

Accessibility statement

This accessibility statement applies to the Holme-next-the-Sea Neighbourhood Plan Website at <https://holmentspc.com>.

The site is operated by Holme-next-the-Sea Parish Council. We want as many people as possible to be able to use the site. Our aim is that by using appropriate tools 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 VoiceOver)

How accessible is this website?

The site is under development as part of a wider programme aimed at improving our services and making sure that our site is as accessible as we can make it is one of our objectives. Web pages on our site aim to comply with the Web Content Accessibility Guidance version 2.1 level AA (WCAG2.1 AA). They are checked using the Siteimprove Accessibility Checker when changes are made.

We know that not all pages meet the full standard but as a part of our ongoing programme we are working to remove as many non-compliances as possible. Areas where we currently know that the site is not compliant include:

- Menu and button focus is present but lacks clarity.
- Link descriptions do not always clearly describe the link destination
- Alt text attributes
- Some PDF and other documents included on the site do not meet the current accessibility standard for PDFs.

Feedback and contact information

We are working as quickly as resources permit to resolve these non-compliances. If you are aware of any deficiencies not listed above it will help our programme if you can report them to our Parish Clerk using the contact details below.

ParishClerk@HolmeNextTheSea-PC.gov.uk

Or by telephone on

01485 525819

The Parish Clerk would also welcome constructive feedback on how this website can be improved or made easier to use and will seek to respond to all communications as quickly as possible. We're always looking to improve the accessibility of this website. If you find any problems not listed in this statement or think we're not meeting accessibility requirements please let us know.

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 make a complaint to the Parish Clerk and you are not happy with how we respond you can contact the Equality Advisory and Support Service (EASS).

Disproportionate burden

Holme-next-the-Sea Parish Council do not consider working towards a fully accessible website on <https://holmentspc.com> as a disproportionate burden within the meaning of the accessibility regulations based on our current approach. However, resolving some outstanding issues more quickly would place pressure on our limited resources and this could become a disproportionate burden or compromise our process of making democratic changes to our governance.

We carry out basic checks of the website as paying for detailed checks would be a disproportionate burden on our organisation.

Preparation of this accessibility statement

This statement was prepared on 1 May 2022. It was last reviewed on 7 May 2026. It is currently under review and update as part of the new Parish Council website implementation process.