

# Accessibility statement for Blawith & Subberthwaite Parish Council

This accessibility statement applies to [www.bspc.btck.co.uk](http://www.bspc.btck.co.uk)

This website is run by Blawith & Subberthwaite 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.

[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 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
- some of our online forms are difficult to navigate using just a keyboard
- 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:

- email: [blawithclerk@gmail.com](mailto:blawithclerk@gmail.com)
- call: 01229 861646

We'll look at your request and get back to you in 7 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're not meeting accessibility requirements, contact us as per the details 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 (the 'accessibility regulations'). If you're not happy with how we respond to your complaint, [contact the Equality Advisory and Support Service \(EASS\)](#).

[Note: if your organisation is based in Northern Ireland, refer users who want to complain to the Equalities Commission for Northern Ireland (ECNI) instead of the EASS and EHRC.]

## **Contacting us by phone or visiting us in person**

We provide a text relay service for people who are D/deaf, hearing impaired or have a speech impediment.

Our offices have audio induction loops, or if you contact us before your visit we can arrange a British Sign Language (BSL) interpreter.

Find out how to contact us [add link to contact details page].

## **Technical information about this website's accessibility**

Blawith & Subberthwaite 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 2.1](#) AA standard.

### **Non-accessible content**

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

Archive PDF's produced before compliance date of 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2020

### **Non-compliance with the accessibility regulations**

- accessibility problems
  - scanned pdfs are not accessible
  - Images require a descriptive element

### **Disproportionate burden**

#### **Navigation and accessing information**

There's no way to skip the repeated content in the page header (for example, a 'skip to main content' option).

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 possible for users to change text size without some of the content overlapping.

#### **Interactive tools and transactions**

Some of our interactive forms are difficult to navigate using a keyboard. For example, because some form controls are missing a 'label' tag.

Our forms are built and hosted through third party software and ‘skinned’ to look like our website.

We’ve assessed the cost of fixing the issues with navigation and accessing information, and with interactive tools and transactions. We believe that doing so now would be a [disproportionate burden](#) within the meaning of the accessibility regulations. We will make another assessment when the supplier contract is up for renewal, likely to be in 12 months.

### **PDFs and other documents**

Some of our PDFs and Word documents are essential to providing our services. For example, we have PDFs with information on how users can access our services, and forms published as Word 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. For example, we do not plan to fix [example of non-essential document].

Any new PDFs or Word documents we publish will meet accessibility standards.

## **What we’re doing to improve accessibility**

We are assessing website accessibility and changing content to meet the requirements.

## **Preparation of this accessibility statement**

This statement was prepared on 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2020. It was last reviewed on 14th September, 2020

This website was last tested on 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2020. The test was carried out by Blawith & Subberthwaite Parish Council