

# Londonderry County Scout Council

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103996

## Details

Status	Received
Registered	2015-09-30
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a>

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## Activities

**Purposes:** Promoting the development of young people in achieving their full physical, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

**What the charity does:** The advancement of education, The advancement of citizenship or community development

**How the charity works:** Community development, Cross-border/cross-community, Cultural, Sport/recreation, Youth development

**Who the charity helps:** Children (5-13 year olds), Preschool (0-5 year olds), Youth (14-25 year olds)

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£82,851	£36,730	£0	0

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Adam Meikle		
Carol		
Jean Major		
Josh		
Joy Greer		
Mr Richard Edgar		
Paul Meikle		
Robert Boyd		
Stephanie Meikle		

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# Accounts

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Londonderry County Scout Council – NIC 103996  
Income and Expenditure for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025  
Fixed Term Deposit

Income		Expenditure	
From Main Account	15000.00	Balance at 31/03/25	15000.00
	15000.00		15000.00

County Treasurer  
*Joy Gear*  
Date  
*26/04/25*

County Chairman  
*Neil Dool*  
Date  
*19 February 2026*

Auditor  
*Linda M*  
Date  
*30/4/25*  
FCM CMA  
Current members  
in Annual List  
checked

Londonderry County Scout Council – NIC 103996  
Income and Expenditure for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

Fixed Term Deposit

Income		Expenditure	
From IOF Account	55000.00	Balance at 31/03/25	55000.00
	55000.00		55000.00

County Treasurer

*Joy Greer*

Date

26/04/25

County Chairman

*Neil Boyd*

Date

19 February 2026

Auditor

*Doreen M*  
fca cma

Date

*Annexa McNeill*  
*84 Annie Ross*  
*Coventry*

30/4/25

Londonderry County Scout Council – NIC 103996  
 International Opportunities Fund Account  
 Income and Expenditure for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

Income		Expenditure	
Balance at 01/04/24	106.30	To New Account	55000.00
Bequeath - Stevie	50000.00		
Aghadowey Closure	5105.61		
Desertcreat Closure	2077.48		
HQ Rebate - 2023	366.50		
Bank Interest	646.03	Balance at 31/03/24	3301.92
	58301.92		58301.92

County Treasurer

*Joy Greer*

Date

*26/04/25*

County Chairman

*Paul Boyd*

Date

*19 February 2026*

Auditor

*Conda M*

*RANOM MURPHY*

Date

*84 Avenue Road*

*COOKSTOWN*

*30/4/25*

*FEA CMA*

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Londonderry County Scout Concil – NIC 103996

Income and Expenditure for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

Income		Expenditure	
Balance at 01/04/2023	26513.35	TMG	360.00
HQ Rebate	366.50	EA Underspend	1778.69
Membership Fees 2023	2409.00	Youth Conference	165.38
YL Training	80.00	County Leader Day	75.35
Roe Valley Expenses	550.00	Unity Insurance	52.00
1st Aghadowey Group Closure	5105.61	Expenses Roe Valley	550.00
Membership Fees 2024	28766.00	Lockbox Expenses	780.00
		Post Office	9.00
		Membership Fees	28766.00
		Bank Fees	34.87
		Balance at 31/03/2024	31219.17
	63790.46		63790.46

County Treasurer

*John Egan*

Date

12 April 2024

Country Chairman

*Paul Butler*

Date

20 June 24

Auditor

*Linda M*

FEA CMA

*Concilio Newmarket*

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84 Dromedary Way

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18/4/24

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# Annual report

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## CC County Londonderry Report 2023 -2024

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*This report refers to the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024*

### ADMINISTRATION AND TRUSTEES

The County Londonderry Scout Council is a Charity which has management responsibility for all young people and volunteers involved in the 14 Scout Groups and independent sections in the Londonderry Scout County. The Scout County is larger than the Geographical County and has groups that operate in North Antrim and County Tyrone. The County Scout Council consists of approximately 783 Young people between 4 and 18 years old and 193 adult volunteers.

The current trustees of the Charity are

Stephanie Meikle	Jean Major
Richard Edgar	Joy Greer
Paul Meikle	Adam Meikle

### MEMBERSHIP IN GROUPS

Group	2024 Membership	
	Youth	Adults
1 <sup>st</sup> Aghadowey	Closed	
Ballintoy & Dunseverick	Closed	
Ballycastle	14	6
Ballymoney	96	24
1 <sup>st</sup> Bovevagh	67	12
1 <sup>st</sup> Castlerock	92	42
1 <sup>st</sup> Coleraine	114	28
1 <sup>st</sup> Cookstown	42	14
Derryloran	56	17
1 <sup>st</sup> Kildress	20	10





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3 <sup>rd</sup> Londonderry	54	9
6 <sup>th</sup> Londonderry	Closed	
1 <sup>st</sup> Moyola	10	3
1 <sup>st</sup> Portstewart	63	13
1 <sup>st</sup> Roe Valley	Closed	
Three Spires	43	5
Woodschapel	12	4
Explorers	74	5
Network	26	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>783</b>	<b>192</b>

## MEMBERSHIP

Following the census taken on 31st January 2024, I am pleased to report a 3.3% increase in youth membership. The County provided an engaging and fun programme for 783 young people. While the increase may seem slight, it indicates steady improvement following the challenges of previous years. This growth in youth membership is reflected in the increased number of nights away and event applications submitted. It's great to see our efforts resulting in more young people participating in Scouting activities across the County.

We saw growth in Bovevagh, Ballymoney, All Saints Clooney, Kildress, Castlerock, Coleraine, and Three Spires, with Bovevagh Scout Group experiencing growth across all sections. Additionally, new sections were opened in Ballymoney Squirrels, Bovevagh Explorers, All Saints Explorers, Portstewart Explorers, and Moyola Explorers, providing youth provision for an additional 33 young people.

Unfortunately, Roe Valley Scout Group had to close due to a lack of adult volunteers. Recognising the need for youth provision in that area, I have asked Paul Meikle, the Strategic Growth and Development Officer for Scouts NI, to revisit the Group's potential need. The loss of adult volunteers in Roe Valley also contributed to a decrease in County volunteers, with a reduction of 15. This highlights the dedication of our current volunteers who often take on multiple roles and stresses the ongoing need to recruit more volunteers.





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In this reporting period, words like "transformation" and "restructure" have begun to be introduced in our Scout discussions. We are pleased to announce that, following the NI restructure consultation, the Londonderry Scout Council will maintain in its current format, though it will now be called a District. This change includes the potential for a new name for the district, though we may need to veto suggestions like "District McDistrictFace."

Our volunteer roles are also evolving, with new abbreviations and titles emphasising team members and trustee roles. This shift highlights a broader focus on teamwork and governance within our movement.

NI Scouts restructure well underway, changes in the County team structure may have slightly impacted County-wide events. Despite these challenges, many Groups continue to provide plenty of fun opportunities for young people, albeit more within their own groups. This shift could be due to the transition to a new format and structure or the decrease in adult volunteers, making it more feasible for volunteers to hold events within their own groups.

On 20th May, the Beaver Rally returned with Beavers from Derryloran, Cookstown, Three Spires, and Woodschapel enjoying the outdoors at Crawfordsburn. The NI Squirrel Day took place on 4th June 2023 at Todd's Leap, with Coleraine, Three Spires, Ballymoney, Derryloran, and Woodschapel participating in a variety of fun activities.

A County Cub Quiz was held at All Saints Centre, hosted by Carol Mooney, with teams from Bovevagh, All Saints, and Castlerock participating. Castlerock emerged victorious by the narrowest of margins. Subsequently, the NI Cub Quiz was held on 3rd February 2024, with teams from Bovevagh, Castlerock, and Derryloran taking part.

The Groups in the County have continued to enjoy various forms of camping and outdoor activities, sleeping in tents, hammocks, halls, farms, fields, and community halls. The young people in the County have participated in activities such as surfing, bodyboarding, orienteering, hiking, beach days, and activity days. There was even a goose chase in Cookstown – I'm not entirely sure what that involves, but I assume it involves a goose and a chase!

The County were also delighted that the following County volunteers were recognised with the following St George's Day Awards.

- |               |              |
|---------------|--------------|
| Eric Wilson   | Silver Acorn |
| Mandy Gourley | Silver Acorn |
| Roy Simpson   | Silver Acorn |





Colin Rea	Bar to Silver Acorn
Evelyn Love	Silver Wolf

## HIGHLIGHTS

20 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Beaver Rally Day, Crawfordsbuen
4 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	Squirrel Day, Todds Leap
14 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	Presentation of St George’s Day Awards
24 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	First Response Training
29 <sup>th</sup> September to 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2023	YL Training weekend
4 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	YL First Response Training
5 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Presentation of Highest Chief Scout Awards, City Hall
27 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	County Cub Quiz

## FINANCES

### Income

- All membership fees for 2023 were received
- HQ Training rebate of £366.50
- YL Training of £80
- Monies from Roe Valley £550
- Closure of Aghadowey Scout Group - £5,105.61

### Outgoings

- Underspend for EA Grant of £1,778.69
- The County assisted with funding of £165.38 for 2 Young people (Josh Dripps and Grace Owens) to attend the Youth Conference
- Expenses for County Leader Day - £75.35
- Expenses to run a start up programme for Roe Valley - £550
- Storage for Eglinton Scout Group Equipment £780
- Membership fees of £28,766

Last year, we were deeply saddened by the loss of our fellow Scouter, Robert Stevenson, known to his friends as Stevie. However, we are immensely grateful for the legacy payment





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of £50,000 from Stevie's estate to the County. This generous donation will be held in reserve funds until appropriate and suitable measures are put in place for its use.

Moving forward, our youth membership has begun to recover, and it is wonderful to see our young people continue their Scouting Journey. We do face a few challenges ahead with the restructure in Northern Ireland and the ongoing transformation of the Scout movement. This includes mastering anew digital system, new learning modules and new team formats.

Finally, I would like to thank all our leaders, supporters, and families for their efforts in helping our young people develop through Scouting. The enthusiasm of our young members gives me great hope for the future of Scouting in the County. While we have further challenges ahead, we look forward to meeting them and continuing to support Scouting for the young people in our County.

*Stephanie*

Stephanie Meikle

County Londonderry County Commissioner

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# Annual return

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Londonderry County Scout Concil – NIC 103996

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Income and Expenditure for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

Income		Expenditure	
Balance at 31/03/22	22126.15	Jamboree Contribution 5 x £500	2500.00
IOF - Jamboree Account	1500.00	Leaders Dinner	773.45
Membership 2022	1597.50	Forestry April – December 2022	479.53
Desertcreat Group Closed	2077.48	Scout Archery Trophy	77.99
H Q Rebate	355.00	County Beaver Trip	1001.00
Leaders Dinner	730.00	Forestry January – December 2023	708.15
County Scout Archery	0.30	Unity Insurance	52.00
County Beaver Trip	1039.00	In Memory Noel Bogle	100.00
Membership Fees 2023	29662.75	In Memory Stevie	100.00
		TMG	354.00
		Bank Fees	40.71
		Membership Fees 2023	26388.00
		Balance at 31/03/23	26513.35
	59088.18		59088.18

County Treasurer

Date

*Joy Green*  
13 April 2023

County Chairman

Date

*Paul Dal*  
17 April 2023

Auditor

Date

*London*  
*London* FCA CRA  
84 Antrim Road  
COOKSTOWN  
14/4/23

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	Richard Edgar	Joy Greer
	Paul Meikle	Adam Meikle

### MEMBERSHIP

Amidst the ongoing challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and the established traffic light system, our County members eagerly embraced the green light at the start of this annual reporting period of April 1, 2022. This pivotal signal marked the resumption of all activities, including residentials and international trips for all members.

Despite the favourable change, we were directed to continue wearing face coverings until 25<sup>th</sup> April when indoors. Some members opted to continue wearing face coverings for slightly longer in Group settings, as some of our volunteers had vulnerable individuals at homes or in their families. The commitment to health and safety persisted, with Groups continuing to use hand sanitizer and adhering to good hygiene practices when sharing equipment, thereby minimizing the risk of illness transmission.

Throughout this period, the youth membership for the County remained steady, ensuring that young members continued to benefit from the incredible Scouting opportunities and activities offered. However, a notable shift occurred in adult membership, with a reduction of 35 adult volunteers—equating to approximately a 15% reduction. Subsequently, our volunteers found themselves navigating the challenge of maintaining the same exceptional





level of Scouting experiences for our youth members with a significantly diminished adult leadership team

Regrettably, certain Scout Groups, such as those in Ballintoy and Dunseverick, Eglinton, and Aghadowey, were unable to meet, thereby hindering the provision of youth activities in those areas. Additionally, Desertcreat Scout Group, facing previous meeting difficulties, made the difficult decision to close its doors.

On a brighter note, the resilience of Scouting emerged in Ballycastle, where a renewed youth provision took shape. Operating Beavers and Cubs sections, the Group hopes to attract older siblings to the Scout section, setting the stage for future growth and engagement.

The green light for all activities and residentials, activated on April 1, 2022, prompted numerous Groups in the County to organise day events or shorter residentials for the summer of 2022. This approach accommodated members who remained cautious about potential future restrictions or lacked the resources for extended overnight residentials.

Despite these efforts, the challenges continued for adult leaders who found navigating the restrictions challenging, prompting some deciding not to return. Headquarters, recognising the pivotal role of training in ensuring a safe Scouting environment, directed all members to complete and update their mandatory training. Although most modules are conveniently available online except for the first aid practical, the 90-day timeframe posed a challenge for some members, leading to their decision to step back from their Scouting roles.

## MEMBERSHIP IN GROUPS

Group	2023 Membership	
	Youth	Adults
1 <sup>st</sup> Aghadowey	Not Able to Meet	
Ballintoy & Dunseverick	Not Able to Meet	
Ballycastle	17	7
Ballymoney	86	26
1 <sup>st</sup> Bovevagh	56	13
1 <sup>st</sup> Castlerock	84	36
1 <sup>st</sup> Coleraine	94	23



1 <sup>st</sup> Cookstown	48	15
Derryloran	60	20
1 <sup>st</sup> Desertcreat	Closed	
1 <sup>st</sup> Kildress	19	8
3 <sup>rd</sup> Londonderry	48	16
6 <sup>th</sup> Londonderry	Not Able to Meet	
1 <sup>st</sup> Moyola	12	4
1 <sup>st</sup> Portstewart	71	15
1 <sup>st</sup> Roe Valley	18	9
Three Spires	38	8
Woodschapel	20	4
Explorers	62	4
Network	25	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>758</b>	<b>208</b>

## FINANCES

- 5 Participants from the County attending the World Scout Jamboree to Scout Korea in August 2023 received £500 each towards their trip. The total cost of their trip was £3,000 each. Participants from the County are
  - JOSHUA DRIPPS – UNIT LEADER
  - AMELIE HOLDEN
  - CELIA KERR
  - DANIEL KELSO
  - EUAN ANDERSON
- A rebate from Scout Headquarters for prompt payment of annual membership fees was received for the sum of £355. This payment was used to assist with the £479.53 payment to the Forestry for the lease of camping fees at Downhill Forest for County members.
- Bovevagh’s payment for annual membership fees for 2022 - £1597.50 was received slightly late and shows on this years return.
- Desertcreat Scout Group closed and their total funds of £2,077.48 has been transferred to the County Account.



## PROGRAMME

Amidst the ongoing restrictions and the established traffic lights the County members were pleased that the direction for all activities, residentials and international trips were to resume once again.

Although this direction was given on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 many groups used the Easter break to plan their days away or residentials for the up and coming months ahead with the hope of all face coverings being removed after 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

We were also delighted that 7 young people from the County took part in the selection process for the World Scout Jamboree to South Korea and were thrilled that we had 4 young people who were selected to be participants as well as our Youth Commissioner Joshua who was selected to be a unit leader. With these restrictions now relaxing hopefully the young people would be able to expand their fundraising efforts for their WSJ experience.

As the Scouting term concluded in mid-June, county members buzzed with excitement, anticipating a return to a more robust pre-COVID programme. September 2022 marked a fresh restart for scouting in many groups across the County.

Regrettably, September also brought somber news of the passing of our patron, Queen Elizabeth II. As the nation mourned, preparations were underway for the Queen's lying-in-state and funeral. Two outstanding young people, Eve Barrett and Jake Anderson, were nominated to represent the County at the lying-in-state. Their commendable roles included assisting with the queue, distributing water and blankets, and providing assistance to those in need—a unique opportunity to be part of history and a memorable gesture of respect to our patron.

In October, Beavers from across the County embarked on a mud squelching trip to Fulton's Farm for an enchanting day of pumpkin picking, storytelling, singing, and dancing. The muddy escapade included mastering the maize maze and a fun ride on the tractor train, creating lasting memories without a clean wellie in sight.

Come February, County Cubs journeyed to All Saint's Clooney in Londonderry for the eagerly anticipated County Cub Quiz. Witnessing cubs from the County engage in a closely contested competition added to the thrill of the event.

March marked the triumphant return of Duke of Edinburgh expeditions in the County, allowing our older sections to work towards their highest awards. As we approach the end of this reporting year, the County is poised to hold its AGM in January 2024, covering the period from April 2022 to March 2023. Meeting both charity commission and census requirements, the County ensured timely completion and submission, signaling a positive and forward-looking conclusion to this eventful year.



## HIGHLIGHTS

- Awards Presentation – 9<sup>th</sup> April 2022
  - Gavin Beck – Silver Wolf
  - Joy Greer – Bar to the Silver Acorn
  - Richard Edgar – Bar to Silver Acorn
  - Robert Boyd – Silver Acorn
- Leaders Meal – 7<sup>th</sup> May 2022
- Basecamp Conference – 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022
- Queen’s Jubilee Celebrations – 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022
- Leader First Aid Training - 21<sup>st</sup> August 2022, Castlerock
- Assistance and Representation from the County for Queen Elizabeth’s Funeral in London – September 2022
  - Eve Barrett and Jake Anderson
- Leader First Aid Training - 4<sup>th</sup> September 2022, Cookstown
- Representation from the County to meet King Charles II as he visited Belfast - 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022
  - Trevor Blair and Stephanie Meikle
- Beaver Visit to Fulton’s Pumpkin Patch – 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2022
- NI Restructure meeting – 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov 2022
- Youth Awards Presentation – 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023
  - James Greer – Queen Scout Award
- Leader First Aid Training - 8<sup>th</sup> January 2023, Derryloran
- County Cub Quiz – 25<sup>th</sup> February 2023
- DofE Expedition Recommences – March 2023
- Leader First Aid Training – 4<sup>th</sup> March 2023, Castlerock

## CHANGES AHEAD

As the County moves forward together to overcome the challenges of the COVID pandemic, it is heartening to witness hopeful signs of these challenges gradually receding.

Our youth membership has started to recover and it is great to see our young people return and continue in their Scouting. We have challenges ahead with the decrease in adult volunteers but hopefully with a more normalised pre covid programme able to take place we will be able to recruit new adults through various recruitment initiatives.



The County was asked to send some representatives to Manchester in May 2022 to a Scouting conference called Basecamp. This signaled there were changes to Scouting ahead and the County was asked to appoint a Transformation Lead to help the County plan and prepare for these new Changes. Adam Meikle was appointed our County Transformation Lead. Adam along with the County Commissioner – Stephanie Meikle, Youth Commissioner – Joshua Dripps and Deputy Youth Commissioner – Grace Owens travelled to Manchester to hear about the potential new changes in Scouting.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022, the Northern Ireland Scout Council held a crucial restructuring meeting in Castlerock, inviting all County leaders to discuss potential alterations to the County and District structure of Scouting in the County. Several proposals were presented, and valuable feedback was collected during the County meeting. Notably, the suggestion to restructure the County along council boundaries faced a firm rejection. Having transitioned to a County District in recent years, our County members expressed a collective desire to maintain the current configuration moving forward.

As we eagerly anticipate the forthcoming changes to our structure in Northern Ireland, along with broader adjustments in Scouting, our County remains committed to supporting and empowering our Groups. Our focus is on facilitating an engaging programme for our youth members and, crucially, recruiting the necessary adult volunteers. The County is currently in a preparatory phase, poised to embrace and navigate the upcoming changes with resilience and adaptability.

Finally, I would like to thank all our leaders, supporters, and families for their efforts in supporting young people to develop through scouting in these difficult and challenging times. The enthusiasm of our young people gives me great hope for the future of Scouting in the County. We have further challenges and changes ahead, but we look forward to meeting them and supporting Scouting for the Young people in our County.

*Stephanie*

Stephanie Meikle

County Commissioner

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# Annual return

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Independent Examiner's Report to the charity trustees of

Londonderry County Scout Council

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended

31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

**Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Name:

*Linda M*

Address:

*Donna Hillway for CTA*

Date:

*24 August 2023*

*Coastguard*

*14/4/23*