

Website Accessibility Statement for Barton Bendish Parish Council

This accessibility statement applies to <https://bartonbendish-pc.gov.uk/>

This website is run by Barton Bendish 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:

- 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).

We've also made the website text as simple as possible to understand.

How accessible is this website?

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

- 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.
- 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 email the Clerk at clerk@bartonbendish-pc.gov.uk.

We'll consider your request and get back to you in ten working days.

Reporting accessibility problems with this website

We're 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 at the email above.

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. 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

Barton Bendish 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 2.2 AA standard.

We know that certain aspects of this website may prevent it from being fully accessible.

Proportionate Response for a Small Council

Given the size and resources of Barton Bendish Parish Council, the approach to addressing web accessibility issues must be proportionate. While we are committed to improving accessibility in compliance with the relevant regulations, the limited capacity means that immediate rectification of all identified issues may not be feasible. Therefore, we focus on making reasonable adjustments within our means, prioritising essential areas that will enhance accessibility for our community while managing our available resources effectively. This approach is compliant with the principles outlined in the **Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018**, which recognise the need for proportional responses based on available resources.

PDFs and other documents

Some of our PDFs and other documents are essential to providing our services. By September 2020, we plan to fix these where possible or replace them with accessible HTML pages. The accessibility regulations do not require us to fix PDFs or other documents published before 23 September 2018 if they are not essential to providing our services. For example, we do not plan to fix financial documents that are scanned images and cannot be read by a screen reader. Any new PDFs or Word documents we publish will meet accessibility standards.

Preparation of this accessibility statement

This statement was prepared on 9th October 2024. This website was last tested on 9th October 2024. The test was carried out by Barton Bendish Parish Council using the WAVE Web Accessibility Tool.

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