



North Horsham Parish Council

WEB ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

North Horsham Parish Council recognises the importance of providing a website that is accessible to all users and meets accessibility standards. We are committed to making our website accessible to everyone, including blind, partially sighted or hard of hearing visitors who use screen readers or speech recognition. Our aim is to make our website 'perceivable, operable, understandable and robust' for all users as required by 'The Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018.

Using this website:

North Horsham Parish Council manages this website. WordPress is the content management system for the website. WordPress follow web design standards, best practice and aim to achieve the best accessibility as is possible. WordPress continually look to improve accessibility on their systems through a development forum.

The following are examples of what you should be able to do on this website:-

- Change the font size
- 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
- Use a screen reader.

We have made the website text as simple as possible to understand.

AbilityNet has advice on making your device easier to use if you have a disability.

How accessible is this website?

All main pages can be accessed via the navigation bar underneath the main picture. Each heading has a drop-down list of subheadings that, in turn, lead to the public information about North Horsham Parish Council.

We know that some parts of the website aren't fully accessible:

- There is no 'back' button on this website. To return to the previous page, go to the navigation bar and use the drop-down headings.
- The navigation bar disappears when scrolling down the page.
- You can't modify the line height or spacing of text.
- Screen readers haven't been tested on the site, so there may be some issues relating to use of these.
- There's a limit to how far you can magnify the map on our 'about the area' page without losing definition.

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

If you have any questions regarding the accessibility of this site, or if you experience any difficulty in using it, please contact:

The Parish Clerk at parish.clerk@northhorsham-pc.gov.uk

Telephone: 01403 750786

Your request will be considered, and we will get back to you within 15 working days.

Reporting accessibility problems with this website:

We're always looking to improve the accessibility of this website. If you find any problems, that aren't listed or if you think that we're not meeting accessibility requirements, please contact:

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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're not happy with how we respond to your complaint, please contact the Equality Advisory and Support Service (EASS). More details can be obtained from their website:- <https://www.equalityadvisoryservice.com/>

Contacting us by phone or visiting us in person:

Your contact is the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer, Sarah Norman

Post:- Parish Council Office, Roffey Millennium Hall, Crawley Road, Roffey, Horsham RH12 4DT.

E-mail - parish.clerk@northhorsham-pc.gov.uk

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Technical information about this website's accessibility:

North Horsham 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.

The 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-compliances listed below.

- There is no 'back' button on this website. To return to the previous page, go to the navigation bar and use the drop-down headings. – this cannot be fixed as it is a characteristic of the WordPress 'themes'.
- The navigation bar disappears when scrolling down the page.- when the website is next reviewed a 'theme' will be selected that addresses this.

- You can't modify the line height or spacing of text. – this cannot be fixed as it is a characteristic of the pdf. documents that are used. Should technology develop, this will be addressed.
- Screen readers haven't been tested on the site, so there may be some issues relating to use of these. – The Parish Council will make efforts to test this as soon as practicable.
- There's a limit to how far you can magnify the map on our 'about the area' page without losing definition. – This will be reviewed and if possible an alternative map included.

How we tested this website

The website was tested by a working party delegated from the Finance and Administration Committee of North Horsham Parish Council.

This statement was adopted by the Full Council on 9th January 2020 and reviewed on 11th January 2024.

Review date

The Web Accessibility Statement will be reviewed by full Council in January 2026 or sooner should there be a need.