

Accessibility statement for www.edaleparishcouncil.org.uk

This accessibility statement applies to the website of Edale Parish Council only.

This website is run by Edale 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:

- zoom in up to 300% without the text spilling off the screen
- navigate most of the website using just a keyboard
- listen to most of the website using a screen reader

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

[AbilityNet](#) has advice on making your device easier to use if you have a disability.

How accessible this website is

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

- the text may not reflow in a single column when you change the size of the browser window
- you may not be able to 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
- scanned PDF documents are not available using a screen reader
- you cannot skip forward on PDF documents
- There are no instructions indicating a pdf file link exists
- You may not always be able to tell where you are on a page when using keyboard only

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:

- email the Clerk at edaleparishcouncil@gmail.com

The Council will consider your request and get back to you following the next Parish Council Meeting which should be no more than [35] days. The exception to this is the month of August, when the Clerk is on annual leave, in which case the matter will be deferred to the September meeting.

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're not meeting accessibility requirements, contact the Clerk at edaleparishcouncil@gmail.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'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

Edale 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.

It uses WordPress to maintain and publish. PDF documents are produced by using Microsoft Print to PDF or the use of a scanner.

This site has not been tested using mobile or tablet devices

Compliance status

This website is partially compliant with the [Web Content Accessibility Guidelines version 2.1](#) AA standard, due to the non-compliances and exemptions listed below.

Non-accessible content

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

- Scanned PDF documents.
- Documents containing tables.
- Documents containing images

Scanned PDF documents are produced as images and therefore not compatible with screen reading software.

Some documents contain tables which are not compatible with screen reading software.

Notable documents in the section are Annual Governance and Accountability Returns (AGAR). These documents contain tables and tick boxes which, if not included by the screen reader, loses the context of the document.

A few documents contain images/maps which are not compatible with screen reading software.

Non-compliance with the accessibility regulations

Some documents contain images that do not have a text alternative, so people using a screen reader cannot access the information. This fails WCAG 2.1 success criterion 1.1.1 (non-text content).

There are no instructions indicating a pdf file link exists

Disproportionate burden

A lot of the information on this site is in the form of PDF documents. These documents are created using Microsoft Office “Microsoft print to PDF” facility. To change this method of document creation would be a [disproportionate burden](#) within the meaning of the accessibility regulations. Further assessment will be made each year that this accessibility statement is reviewed, or when the supplier software is upgraded.

Navigation and accessing information

It’s not always possible to change the device orientation from horizontal to vertical without making it more difficult to view the content.

It’s not always possible for users to change text size without some of the content overlapping.

There are no instructions indicating a pdf file link exists

Interactive tools and transactions

We do not use interactive tools and transactions

Content that’s not within the scope of the accessibility regulations

PDFs and other 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.

Live video

We do not use live video streams.

What we're doing to improve accessibility

We are continuously monitoring our web site and the documentation we produce and will review and improve the accessibility as appropriate.

Third party software will be regularly assessed for accessibility compliance and implemented as appropriate.

In 2020/2021 Links will be review and associated text and instructions made clearer.

Future pdf documents created from Microsoft office to be

- 1) Tested using – Review/Check Accessibility
- 2) Saved as pdf selecting, within options
 - a. “Document structure tags for accessibility”
 - b. “PDF/A Compliant”

Existing minutes created after 23 September 2018 will be regenerated as above

Preparation of this accessibility statement

This statement was prepared on 8th July 2020.

It was last reviewed on 8th July 2020.

This website was last tested on 8th July 2020.

The test was carried out by Edale Parish Council.

We used this approach to deciding on a sample of pages to test:

Selection of the “Home” page and the “Minutes and Agendas” page as they are the most frequently accessed and contain the widest variety of methods of publication