

## Accessibility statement for Bredfield Parish Council

### Introduction

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This website is run by Bredfield Parish Council. We want as many people as possible to be able to use this website easily, and we have tried to make it accessible for everyone. . For example, that means you may be able to:

- change colours, contrast levels and fonts
- zoom in up to 300% without the text spilling off the screen
- 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
- find information contained in difficult to navigate tables within a text block or other accessible format on the same page

We've also made the website text as simple as possible to understand - if you have difficulty, AbilityNet is a charity that helps disabled people use computers and the internet and can help make your device easier to use. <https://www.abilitynet.org.uk/advice-information>

### How accessible this website is

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

- 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

### What to do if you cannot access parts of this website

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If you need information on this website in a different format such as plain text or accessible PDF, or large print, you can email us at [bredfieldpc@gmail.com](mailto:bredfieldpc@gmail.com). We'll consider your request and get back to you in 10 working days

## Reporting accessibility problems with this website

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We're always looking to improve the accessibility of this website. If you find any problems not listed on this page or think we're not meeting accessibility requirements, contact: bredfieldpc@gmail.com giving the page title and the nature of the problem

## Enforcement procedure

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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

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Bredfield 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. This website is partially compliant with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines version 2.1 AA standard, due to the non-compliances listed below.

## Non accessible content

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

### *Navigation and accessing information*

There's no way to skip the repeated content in the page header (for example, a 'skip to main content' option). This fails WCAG 2.1 success criterion 2.4.1 (bypass blocks). It's not always possible to change the device orientation from horizontal to vertical without making it more difficult to view the content. This fails WCAG 2.1 success criterion 1.3.4 (orientation).

### *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. Our forms are built and hosted through third party software and 'skinned'. This fails WCAG 2.1 success criterion 1.3.1 (information and relationships).

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. We will make another assessment when the supplier contract is up for renewal.

## **Content that's not within the scope of the accessibility regulations**

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### *PDFs and other documents*

Many of our older PDFs and Word documents do not meet accessibility standards – for example, they may not be structured so they're accessible to a screen reader. This does not meet WCAG 2.1 success criterion 4.1.2 . Some of our PDFs and Word documents are essential to providing our services. For example, we have PDFs with information on how users can access our services, and forms published as Word 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. Any new PDFs or Word documents we publish will meet accessibility standards.

## **How we tested this website**

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This website was last tested in September 2021. The test was carried out by ourselves.

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