

Accessibility statement for the website of [Stanwick Parish Council](#)

This website is run by Stanwick 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:

- Increase, decrease or reset font sizes
- zoom in up to 300% without the text spilling off the screen
- navigate most of the website using just a keyboard
- change contrast colours based upon W3C standards and reset as needed
- navigate most of the website using speech recognition software where you have this type of software on your device
- listen to most of the website using a screen reader (including the most recent versions of JAWS, NVDA and VoiceOver) where you have this type of software on your device

We've also made the website text as simple as possible to understand. We have commissioned a new website to make information about the Parish Council more accessible. This website became available in March 2020.

[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 may not be fully accessible to screen reader software
- you cannot skip to the main content when using a screen reader
- there's a limit to how far you can magnify the map on our 'contact us' page

What to do if you cannot access parts of this website

If you need information on this website in a different format

- email clerk.stanwickpc@outlook.com
- call 01933 625616

We'll consider your request and get back to you in 5 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:

Ms J Hodgson Clerk to the Council

Email clerk.stanwickpc@outlook.com

Call 01933 625616

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 \(EASS\)](#).

Contacting us by phone or visiting us in person

Find out how to contact us on this website by using the [contact page](#)

Technical information about this website's accessibility

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

Non accessible content

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

Non-compliance with the accessibility regulations

Some images 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).

Our web host does not allow for text alternatives on the gallery slide show.

When we publish new content we'll make sure our use of images meets accessibility standards.

Third party content that is under somebody else's control is exempt from the accessibility regulations. On our website this will include documents such as the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, newsletters and other information or documents prepared by another organisations that we are either legally required to display or that we choose to include on our website to share information with the wider public.

Disproportionate burden

The Parish Council does not provide any services specifically for disabled users for example, 'apply for Blue Badges', and does not provide any services that enable individuals to participate in society, like 'register to vote' or 'find a job'.

The Parish Council has made an assessment and determined that it would be a disproportionate burden to ‘fix’ the following non-compliance issues.

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). This fails WCAG 2.1 success criterion 2.4.1 (bypass blocks).

Interactive tools and transactions

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.

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

PDFs and other documents

Many of our older PDFs and Word documents do not meet accessibility standards - for example, they may not be structured so they’re accessible to a screen reader. This does not meet WCAG 2.1 success criterion 4.1.2.

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 for downloading and completing as necessary. By September 2020, we plan to ensure that our documents are accessible.

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 historical copies of Minutes, agendas and other meeting papers, accounting documents and documents created by other organisations that are shared on our website for public information.

Any new PDFs or Word documents we publish that the Parish Council has created will meet accessibility standards.

How we tested this website

This website was last tested on 31st March 2020. The test was carried out by ourselves.

We tested:

- our main website platform namely, <https://www.stanwickparishcouncil.org.uk>

This statement was prepared on 01/06/2020. It was last updated on [it has not yet been updated].

This statement will be reviewed annually

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