

## Website Accessibility Statement for Hatherton and Walgherton Parish Council

### Technical Information about this website's accessibility

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

We strive to ensure that our services are accessible to everyone. We have invested a significant amount of resources to help ensure that our website is easy to use and more accessible for people with disabilities, because we have a strong belief that every person has the right to live with dignity, equality, comfort and independence.

AbilityNet ([mcmw.abilitynet.org.uk](http://mcmw.abilitynet.org.uk)) has advice on making your device easier to use if you have a disability.

### Measures to support accessibility

The Council takes the following measures to ensure accessibility of the Council website:

- The Council undertakes assessments of the website using Accessibility Insights, ACHECKER, Lighthouse and WebAIM Wave on a quarterly basis and whenever a new page is added;
- The Council has added an Accessibility widget to the website. This is shown in the bottom centre of the screen and has been developed by Userway.org. By selecting the icon, this opens a menu which provides a range of accessibility options;
- The Council has designed the website with accessibility in mind;
- All documents uploaded are checked to be ‘PDF/A compliant’ and are converted if not compliant.

Tools used:

1. Accessibility Insights: <https://aka.ms/accessibilityinsights> (extension to Google Chrome)
2. ACHECKER: <https://achecker.ca/checker/index.php> (webpage run on Mozilla Firefox)
3. Lighthouse: <https://github.com/Vigasaurus/Lighthouse-Report-Generator> (extension to Mozilla Firefox)
4. WebAIM Wave: <https://addons.mozilla.org/en-GB/firefox/addon/wave-accessibility-tool/> (extension to Mozilla Firefox)

### Compliance status

The Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) ([www.w3.org/WAI/standards-guidelines/wcag/](http://www.w3.org/WAI/standards-guidelines/wcag/)) defines requirements for designers and developers to improve accessibility for people with disabilities. It defines three levels of conformance: Level A, Level AA, and Level AAA. The Council website has been tested against WCAG 2.1 level AA

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using ACHECKER and all “known problems” have been resolved. “Potential problems” listed by ACHECKER have been checked and resolved where required. Using Lighthouse provided a 100% accessibility compliance score and Webaim Wave showed no errors.

### Feedback

We welcome your feedback on the accessibility of the Council website. Please let us know if you encounter accessibility barriers on the Council website:

- E-mail via [\\_handwpc@gmail.com](mailto:_handwpc@gmail.com) (Parish Clerk)
- Email via [webmaster@dibben.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@dibben.org.uk) (Webmaster – provisional address)
- Telephone – 07949 499146

### Compatibility with browsers and assistive technology

The Council website is designed to be compatible with the following assistive technologies:

- Mobile Phones
- PC Computers (**Mac computers untested at present**)
- All Tablet devices
- All known Browsers
- Screen Readers

On smaller screens, text and pictures may rearrange but the full text should be readable without scrolling left or right.

The website has been tested on Firefox, Chrome, Safari, Internet Explorer (10 and 11) and Microsoft Edge.

### Technical specifications

Accessibility of the Council website relies on the following technologies to work with the particular combination of web browser and any assistive technologies or plugins installed on your computer:

- HTML
- CSS
- PHP
- Mysqli
- JavaScript

These technologies are relied upon for conformance with the accessibility standards used and we cannot guarantee that the site will work fully on older versions of assistive technology

## Non-Accessible Content

Despite our best efforts to ensure accessibility of the Council website, there may be some limitations. Below is a description of known limitations, and potential solutions. Please contact us if you observe an issue not listed below.

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

- Some externally supplied, interactive PDFs may not be fully compliant. We have no control over these documents.
- WCAG 1.3.2 – CSS positioning
- Use of mouse controls on the main menu leads to warnings on Wave but these are overridden by appropriate keyboard alternatives.

## Disproportionate burden

At the present time, we have not identified any specific issues that would be of disproportionate burden.

## Content not within the Scope of the accessibility regulations

The following are currently exempt from the Accessibility regulations

- pre-recorded audio and video published before 23 September 2020
- live audio and video
- heritage collections like scanned manuscripts
- PDFs or other documents published before 23 September 2018 – unless needed to use a service.
- maps – information that may be available in address format
- third party content under someone else's control
- content on intranets or extranets published before 23 September 2019
- archived websites if not needed for services and they are not updated

## Assessment Approach

The Council assessed the accessibility of the website by self-evaluation using the following tools:

- Google Chrome Accessibility Insights
- Lighthouse tools on Firefox
- WebAIM Wave on Firefox
- ACHECKER

## Preparation of this accessibility statement

This statement was prepared on 21 January, 2021. It was last reviewed on 221 January, 2021. This website was last tested on 22 January, 2021. The test was carried out by the Webmaster.

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Enforcement procedure– The Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) is responsible for enforcing the Public Sector Bodies (websites and Mobile Applications) (No2) 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).

Councillor Nigel Dibben

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