

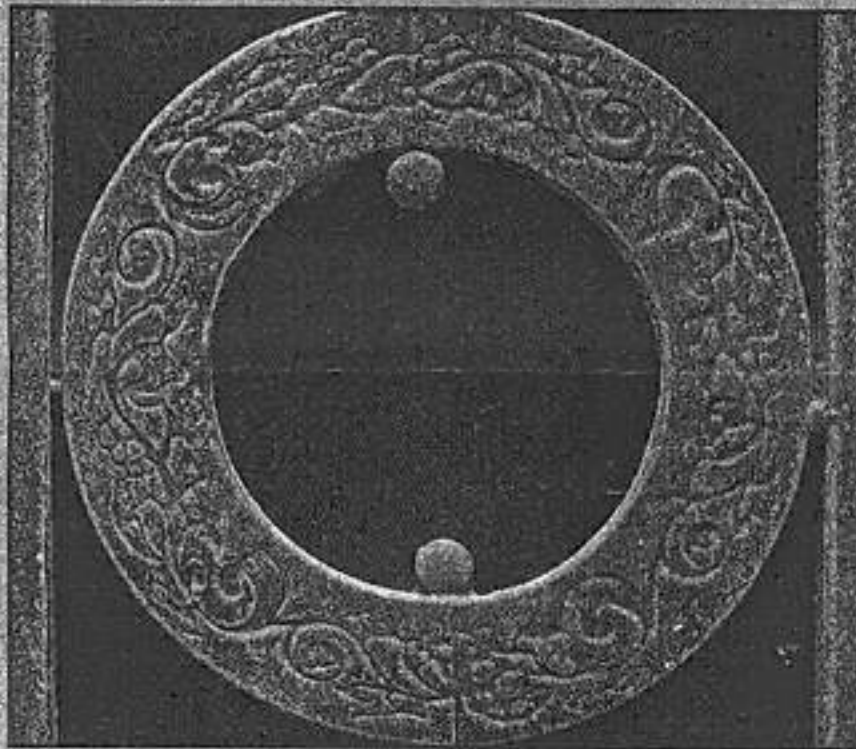
Treasures we are hidden in the city in plain sight

By MIKE DWANE

FIVE weeks remain in a unique treasure hunt devised by Limerick Civic Trust to raise funds for its conservation and historical projects and help the people of Limerick familiarise themselves with the hidden architectural features and curiosities in their midst.

The Limerick We Don't See - Volume 3, which is supported by O'Mahony's booksellers, is currently on sale for €10 in city bookshops and contains 101 stills of these features taken by press photographer Michael Cowhey. Prizes are up for grabs for every week of the year for those who correctly identify as many locations as they can, including a top prize of €1,000 for the winner, €500 for the runner-up and 50 consolation prizes.

Previous books took



One of the "hidden" items in the Limerick Civic Trust Quiz, The Limerick We Don't See, Volume 3

people on a walking tour of Newtown Pery and the King's Island. But the focus of the current treasure hunt is the old quarter of Irishtown, which roughly covers the area from the Milk Market to John's Hospital.

Civic Trust director, Denis Leonard, explained the idea behind the competition:

"The objective of this

initiative was to develop an interest for what is to be seen in our city streets and secondly to learn more about our city. We wanted to give the people of Limerick of all ages a meaningful reason to get out of their cars and to walk the streets and to observe the vast array of architectural features new and traditional which adorn the buildings."

"It was a fun competition in the form of a test of observational skills as against local knowledge on our architectural heritage. "Where is it" and not "What it is" is the question for each of the 101 topics which were authentically photographed — without trick photography — by Michael Cowhey. We even included a section of a street map which defined the area of the competition," Mr Leonard said.

Those interested in taking part in the competition are advised that one of the images (number 83), a cartoon of a rugby player, has disappeared, meaning those walking the streets of Irishtown are only on the lookout for a mere 100 features. Anybody aware of further disappearances can contact the trust at 061 313399.

The Limerick We Don't See 3 is available in shops and also directly from Limerick Civic Trust's offices at the Bishop's Palace, King's Island and the Georgian House, Pery Square.

The closing date for entries in the competition is September 30.

