

# Thirty schemes: the achievements of Civic Trust

LIMERICK'S Civic Trust—a headline to the country—now has thirty schemes to its credit in the city, with the opening of the Potato Market near the courthouse to Saturday morning stallholders.

Particularly helpful in the carrying out of these schemes has been the Teamwork Schemes over the past two years, in which the Trust was favoured with a Department of Labour teamwork scheme grant.

## Profile

The projects undertaken within the scheme were planned to have a high profile and to be of permanent benefit to the community.

"The projects carried out through Teamwork bear testimony to the value of these schemes", said a statement.

The major project this year was preservation work on the Mungretgate section of the Walls of Limerick. This section was built in the 14th century.

A particular item of interest is the gun loop which was found during restoration. The inner side of the wall was faced during restoration, and the outer side, facing south west, is the original stonework.

The openings were made by the Harrison Lee Foundry in the 19th century and the arches were built to secure these areas.

Said a spokesman: "In addition to this project and the research section we carried out a number of other projects during the year. We cleaned and painted the inscriptions on the bridges.

"We cleaned some monuments and derelict sites and assisted with the archaeological

dig at Broad Street.

"On the secretarial end we continued our work indexing old parish and other records under the auspices of Dr. Chris O'Mahony, the Regional Archivist.

"Photographic Surveys, other information publications such as this newsletter and general secretarial work were all part of this scheme."

Meanwhile, the Potato Market has opened. The market was built in 1843 on the site of the Old City Port. It is located in a key central area of the city.

The area ceased trading as a market some decades ago and was subsequently allowed to become derelict and eventually used as an unauthorised halting site for caravans. In 1984 Limerick Civic Trust came to an agreement with the Market Trustees on plans to restore the area.

On 2nd July, 1987, the restored Potato Market was officially opened by An Taoiseach.

The next stage is to revive a live market and to develop usage of the area, i.e., band recitals, open air theatre, receptions, etc. This development is being promoted by an Enterprise Worker who has been recruited with the assistance of the Youth Employment Agency.

Plans are well advanced in this regard and a market catering mainly for arts, crafts and home industry will be fully functional in the near future.

"Even at this stage there is a large flow of people through the market and this generates a vote of confidence for the project and optimism for success in the future planned activities", said a spokesman.



John Harold (left), president, Insur O'Mahony Perpetual Cup to the st (Mulcahy and Sutherland), following Insura