

Trysull & Seisdon Website Accessibility Assessment Statement

May 2021

Overview of Website Accessibility Review

Legislation

The Public Sector Bodies (Website and Mobile Applications) Accessibility Regulations 2018 requires public sector bodies to ensure reasonable adjustments are made to websites so they are accessible to people with various disabilities.

They include:

- Impaired vision
- Motor difficulties
- Cognitive impairments or learning disabilities
- Deafness or impaired hearing

This should be in place by 23rd September 2020

Disproportionate burden overview

Section 6 of the legislation describes the disproportionate burden assessment, this does not require a council to comply with the accessibility requirement if doing so would impose a burden. The assessment is a legal requirement before any declaration of burden. This is related to the key factors of:

- Council size & resource
- The nature of council activities
- The cost on the council of making the website fully accessible
- The additional benefit for disabled users

Requirements of an accessibility statement

- Explanation of whether the website/mobile site fully, partially or not compliant with accessibility guidelines.
- Which parts do not fit the guidelines and why
- Where alternative information may be available
- How accessibility issues may be reported
- Plans for updating compliance

Initial aims of accessibility

- Ability to change colours, contrast levels or fonts
- Zoom in up to 300% without an adverse effect on reading text
- Navigate the majority of the website using only the keyboard
- Listen to the website using Screen Reader software
- Simple to understand use of text

<https://mcmw.abilitynet.org.uk/> offers additional advice on accessing the website if there are further difficulties.

Continued feedback pledge

If there is information that you need to access via the website that is not available in a format you require please contact the Parish Council. We pledge to attempt to provide information in a format suitable for any member of the community and make on going adaptations where possible to support the community. An ongoing consultation regarding accessibility will take place on the website from August 2020 to aim to support the ever-changing needs of the community we support.

Evaluation of Accessibility- Conducted August 2020 / Reviewed May 2021

The Accessibility Evaluation was conducted internally as paying a third party would place a 'disproportionate burden' on the council. This was conducted in line with the Basic Check guidance. More information can be found at (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/doing-a-basic-accessibility-check-if-you-cant-do-a-detailed-one/doing-a-basic-accessibility-check-if-you-cant-do-a-detailed-one>). The needs of the community are ever changing and therefor the Parish Council acknowledges the needs for an ongoing consultation with the community to ensure the individual needs of the community are met and specific adaptations are met where needed.

Table of Evaluation of Accessibility Review

| <u>Evaluation of Accessibility</u> | <u>Status</u> |
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| Text formatting compliant with major Screen Readers software including Headings & Body text. | Compliant |
| Accessible without Stylesheets enabled or with Stylesheet errors | Compliant |
| Text instructions correctly styled | Compliant |
| Link text comprehensible in isolation | Compliant |
| Page titles comprehensible in isolation | |
| Image text descriptions | Non-compliant* |
| Audio and video descriptions | Compliant |
| Form fields correctly labelled | Compliant |
| Form elements consistent across the website | Compliant |
| No website timeout feature | Compliant |
| Review and error messages on form submission | Compliant |
| PDF's with comprehensible titles | Compliant |
| PDF's meeting Screen Reader technology requirements | Compliant |
| Keyboard only navigation | Compliant |
| Website Zoom to 300% accessible | Compliant |
| Text colour contrast accessible | Compliant |
| Mobile navigation using non-complex motions | Compliant |
| Automatic pop-ups or video playing accessible | Compliant |
| HTML accessibility check | Compliant |

* Images in the 'History' tab are not accurately described for visually impaired users. This will be adapted after discussion with local historians to ensure for accurate explanations.

Areas of the website that are not fully accessible

- Older documents listed in the '*History*' section are not readable with the Screen Reader software.
- Older PDF documents may not be accessible with Screen Reader software

Remedial phase- Conducted August 2020

Adaptations made to the all sections of the above table to ensure the website is accessible for all. Parish Councillors have been alerted of legislation and the need to pass on concerns from those in the community who may be affected, with this seen as an ongoing process to support the needs of the community. The Accessibility Statement was created with an '*Accessibility*' tab created on the website and an ongoing survey to ensure ongoing accessibility issues can be altered.

The Quarterly review is to take place every 3 months from May 2021 with any issues being listed on the '*Accessibility tab*' of the website.

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