

wise fenced off to prevent use when the pool is not under constant supervision.

Limerick Civic Trust

The Limerick Civic Trust, since its foundation, has published its first Newsletter and very informative it is indeed. It is very heartening to know that the membership list is increasing. Here are some of its achievements to date.

South Circular Road project:

This was an ideal project, a derelict site left after a house was demolished. Over the years rubbish of all kinds, from garden cuttings to domestic refuse were dumped on this site. David Fletcher said if something is left it becomes permanent and accepted. So over the years it became an accepted dumping site and gave very bad example to the hundreds of pupils who walked past it each day to Laurel Hill school.

The Civic Trust have cleared this site and propose to replace the rubbish with flowers and plants. A wall on the South Circular Road side is being reduced so that the improved site can be viewed by all and the convenient wall which used hide the rubbish is now removed.

This is an excellent example of an easy project with very significant and beneficial results. Are there similar "eye-sores" in your area? If so, contact the Limerick Civic Trust who will assist in every possible way, in any location.

Schools project:

Do you know that most of our monuments have no explanation plaques? Pity the visitor to our city who is roaming around and has an interest in monuments. We have no doubts but that plaques once existed and were possibly replaced on a number of occasions. Still, this does not excuse the present situation. It would be very easy to replace the plaques yet again; however, it was agreed to involve the schools and develop an interest in civics with our future senior citizens.

All the schools who have associated themselves with the Limerick Civic Trust were circulated inviting participation and suggestions for this project. An essay or art competition and a precis of the history were suggested. We have some very encouraging replies from the schools so this project is on and will be formulated during the coming weeks. Shannonside Tourism are very interested in this project and have offered their full assistance.

These are only two examples of the work of the Trust and I hope to be in a position to publish more in the near future.