

Civic Trust wants more backing from the public

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LIMERICK Civic Trust director, Denis Leonard, warned this week that without greater public support and involvement it was unlikely that they could expect the same success in the future.

The Civic Trust, which this week held their annual meeting, will in February be 10 years in existence, and have completed almost 60 major projects in the city.

"If Limerick wants good quality projects, we have got to receive the support of the public. We need new members," pleaded Mr Leonard.

Trust chairman, Billy Peacocke, pointed out that 1992 has been a year of challenge for them.

"We did not escape the effects of the adverse finan-

cial climate. Your executive were obliged to weather the storm by concentrating activities on environmental improvement projects which did not necessitate major capital expenditure," he told members at this week's meeting.

Success this year in winning an award from the European Community to help conserve the architectural heritage at the Crescent is bringing its own headaches.

"We are getting a grant of £45,000, 13% of the cost of the project, which will be about £300,000," explained Denis.

Work on the Crescent project is expected to begin shortly, and will be another feather in the cap of the organisation which has proved to be a huge benefit to Limerick.

But obviously they have

to find more funds, though the property owners in the Crescent are fully behind the project and are also giving the Trust financial support.

"During the past 10 years Limerick has improved physically, commercially and culturally. The new Civic Centre, the restored King John's Castle and Arthur's Quay Civic Park have been completed. These civic projects, coupled with the major private sector construction developments throughout the city, have transformed the physical appearance of Limerick and enhanced its public image," said Mr Peacocke.

The Trust want the next 10 years to be as successful as the last decade but say it really is up to the public to determine how successful they are.

Christmas flowers

LIMERICK Flower and Garden Club will hold their December meeting on Tuesday next at the Social Services Centre in Lower Glentworth Street, at 8 p.m.

Prominent members of the club will demonstrate and there will be the usual Christmas party and prize-giving. There will also be a competition open to all classes and members of a gift-wrapped decorative parcel to be donated to St. Camillus' Hospital.

In Mexico

TWO Shannon companies, Hi-Life Tools and Melcut Tools, were this week participating in a Bord Trachtala market assessment mission to Mexico.



At the Limerick Civic Trust annual meeting were, from left, Seamus Gubbins, patron, Mayor Quinn, patron, Billy Peacocke, chairman, Ted Russell, patron, and Denis Leonard, director. (LL).