

Ballidon and Bradbourne Parish Council – Website Accessibility Statement

Application of this statement

This accessibility statement applies to the website for Ballidon and Bradbourne Parish Council, which can be found at the following address;

<https://bradbourneballidonpc.org.uk/>

This website is maintained by Ballidon and Bradbourne Parish Council, in liaison with our website provider, Town and Parish Council Websites. The Parish Council are responsible for the content on the website, whilst our provider is responsible for its design and functionality. We want as many people as possible to be able to use this website and continue to work with our website provider to ensure compliance. When using our website, you should be able to:

- change colours, contrast levels and fonts using browser or device settings.
- zoom in up to 300% without the text spilling off the screen.
- navigate most of the website using a keyboard or 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 also try to ensure text on our website is as simple as possible to understand.

How accessible this website is

The website is presently partially compliant with existing guidance and will be updated accordingly as new guidance is introduced.

AbilityNet (accessible from <https://mcmw.abilitynet.org.uk/>) also has advice on simplifying device use for those with disabilities.

Reporting accessibility problems with this website

If there are any problems or concerns around accessibility requirements, you may contact the Parish Clerk via email to raise any concerns at the following address; clerk@bradbourneballidonpc.org.uk

You may also contact the Parish Clerk if you need information on the Parish Council website in a different format like accessible PDF, large print, easy read, audio recording or braille.

Any requests received will receive a response within 14 days.

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 are unhappy with how we respond to your complaint, you may contact the Equality Advisory and Support Service (EASS), more information can be found at <https://www.equalityadvisoryservice.com/>

Technical information about this website’s accessibility

Ballidon and Bradbourne 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.

Compliance status

The website has been tested against the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.2 AA standard by our website provider and is presently partially compliant with this due to the exemptions and non-compliances listed below.

Non-accessible content

Some documents such as the Annual Governance Statement and Councillors' Register of Interests forms are not accessible as they have been scanned. They have been published in this way because they are required to be published as a signed document.

Some documents may not be fully accessible, but are based on standard templates/documents provided, for example, by the district council or National Association of Local Councils. Word documents and PDFs of the Parish Councils documentation.

If you find that you are having difficulty reading or accessing any of the resources in the formats they are currently in, you can request copies that are more accessible by emailing:
clerk@bradbournballidonpc.org.uk

Please make sure you state your preferred accessible format and which resource it is you would like to receive and we will get back to you as soon as possible. If you are unsure of your preferred accessible format, please add details of what you need to do with the document in your correspondence.'

Content that is not within the scope of the accessibility regulations

The following types of content are exempt from the accessibility regulations

- PDFs and other documents published before 23rd September 2018
- heritage collections such as scanned manuscripts
- maps
- third party content under someone else's control if not paid for or developed by the Parish Council - for example, external links to District/County Councils.

Many of our older PDFs and Word documents do not meet accessibility standards – for example, they may not be structured so they are accessible to a screen reader. The accessibility regulations do not require us to fix PDFs or other documents published before 23 September 2018 if they are not essential to providing our services.

Any new PDFs or Word documents we publish going forwards will meet accessibility standards.

What we are doing to improve accessibility

Our website is under continual review as new guidance comes into place, and we will continue to monitor our compliance.

This Website Accessibility Statement will be reviewed at least once a year, even if there have not been significant changes to the website.

Preparation of this accessibility statement

This statement was prepared and last reviewed on 2nd March 2026 and will be reviewed annually.