

The Parish Council of Little Harrowden



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Accessibility Statement

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Signed:

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Position:

Date:

Accessibility Statement

Little Harrowden 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 accessibility statement applies to the Little Harrowden Parish Council website and the content published on it.
www.littleharrowdenparishcouncil.gov.uk

The website is provided by Parish Online Websites on behalf of Little Harrowden Parish Council. We want as many people as possible to be able to use our website. This means that, where possible, users should be able to:

- change colours, contrast levels and fonts using browser or device settings;
- zoom in up to 400% without text spilling off the screen;
- navigate most of the website using only a keyboard;
- navigate most of the website using speech recognition software; and
- use most of the website with a screen reader, including commonly used screen readers such as JAWS, NVDA and VoiceOver.

We aim to use clear language and structure our website and documents so that they are as easy as possible to understand and navigate.

Compliance status

The website has been tested against the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.2 AA standard.

The Council's website is partially compliant with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines version 2.2 AA standard, due to the non-compliances and exemptions listed below.

Technical information about this website's accessibility

Little Harrowden 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.

The website platform is provided and maintained by Parish Online Websites. Accessibility of the website also depends upon the content and documents uploaded and maintained by Little Harrowden Parish Council.

The Council therefore seeks to ensure that new website content and documents are created and published in an accessible format wherever reasonably practicable.

How the website is tested

The website provider advises that its website platform is regularly tested against WCAG 2.2 AA requirements using accessibility testing tools including Lighthouse and Axe.

The Council also reviews the accessibility of the content for which it is responsible and will address identified accessibility issues where reasonably practicable. Automated testing can identify many accessibility issues but cannot, by itself, guarantee that all website content is fully accessible.

What we are doing to improve accessibility

Little Harrowden Parish Council will:

- aim to create new documents and website content in accessible formats;
- use clear headings and document structures;
- provide alternative text for relevant images where appropriate;
- consider accessibility when creating tables, links and other website content;
- review older documents that need to be substantially updated or are required for an active administrative process;
- respond to requests for accessible alternative formats; and
- review this accessibility statement at least annually and following any substantial revision of the website.

Non-accessible content

Although the website platform has been designed to meet WCAG 2.2 AA requirements, some content published by the Council may not be fully accessible which may include older/historic documents including the following:

- some older PDF and other document attachments which are not fully accessible to screen-reader software;
- some older documents which do not have correctly structured headings, tables or reading order;
- some older documents or images which may not have sufficient colour contrast;
- some older images which may not have suitable alternative text or image descriptions; and
- some historic documents which were not originally created in an accessible format.

The Council is working to ensure that new content and documents are produced in accessible formats wherever reasonably possible.

Content that is outside the scope of the accessibility regulations

Some older documents may be exempt from the accessibility regulations where they were published before 23 September 2018 and are not needed for active administrative processes.

The Council may also publish third-party content which is neither funded nor developed by the Council and is not under its control. Such content may be outside the scope of the accessibility regulations.

Where an inaccessible document or item is required to access or understand an active Council service or process, please contact the Clerk so that an accessible alternative can be considered.

Feedback and contact information

If you need information from the website in a different format, please contact the Clerk:

Email: clerk@littleharrowdenparishcouncil.gov.uk

Telephone: 07942 292479

You can also use the [Contact Us](#) form on the Council's website.

You may, for example, request information as:

- an accessible PDF or Word document;
- large print;
- an alternative electronic format; or
- another reasonably accessible format appropriate to your needs.

Please tell us which information you require, where it appears on the website and, where applicable, the format in which you would prefer to receive it. Please also ensure you have provided us with the contact details to send the required information. We will consider your request and aim to respond within **10 working days**.

Reporting accessibility problems

If you find any problems not listed in this statement or think that we are not meeting accessibility requirements, please contact the Clerk using the details above. The Council will consider reported accessibility issues and, where reasonably practicable, take appropriate action to correct them.

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 query or complaint, contact the Equality Advisory and Support Service (EASS).

Preparation of this accessibility statement

This statement was prepared on 31.08.26 will be reviewed at least once annually and following any substantial revision to the website. The Accessibility Statement will also be published as an accessible HTML webpage as well as a downloadable PDF document.

The website platform is tested by Parish Online Websites against WCAG 2.2 AA requirements. Little Harrowden Parish Council recommends that an evaluation of the website is carried out and the statement updated following all substantial revisions of the website.

Little Harrowden Parish Council is responsible for reviewing the accessibility of the documents and other content that it publishes on the website.

