

# HARTINGTON NETHER QUARTER PARISH COUNCIL ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

This website is run by Hartington Nether Quarter Parish Council. We want as many people as possible to be able to use this website. For example, that means that you should be able to:

- Navigate most of the website just using a keyboard
- We've also made the website text as simple as possible to understand.

## **How accessible is this website**

The majority of the documents have headers, making the navigation of documents easy to use and to find a specific item within our documents.

However, we know at the moment, that the website might not be fully accessible via speech recognition software.

## **What to do if you can't access part of this website**

If you need information off the website in a different format to what we provide, please e-mail the clerk via the website. We'll consider your request and get back to you as soon as possible (pending holiday leave by the Clerk).

## **Reporting accessibility problems with the website**

We're always looking to improve the accessibility of this website. If you find any problems or think we're not meeting accessibility requirements, contact the Clerk via e-mail and the matter will be discussed and investigated with the website provider.

## **Enforcement procedure**

The Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) is responsible for enforcing the Public Sector Bodies (Website and Mobile Applications) (NO. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018 (the 'accessibility regulations'). If you're not happy how we respond to your complaint, contact the Equality Advisory and Support Service (EASS) (<https://www.equalityadvisoryservice.com/>).

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

Unfortunately, we do not provide a text relay service for people who are deaf, hearing impaired or have a speech impediment; however, Biggin Village Hall has been fitted with an audio induction loop.

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

Hartington Nether Quarter Parish Council is committed to making its website accessible, in accordance with the Public Sector Bodies (Website and Mobile Applications) (NO. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018.

This website is partially compliant with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines version 2.1 (<https://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG21/>) AA standard, due to the non-compliance listed below.

## **Non accessible content**

- There is no text alternative for images – so this information is not available to people using a screen reader. This doesn't meet WCAG 2.1 success criterion 1.1.1 (non-text content). We plan to further consider the images, by marking them 'decorative' and therefore exempt from any audio description.

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- Site is navigable via use of keyboard only. This does not meet criterion 2.1.1.: Keyboard. We will discuss matters with the website provider for further guidance.

Changes to this statement will be made regularly as we strive to ensure as much accessibility as possible. Disproportionate burden will be considered in exceptional cases for the near future but may not mean forever.

Some archive documents are not available on the website but can be obtained by contacting the Clerk.

### **How we test this website**

This website will continue to be tested from March 2020. The tests will be carried out by the website provider (Webicious) and Clerk to the council (Mrs S Hampson).

We use the recommended GOV.UK guidance (doing a basic accessibility check if you cannot do a detailed one) approach to deciding on a sample of pages to test; pages were chosen at random all found to be compliant on our website; [www.hartingtonnetherquarterparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.hartingtonnetherquarterparishcouncil.co.uk)

### **Information regarding accessibility from the website provider (webicious.uk)**

We are committed to providing a website that is accessible to the widest possible audience, regardless of technology or ability.

We are actively working to increase the accessibility and usability of our websites and in doing so adhere to many of the available standards and guidelines.

This section explains how we ensure that our website is usable and accessible to all users. This includes meeting or surpassing the W3C's Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG), level AA. These guidelines explain how to make web content more accessible for people with disabilities. Conformance with these guidelines will help make the web more user friendly for all people.

This site has been built using code compliant with W3C standards for HTML and CSS. The site displays correctly in current browsers and using standards compliant HTML/CSS code means any future browsers will also display it correctly.

This site should be compatible with all standard assistive software, including the screen readers NonVisual Desktop Access (NVDA) and JAWS, as well as Browsealoud.

This accessibility statement applies only to this website. It does not cover any other site that we link to from this website.

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