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WEBSITE ACCESSIBILITY

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Website Accessibility Statement for Deddington Parish Council

Technical Information about this website's accessibility

Deddington 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 are continually improving the user experience for everyone and applying the relevant accessibility standards.

Measures to support accessibility

The website must be:

- Perceivable – so people can hear or see the content
- Operable – so that people can use the computer by typing or by voice
- Understandable – so people get clear simple language
- Robust – so people can use different types of assisted technology

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

- Regular reviews of the website are undertaken
- Critical recommendations are acted upon and a solution found

Compliance status

The Web Content Accessibility 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 is partially conformant with WCAG 2.1 level AA. Partially conformant means that some parts of the content do not fully conform to the accessibility standard (detailed below).~~

The Council website is conformant with WCAG 2.1 level AA apart from the points listed under ‘Non-Accessible Content’ below. These are deemed acceptable limitations.

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:

- Phone: 01869 337447
- Email via deddingtonparishcouncil@googlmail.com
- Postal address: Parish Office, Windmill Centre, Hempton Road, Deddington, Oxon OX15 0QH

We try to respond to feedback within 7 business days.

Compatibility with browsers and assistive technology

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

- Mobile phones
- PC and Mac computers
- Tablet devices
- Known browsers
- Screen readers

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 plug-ins installed on your computer:

- HTML
- CSS
- 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.

Non-compliance with the accessibility regulations

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

- Some older PDFs may not comply.
- Some externally supplied interactive PDFs may not be fully compliant. We have no control over these documents.

Basic or detailed check

It is recognised that some organisations will not have the expertise to do a detailed check themselves and paying a third party would place a 'disproportionate burden' on them. This means a burden or cost that is too much for the organisation to reasonably bear. DPC's website has been subject to a basic check.

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 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 the following approaches:

- Self-evaluation
- Recognised web accessibility checker app (Chrome Lighthouse)

Preparation of this accessibility statement

This statement was prepared on 1 September 2020. It was last reviewed and tested on 20 March 2024. The test was carried out by Cllr Mary Robinson.

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 make a complaint and are not happy with how we respond to your complaint, contact the Equality Advisory and Support Service (EASS) on 0808 800 0082 or FREEPOST EASS HELPLINE FPN6521.