the help that they need. This is where Sensational Kids comes in to provide families access to the help they need.

Aside from the convoy and the street collections, there was also a raffle and auction that took place. Great fun was had on the night, with music from Gary Lawlor and the Rebels. All 20 raffle prizes ranged from food and drink hampers to One4all and Kildare Village vouchers, while the high demand auction items consisted of tool boxes, oil drums and drills.



The Travellers Rest annual truck convoy in aid of Sensational Kids all set to go

Photos: Jimmy Fullam



The trucks on their way



The organising committee



Paul Connolly, Paul Kearney, Sean O'Reilly and Robert Ivers



Katie Mahon and Jimmy Lynch



**Ray Beegan and Jack O'Callaghan**



**Kellie and Amelia Lawlor and Margaret Leigh**



**Bull, Leon, Romy and Arlo Hurley**



**Paul Cronly, Garda Gearóid Ennis, Robert Ivers Paul Kearney and Garda Ross Newsham**