

# Put your Trust in Limerick '94 plea

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LIMERICK Civic Trust today called on people to make early New Year resolutions for 1994 - by thinking Civic and thinking Limerick.

"We are making an appeal for more members to join us in our work," explained Gerry Griffin, chairman of the

trust which was set up ten years ago.

Limerick is looking all the better for the 60 projects which the trust have completed since its foundation.

What is particularly appealing about the majority of projects is the manner in which old buildings have been adapted for new purposes and now function as living monuments to past glories.

At present the trust are working on a number of projects including the EC

funded restoration project at The Crescent.

Among the other priority projects at present are Limerick's canal clean-up and restoration of the city walls at Johnsgate along with a riverside walking trail and work on various derelict sites in the city.

Former Minister for Industry and Commerce, Michael Noonan, Fine Gael, who launched the trust in 1983 has backed the groups bid for more members.

"If the public shows and interest in its surroundings, is awakened to reviewing its environment with informal caring criticism and constructive thought then standards can be raised. The most effective way we can all fight public apathy is to support the Civic Trust," he stated.

Meanwhile Gerry Griffin said that the would greatly welcome new members with new ideas.

"I would like to remind the people of Limerick that

membership of Limerick Civic Trust is open to all interested parties from every sector of the community, voluntary and civic organisation, industry, business and commercial enterprises, local authorities and individuals," he added.

He went on to say that he understood that we are living in difficult times and many requests from various charities.

"However," he noted, "Limerick Civic Trust belongs to the people of of

Limerick and all subscriptions or donations are re-invested in the preservation and enhancement of Limerick's heritage and environment for the benefit of present and future generations."

Associate membership of the trust starts at £10, with full membership £150, special appeal membership £5 per month, and corporate membership £1,000.

Anyone interested in joining should contact Denis Leonard at Bishop's Palace, Telephone 313399.