

valuable property was stolen from parked cars and houses in the last fortnight.

"Sometime between 11pm on March 8 and 8am the following morning, a car was broken into while parked at Rossroe Avenue, Caherdavin. The side window was smashed and the thieves removed a

started as a result of a break down," said Sgt O'Neill.

Mayorstone gardai are also investigating a break-in to a house in Thomond Park, Farranshane.

"This happened on March 9 between 10.20am and 9.30pm while the occupants were out.

"The thieves broke a window in

between 9.30am and 1.30pm on March 13. The owner was out at the time and the thieves got away with a small amount of cash.

Meanwhile Roxboro gardai are looking for a thief who stole an unusual and rare item—a chiropodist's drill.

The specialised drill which could

be of use to people require the use of. This drill may be advertised through the print media internet so I would be very cautious where such equipment and sources very carefully said.

Residents await the next move

By CLODAGH O'LEARY

AS North Circular Road residents wait for the Ardhú developers' next move, the on-site The Clarion Hotel Suites is getting ready to open its doors.

Last month, An Bord Pleanála granted permission for the second commercial/residential development there to go ahead, subject to some 18 conditions.

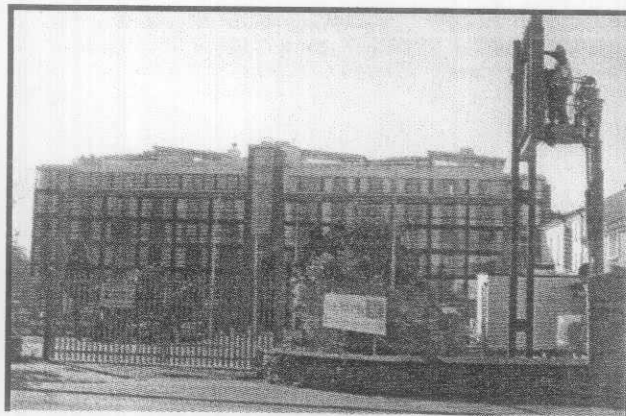
Residents have claimed a moral victory and await developer Budelli Ltd's next move with interest.

Meanwhile, it is understood that the 61-bedroom hotel will open in mid-April.

The €20 million development incorporates the listed Georgian building, which will house the bar and Malaysian restaurant Kudos. Sixty five staff have been hired initially.

Managing Partner of the Clarion Hotel, Sean Lally, said everything is going according to plan.

"There has been great interest already in the new hotel, in particular from a leisure perspective and for families. And the suites are



Ready to go: Clarion Hotel Suites at the Ardhú site

appealing too from a corporate point of view, or for people who are going to a match in the Gaelic Grounds, or Thomond Park. And of course, we are walking distance to the city centre," he added.

The suites all incorporate a sitting room and dining area while some have wet bars. Residents will have full use of the gym and all other hotel facilities at the Clarion Hotel, Steamboat Quay.

The opening of the new hotel will bring the number of Clarion bedrooms in Limerick to 215.

And booking for the suites has been steady so far.

"We have had a huge level of interest in people book-

ing suites online, and we envisage that this will continue and improve after the opening," said Mr Lally.

Following the announcement of the opening, Brendan Curtis, group director of operations said: "We will develop the Clarion Suites in line with our proven business model, introducing the concept to Sligo and Liffey Valley shortly".

In the mean-time City Council granted permission to Budelli in November 2005 to construct a glass corridor linking the old Ardhú House to the Clarion Hotel Suites.

Residents appealed it to An Bord Pleanála and a decision is due in May.



Announcing the charity fashion show Clifford, Brown Thomas Limerick, model Diane Von Furstenberg; Ger O'Neill, Association president; Limerick Ladies Ne president Siobhan O'Connell, and Brown general manager Liam Dwan

Fashion show to boost funds of charities

By LEADER REPORTER

CITY fashionistas have an early chance to feast their eyes on this year's Brown Thomas spring/summer collection while also doing their bit to help local charities on Tuesday, March 21.

Tickets, at €60 each, are still available for the Brown Thomas charity fashion show which is being held this year in aid of the Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, Children at Risk in Ireland and St Vincent de Paul.

The show is supported by the Limerick City and County Solicitor Bar Association and Network Women in Business.

"We are pleased to be associated with Brown Thomas Limerick and are hoping to raise €15,000 for these extremely worthy charities," said Ger O'Neill, President of the Limerick Bar.

And Brown Thomas Limerick's general manager Liam Dwan said the business was "delighted to be helping to raise money for

these important while showcasing new sea and offering out".

The show is at 7pm next with an even beauty and fun.

Guests will enjoy cosmetic demonstrations and makeovers, a champagne reception and canapés. The fashion show is from Jennifer of Irish the Irish Tat zine will also the Limerick social diary.

Models from Agency in D Celia Holman Limerick will new collection several new footwear brands.

Tickets are the Brown Thomas desk at O (417222) or dial ISPCC, CAI Network mid in Limerick.

19-year-old receives road ban and jail

By LEADER REPORTER

A LIMERICKMAN caught driving without insurance, a licence or NCT cert the day after he was convicted of dangerous driving has been sentenced to six months in prison and disqualified from driving for seven years at Limerick Court.

His solicitor said that Jason O'Donoghue 19, of 38 Lee Estate, Island Road

died. One was murdered and the other died as a result of a heroin overdose, the court heard.

Mr O'Donoghue pleaded guilty to driving without the documents and failure to produce same on May 26 last.

Garda Kevin Bourke, of the Garda Traffic Corps, told Judge Tom O'Donnell how at 7.36pm he observed Mr O'Donoghue in a vehicle on the Island Road. He undertook to produce the

Mr O'Donoghue had accumulated over 30 previous convictions, principally for road traffic matters including drink driving, dangerous driving and at least six counts of driving without insurance, the court heard.

The conviction for dangerous driving, Garda Bourke told Judge O'Donnell, was secured on May 25 last, the day before he was caught driving without the documents.

month jail term for this and was due for release later in the year.

"He comes from a very poor socio-economic background and has had a lot of tragedy in his family of late," said Mr Devane.

"His uncle died from heroin around the time of this offence and another uncle of his was murdered and the case has not yet been solved. It appears he went off the rails for a period at this time" Mr

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