

# **Accessibility Statement for the Brampton Ash Parish Council Website**

## **This is an accessibility statement from Brampton Ash Parish Council.**

### **Conformance 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 conformity: Level A, Level AA, and Level AAA. The Brampton Ash Parish Council website partially conforms with WCAG 2.2 level AA. This means that some parts of the content do not yet fully conform to the accessibility standard.

### **Feedback**

We welcome your feedback on the accessibility of the Brampton Ash Parish Council website.

Please let us know if you encounter accessibility barriers on the Brampton Ash Parish Council website:

- E-mail: [clerk@bramptonashparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@bramptonashparishcouncil.gov.uk)
- Telephone: 01536 771470
- Postal address: 21 Springfield Road, Wilbarston LE16 8QR

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### **Date**

This statement was created on 2 July 2025 using the [W3C Accessibility Statement Generator Tool](#).

Brampton Ash parish council is committed to ensuring digital accessibility for people with disabilities. We strive to apply the relevant accessibility standards. We endeavour to improve the user experience for everyone. We want our website to be as accessible as possible to everyone.

For example, 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 Voice Over)

We have tried to make the website text as simple as possible to understand.

AbilityNet has advice on making your device easier to use if you have a disability.

<https://mcmw.abilitynet.org.uk/>

Another source of helpful advice is:

<https://www.capitalone.co.uk/support/accessibility>

### **Our website's accessibility:**

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

- 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
- Many older PDF documents are not fully accessible to screen reader software
- It should be noted that some PDFs or other documents published before 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 are outside of the scope of the regulations
- Our online enquiry form may be difficult to navigate using just a keyboard
- Some parts of the homepage and some headings do not have a strong enough colour contrast

## **What to do if you cannot access parts of this website**

If you need information on this website in a different format like accessible PDF please contact the clerk.

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## **The Equality and Human Rights Commission**

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').

We are 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, please contact the Clerk: Elizabeth Evans

[clerk@bramptonashparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@bramptonashparishcouncil.gov.uk)

We will consider your request and get back to you as soon as possible.

If you are not happy with how we respond to your feedback or complaint you should contact the Equality Advisory and Support Service (EASS).

<https://www.equalityadvisoryservice.com/>

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

Brampton Ash 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 Brampton Ash Parish Council website partially conforms with WCAG 2.2 level AA. This means that some parts of the content do not yet fully conform to the accessibility standard.

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

Some images may not have a text alternative, in which case some people using a screen reader cannot access the information. This fails WCAG 2.1 success criterion

1.1.1 (non-text content). We plan to add text alternatives when we publish new content and aim to ensure our use of images meets accessibility standards.

### **Navigation and accessing information**

It is not always possible to change the device orientation from horizontal to vertical without making it more difficult to view the content. This fails WCAG 2.1 success criterion 1.3.4 (orientation). It is not possible for users to change text size without some of the content overlapping. This fails WCAG 2.1 success criterion 1.4.4 (resize text). Legacy Coding issues within the creation of some pages means that some speech readers may have difficulty describing the text. We hope to be able to resolve this issue over time.

### **Interactive tools and transactions**

Our interactive contact form may be difficult to navigate using a keyboard. For example, because some form controls are missing a 'label' tag.

### **Disproportionate burden: Section 6, Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (2) Accessibility Regulations 2028**

Practitioners Guide 2025 (Smaller Authorities Proper Practices Panel) Section 5, item 5.123. Website accessibility states:

'Where a smaller authority is subject to the requirements of website accessibility it does not have to buy a new website to comply with Accessibility law if it places a disproportionate burden on the authority. At a minimum all authorities' website must include an accessibility statement on their website and keep it under regular review. This statement should include reasons for not meeting accessibility requirements, ways to source alternative copies of non-accessible documents and a point of contact.' <https://www.nalc.gov.uk/resource/practitioners-guide-2025.html>

We have 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 for the following reasons:

- Cost of making the website accessible:

Brampton Ash parish has 33 precepted properties for its 59 residents. The cost of making the website fully accessible would be far in excess of the annual precept, as we would need to engage a website professional to amend and monitor the website.

- People needed to resolve the issue:

As stated above, we would need to engage a professional and the cost of doing so is not sustainable.

- Benefit to users with disabilities:

Of the 59 electors resident in Brampton Ash (April 2025), only a very few are known to have, or are likely to have, disabilities. Within our small community, communication is largely by word-of-mouth and the very small minority of disabled residents are usually kept informed by their friends and neighbours. We believe, therefore, that the cost of making the website more accessible to disabled parishioners would significantly outweigh the benefits.

- How often the product is used:

Website tracking indicates that the website is very rarely used by anyone other than the Clerk and Councillors.

- How long people spend interacting with it:

This is unknown but, in view of the above answer, it is highly likely to be very little. We will review this in the future.

## **How we tested this website**

This website was tested in July 2025, using the [W3C Accessibility Statement Generator Tool](#).

The website will be tested annually. We will aim to improve accessibility for our users.

- We will continue to test all our content using our approval process.
- We will test any new templates, layouts and functions.
- We will act on, and respond to, all feedback we receive about issues encountered when using the website.

This statement was prepared and adopted Brampton Ash parish council on 28th July 2025, minute no 22/25-26