

# Civic Trust seeks new members for betterment of city

by Marie Hobbins

FORMER mayor of Limerick, Cllr Michael Hourigan was specially commended by John Leonard, director of

the National Award in the Best Old building category in the City Neighbourhood 2005 Awards and the completion of the curio walls in the courtyard of the palace to elevate this

presentation of the City Centre Survey was a great success and then we had three participants on community employment who attended adult literary studies for the past couple of

advised of from the Pery family and from Senan O'Connor's family were unprecedented in their kindness."

Other projects undertaken by the Trust that received special men-

Unthank Crypt restoration, the History and Folklore Project, Georgian House and the Park Pavilion.

"I expect the City Centre survey to identify a full range of new projects which will herald an entire new era of progression for us and we're particularly anxious that the People's Park and the riverside would be to the forefront in our plans," he said.

The Trust has revealed that in its first 20 years it has completed 117 projects with a combined expenditure of some 12 million euro.

"There is now the prospect of a new action plan based on our city centre survey. These are exciting times for the Trust and it is opportune to encourage a new generation of Limerick people to plan and participate in the development of our organisation for the next 10 years to come. "The strength of every organisation is new people, new members and new ideas and

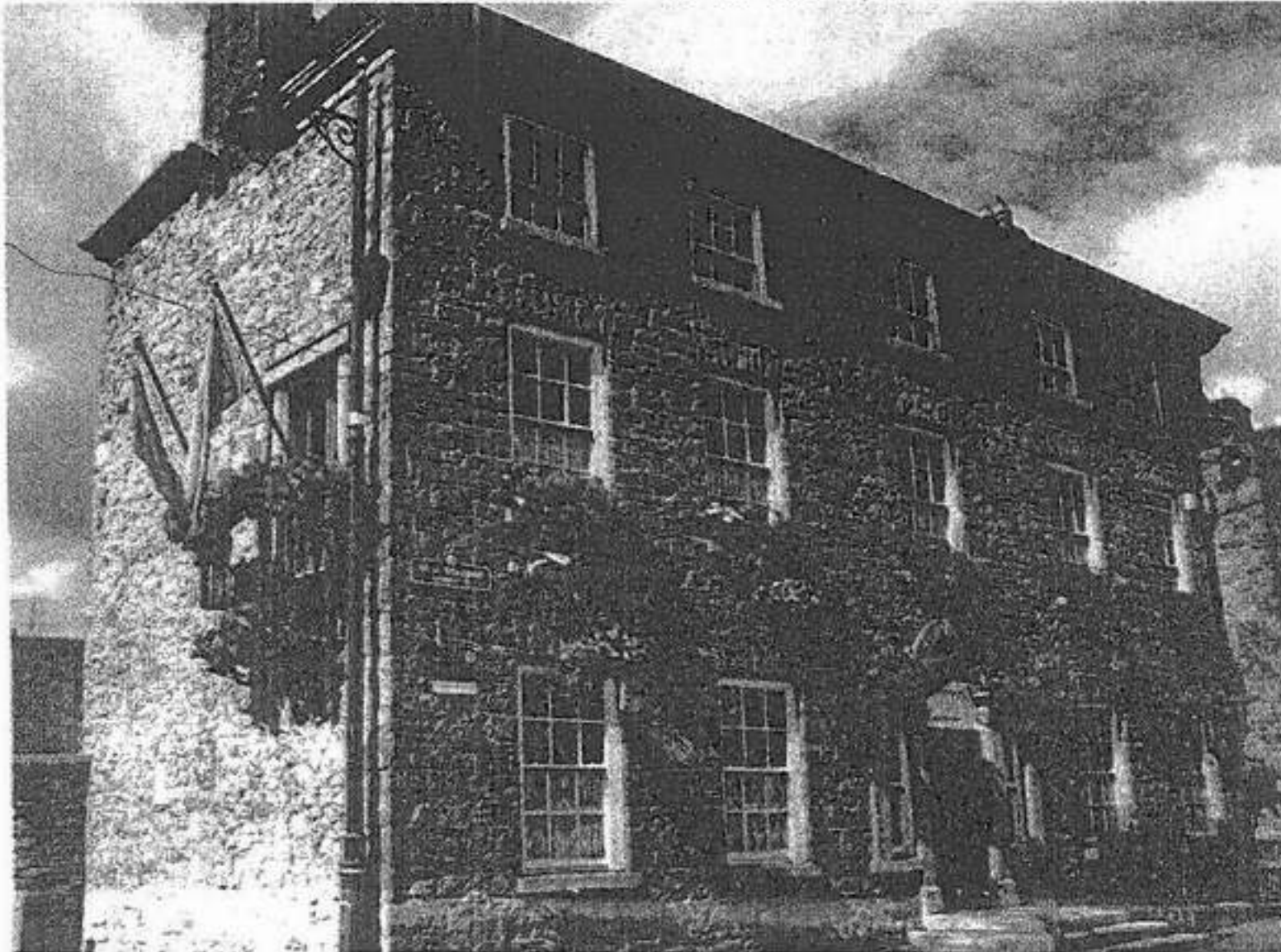
Limerick Civic Trust is no different and needs new members and their ideas which is why I'm appealing to all our members and to the general public to come on board and be the

next generation of our organisation."

Mr Leonard paid a special tribute to all who helped the Trust during 2005, to the staff and to FAS, Limerick City Council and Shannon

Development.

"A repeat performance in 2006 will be difficult but not impossible so please continue to play your part for the betterment of Limerick," he said.



Limerick Civic Trust records a rewarding year of achievement.

Limerick Civic Trust for hosting numerous civic receptions and attending many events hosted by the Trust during his mayoralty.

Speaking at the end of December Mr Leonard said that 2005 "will be remembered as one of the Trust's more active years with a continuous flow of non-stop happenings.

"During 2005 we visited the Belfast and Cambridge Civic Trusts and will receive a return visit from them this year. We will be paying a reciprocal visit to the Countess of Limerick and the KRT Society in London. This year we can report that the New York Jewish Museum Society enjoyed their visit to Limerick last May so much that they will be coming back again this May. This co-operation between other societies, while new to our agenda, I personally found most rewarding and informative," he said.

Mr Leonard listed some of the highlights enjoyed by the Trust during 2005, which included Limerick born artist, Tom Ryan's "extraordinary gift of 15 portraits which will bring our Hall of Fame collection to 23.

"Then there was the Bishop's Palace winning

unique building to a new status and prominence in the city.

"The completion and

years and got great results in Junior Certificate exams and finally the gifts we were

tion included the Park Canal restoration, the walling of St John's Churchyard, the

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