

Accessibility statement for Wing Parish Council

This accessibility statement applies to Wing Parish Council's website
<https://www.wingparish.org/>

This website is run by Wing Parish Council. We want as many people as possible to be able to use this website. For example, that means you should be able to:

- navigate most of the website using just a keyboard
- navigate most of the website using speech recognition software
- listen to most of the website using a screen reader (including the most recent versions of JAWS, NVDA and VoiceOver)

[AbilityNet](#) has advice on making your device easier to use if you have a disability.

How accessible is this website?

We know some parts of this website are not fully accessible:

- the website text may not be as simple as possible to understand
- you may not be able to change colours, contrast levels and fonts
- you may not be able to zoom in up to 300% without the text spilling off the screen
- the text will not reflow in a single column when you change the size of the browser window
- you cannot modify the line height or spacing of text
- most older PDF documents are not fully accessible to screen reader software
- some of our online forms are difficult to navigate using just a keyboard
- you cannot skip to the main content when using a screen reader

Feedback and contact information

If you need information on this website in a different format like accessible PDF, large print, easy read, audio recording or braille please contact:

- Clerk: Claire Power
- Post: PO Box 6441, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 6FT
- Email: wingparishclerk@gmail.com
- Call: 07415 296793

We will consider your request and respond to you within 5 working days.

Reporting accessibility problems with this website

We are always looking to improve the accessibility of this website. If you find any problems not listed on this page or think we are not meeting accessibility requirements, please contact the Clerk:

Email: wingparishclerk@gmail.com

Call: 07415 296793

Enforcement procedure

The Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) is responsible for enforcing the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018 (the 'accessibility regulations'). If you're not happy with how we respond to your complaint, [contact the Equality Advisory and Support Service \(EASS\)](#).

Technical information about this website's accessibility

Wing Parish Council is committed to making its website accessible, in accordance with the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018.

Compliance status

This website is partially compliant with the [Web Content Accessibility Guidelines version 2.1](#) AA standard, due to the non-compliances and exemptions listed below.

Non-accessible content

The content listed below is non-accessible for the following reasons.

Non-compliance with the accessibility regulations

We will do all we can to identify content that is non-compliant.

- Some images do not have a text alternative, so people using a screen reader cannot access the information. This fails WCAG 2.1 success criterion 1.1.1 (non-text content).

We plan to add text alternatives for all images as soon as possible.

When we publish new content, we will make sure our use of images meets accessibility standards.

- Many of our older PDFs do not meet accessibility standards – for example they may not be structured so they are accessible to a screen reader. This fails WCAG 2.1 success criterion 4.1.2 (name, role value). We plan to replace them with accessible pdf documents as soon as possible.
- There maybe some pages with read more or click here links. See WCAG 2.4 success criterion 4.4 (Link Purpose (In Context)). We plan to amend these links as soon as possible so that they describe their purpose.

Disproportionate burden

Navigation and accessing information

There is no way to skip the repeated content in the page header (for example, a 'skip to main content' option).

It is not always possible to change the device orientation from horizontal to vertical without making it more difficult to view the content.

It is not possible for users to change text size without some of the content overlapping.

Interactive tools and transactions

Some of our interactive forms are difficult to navigate using a keyboard. For example, because some form controls are missing a 'label' tag.

We have assessed the cost of fixing the issues with navigation and accessing information, and with interactive tools and transactions. We believe that doing so now would be a [disproportionate burden](#) within the meaning of the accessibility regulations. Due to the current structure of the website, it appears that the cost of fixing the issues would be greater than creating a new website. This situation is to be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 29th September and the accessibility statement will be updated shortly after providing an update.

Content that is not within the scope of the accessibility regulations

PDFs and other documents

The accessibility regulations [do not require us to fix PDFs or other documents published before 23 September 2018](#) if they're not essential to providing our services. For example, we do not plan to fix meeting agendas or minutes for meetings which were published prior to 23 September 2018.

Any new PDFs or Word documents we publish will meet accessibility standards.

Preparation of this accessibility statement

This statement was prepared on 22nd September 2020. It was last reviewed on 22nd September 2020.

This website was last tested on 22nd September 2020. The test was carried out by the Clerk to Wing Parish Council by using Wave, a Basic Accessibility Test (BAT) application and by sampling a selection of pages and documents on the website using a screen reader.