

Useful Information

Limavady Courthouse

Location

The courthouse is located at the top end of Main Street on the Corner with Linenhall Street.

Transport

The bus station is approximately 500 metres from the courthouse at the bottom end of the Main Street. For information about bus and rail timetables contact Translink on 028 9066 6630 or www.translink.co.uk

Car parking

There is no car parking at the courthouse, but there are 3 large car parks all within walking distance of the courthouse and clearly signposted.

Opening hours

The building is open from 9.00am. The office is open to the public from 9.30am to 4.30pm. The courts generally start at 10.00am, stopping for lunch around 1.00pm and resuming at 2.00pm, until the daily business is finished. The office is open at lunchtime every Monday and Wednesday between 1pm and 2pm but closes for lunch the rest of the week.

Refreshment & other facilities

There is a hot drinks machine and vending machine currently within the building. There are also many cafes and restaurants which are only a short walk away. There is a payphone in the main waiting area. There is a no smoking policy in Limavady Courthouse. There is a waiting area in the main hall.

Mobile Phones and Photographic equipment

Care must be taken in the use of mobile phones whilst in the precincts of the court. It is prohibited to use any photographic or recording device within the court building and

the area immediately surrounding it. Some mobile phones are capable of performing this function and therefore you are advised not to use mobile phones for this purpose whilst attending court. Mobile phones must be switched off before entering a courtroom.

Witness Service

If you are a victim or witness for the prosecution, Victim Support Northern Ireland offers a Witness Service at all the Crown and Magistrate' Courts.

Before the Trial: opportunity to talk to someone; pre-trial familiarisation visit to court; information on court procedures.

During the Trial: safe waiting area; liaison with court officers and legal representatives; arrangements for witnesses with special needs; accompanying witnesses into court.

After the Trial: preparing victims for case outcome; encouraging continued contact with Victim Support Community Service; referral on to other agencies.

Witness & Child waiting areas

There are no separate waiting areas for witnesses.

Help and information

The staff in the main office will help with any queries you may have. There are notice boards outside the courtroom, which display lists of the daily business. If you require additional information or need to meet someone on arrival, you can get help from the court office which will be available from 9.30am each court day. If you have not already done so, you may wish to contact a solicitor before coming to court.

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Please note that you must attend court at the time you have been given, although you may not be called until after this. If you feel you have been waiting too long, please contact a court official.

Do you have a disability or a special need?

If you have a disability or a special need, please contact the Customer Service Officer who will provide you with information on the facilities available. The courtroom has an induction loop system, and our leaflets can also be made available in large print.

Giving Evidence

If you are aged 14 or over and have to give evidence in court, you will be required either to take a religious oath or 'affirm' that you will tell the truth. The court clerk will ask you which method you want to use, and invite you to repeat after them the appropriate words. A religious oath is a sworn promise to tell the truth and is made on a holy book. An affirmation is a declaration to tell the truth but it is not sworn on a holy book.

Contact information

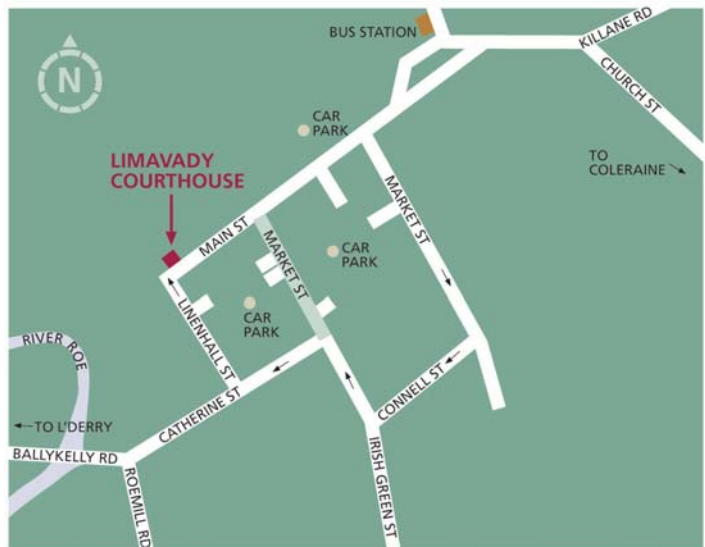
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