

Barwick in Elmet and Scholes Parish Council Website Accessibility Statement

Barwick in Elmet and Scholes Parish Council is committed to providing a website that is accessible to the widest possible audience, regardless of technology or ability.

We continue to ensure our pages comply with the rules¹

We have created a new website which retains much of the content of the previous site but which is better for those who experience difficulties with sites which don't obey the rules.

We acknowledge that this is a work in progress and, in order to ensure no user is disadvantaged while this work is carried out, Barwick in Elmet and Scholes Parish Council intends to respond to all requests for help in good time.

If there is anything which cannot be read, then please email the Clerk, clerk@barwickandscholespc.org who will provide the information requested in a different format wherever possible. Please bear in mind that the Clerk works part time, it would help if any request for information uses the subject title "Accessibility Request". If anyone has difficulty in viewing our website content, we welcome feedback and will seek to put right any issues drawn to our attention.

We are committed to;

- Using documents which can be read with text-reading technology wherever possible
- Allowing the option to open documents as a new Window.
- Allowing users to zoom in on a screen
- Allowing the size of the text the user sees on screen to be adjusted.
- Using dark text on a light background as the default setting.
- Avoiding coloured or patterned backgrounds.
- Where images are posted, to provide a text description.
- To allow our website to be viewed regardless of which web browser the user chooses.
- To allow our website to be viewed regardless of whether the user is using a computer, laptop, tablet, ipad, Smartphone or any other device.
- Where possible, we will avoid "Click Here" links to documents and instead, make the link more descriptive of the document to which the link refers.
- If a document cannot be opened in a new window or tab and opening it overwrites the page being viewed, we will reference that information so that users are aware before clicking on the link.
- We are committed to using plain English and to avoiding excessive use of acronyms.

Further, we are committed to having the new website running by the end of 2020.

¹ The AA standard of the W3C Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG).

This Accessibility Statement was adopted by the Parish Council at its annual meeting of 5th May 2021

Version History

Date	Version	Summary of changes
5 th May 2021	2	Replacement of “black text on a white background” with “dark text on a light background”. Also, updated to show the Clerk’s new email address.