

Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No.2) Accessibility Regulations 2018

The Regulations came into force on 23 September 2018 and implement the EU Directive on the accessibility of websites and mobile apps of public sector bodies. The purpose is to improve the accessibility of public sector websites (including Parish Council sites) so that they can be used by as many people as possible – this builds on the existing obligations to disabled people under the Equality Act 2010 and the duty to make reasonable adjustments for disabled people.

Accessibility Statement for Bredgar Parish Council Website

This website is run by Bredgar Parish Council. We want as many people as possible to be able to use this website. The website layout and text has been made as simple as possible to understand. Visitors should be able to navigate the website using just a mouse, mouse pointer and keyboard. The government has produced an excellent guide for disabled computer users. This can be found at AbilityNet (<https://mcmw.abilitynet.org.uk/>) It has detailed advice on making your device easier to use. This covers such things as making your screen images and text larger, using a text reader to convert text to sound, using Voice Recognition to control your computer, increasing mouse pointer sizes etc. etc.

Technical Information about this website's accessibility

Bredgar 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 (<https://www.w3.TR.WCAG21/>)AA standard. Following a detailed examination of our website's features against the detailed government checklist we have identified some areas where we are not fully compliant.

- It is not possible to navigate the website purely by keyboard.
- Two missing form label and one contrast error has been identified on our News and Contact pages that appears to be part of our site template. Our developers have been informed.
- ARIA* (see below for definition) markup has not been used.
- Where extra content is shown or hidden on focus, it cannot be dismissed, interacted with (and not disappear when the user moves to it) and does not stay visible until dismissed by the user.

These items have been discussed with our Website designers who are currently working on a rebuild which will incorporate ARIA markup standards and make us fully compliant.

How we tested this website:

The website was tested on 23rd September 2020. The test was carried out by Brian Clarke. We used the WCAG2.1 level AA Primer published by Gov.UK as our checklist with the [WAVE](https://wave.webaim.org/) (web accessibility evaluation tool - <https://wave.webaim.org/>) and manual testing. A copy of the checklist questions and the responses are shown as the end of this statement.

What to do if you cannot access part of this website:

If you need information on this website in a different format like PDF, large print etc. please Contact [The Clerk of Bredgar Parish Council](#).

We will consider your request and get back to you in 10 working days. If you cannot view the map on our 'Contact us' page, please contact bpc.clerk@outlook.com for directions. Reporting accessibility problems with this website.

We are always looking to improve the accessibility of our website. If you find any problems that are not already listed, or you think we are not meeting the accessibility requirements, contact the Parish Clerk (bpc.clerk@outlook.com).

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 are not happy with how we respond to your complaint, contact the Equality Advisory and Support Service (EASS) (<https://www.equalityadvisoryservice.com/>). This statement was prepared on 23rd September 2020 by Brian Clarke.

*** Definition of ARIA:**

WAI-ARIA, the Accessible Rich Internet Applications Suite, defines a way to make Web content and Web applications more accessible to people with disabilities. It especially helps with dynamic content and advanced user interface controls developed with Ajax, HTML, JavaScript, and related technologies. Currently, certain functionality used in Web sites is not available to some users with disabilities, especially people who rely on screen readers and people who cannot use a mouse. WAI-ARIA addresses these accessibility challenges, for example, by defining new ways for functionality to be provided to assistive technology. With WAI-ARIA, developers can make advanced Web applications accessible and usable to people with disabilities.

Website tested on 23rd September 2020 - Checklist

A - Critical

Site is keyboard accessible

All interactions can be accessed with a keyboard - **Yes (see developer note above).**

Site is free of keyboard traps

The keyboard focus is never trapped in a loop – **None Reported by WAVE or by manual testing.**

All form inputs have explicit labels – **Yes – apart from two exceptions on our News / Contacts pages that appear to be part of our site template. Our Website designers have been informed.**

All relevant images use an img tag - **Yes**

All images have alt attributes - **Yes**

Multimedia is tagged

All multimedia has appropriate captioning and audio description – **Not applicable on our site yet.**

Text has sufficient color contrast

All text has a contrast ratio of 4.5:1 with the background – **One contrast issue reported by WAVE on our News page and reported to our Website designers.**

B - Less Critical

Site never loses focus

Focus is always visible when moving through the page with the keyboard – **Yes but there is an issue with pop windows that are caused by the underlying development code software and that could not be corrected by 23/9/2020. Our Software Developers are aware of this issue and will correct it as soon as practicable.**

Tab order is logical – **Yes – validated by Manual check.**

Form instructions are associated with inputs – **Yes – validated by Manual check.**

Site doesn't timeout unexpectedly

Identify elements that may "timeout" and verify that the user can request more time – **None identified**

Tables are coded properly

Tables have proper headers and column attributes – **Site is auto generated ensuring attributes are coded.**

Headings are nested properly

Heading elements are nested in a logical way - **Site is auto generated ensuring attributes are coded**

C - Minor

Frames are named

All frames have a name element -**Site is auto generated ensuring attributes are coded**

Flashing elements are compliant

Elements that flash on screen do so at a rate of less than 3 Hz – **No flashing elements.**

Language is set – **Site is in English only.**

The language for the page is set

The language for sections on the page that differ from the site language are set

CSS is not required to use the page

The page makes sense with or without CSS - **Yes**

Links are unique and contextual

All links can be understood taken alone - **Yes**

Page titles are descriptive - **Yes**

Required plugins are linked on the page – **Not applicable**