

Trust Denis to have square's historic fountain restored

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THE historic water fountain in John's Square is being 'tapped' by Limerick Civic Trust, who are to carry out sensitive restoration work.

Their coming on board follows representations to City Council by Cllr Kieran O'Hanlon, who pleaded for the restoration of the foundation and a general upgrading of the square.

The Trust's director, Denis Leonard, told the Limerick Post, that delay in securing a contractor with the required expertise to carry out restoration work on the fountain, had delayed the commencement of work.

"I've now sourced a company that specialises in this type of work and additional funding will be required, but I'm confident that this will be forthcoming and that the people concerned will do a first class job".

Mr Leonard also confirmed that work to improve the Limerick Memorial on the site of the new Hilton Hotel, is under-way.

"Let me point out first of all, that this is not the Mayors' Memorial as it is often called. It is the Limerick Memorial, in honour of the murdered mayors, Clancy and O'Callaghan, after which the nearby Strands are called, as well as volunteer Joseph O'Donoghue and Sean Wall, who had been chairman of Limerick County Council.

"Lettering on the memorial has already been filled in to make it clear and readable, and we are in the process of putting up plaques with relevant biographical information on each of the people commemorated".

Mr Leonard is also hopeful that an appropriate piece of sculpture will be executed on the memorial site.

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IVY growing on the twinned Sallyport and Island roads, as well as on the old exchange Wall on Nicholas Street, were on the mind of Cllr

