

Accessibility Statement for Newton on the Moor and Swarland Parish Council

Using this website

This website is run by Swarland and Newton on the Moor 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

We've also tried to make the website text as simple as possible to understand.

www.abilitynet.org.uk has advice on making your device easier to use if you have a disability.

How accessible this website is

We know some parts of our website are not fully accessible –

- You can't modify the line height or spacing of the text
- It's not possible to zoom to 300%
- There are some issues with colour contrast
- Some older pdf's may not be fully accessible to screen reader software.

What to do if you can't access parts of this website

If you need information on this website in a different format, please contact e mail janandersonpc@gmail.com or call 07775 060430.

Reporting problems with this 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, please e mail janandersonpc@gmail.com or call 07775 060430.

Enforcement procedure

The Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) is responsible for enforcing the accessibility regulations. If you're not happy with how we respond to your complaint, please contact the Equality Advisory and Support Service (EASS). <https://www.equalityadvisoryservice.com/app/home>

Technical information about this website's accessibility

Swarland and Newton on the Moor 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 –

- Many of our older pdf's and Word documents don't meet accessibility standards – for example, they may not be structured so they're accessible to a screen reader. The accessibility regulations don't require us to fix pdf's or other documents published before 23rd September 2018 if they're not essential to providing our services.
- It is not possible to zoom to 300% as required.
- There are some parts of the website where it is difficult to 'tab' through because of the colour contrast.
- A small number of images do not currently have Alt Txt.
- There are a small number of fields that are missing a label.

How we tested this website

This website was first tested in February 2020. Our approach was to test the majority of pages against the basic guidance published by the Government Digital Service in August 2019.

We tested our main website platform only; no other linked websites, linked organisations or social media channels were tested.

All testing was done using free resources such as browser speech services.

The Parish Council took the view that the use of an external agency to assess the website and offer recommendations to achieve AAA status was cost prohibitive and a disproportionate burden on our Parish Council budget.

What we're doing to improve accessibility

We will be working with our website hosting and support agency to address the issues that have been identified through testing and will update this Accessibility Statement in 2021.

