**Upper Denton and Waterhead Parish Councils**

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 (including the most recent versions of JAWS, NVDA and VoiceOver)

We’ve also made the website text as simple as possible to understand.

**How accessible this website is**
We know some parts of this website are not fully accessible:

* most older PDF documents are not fully accessible to screen reader software
* you cannot skip to the main content when using a screen reader

**What to do if you cannot access parts of this website**
If you need information on this website in a different format like accessible PDF, large print, easy read, audio recording or braille, please email upperdentonpc@gmail.com . We’ll consider your request and get back to you within 10 days.

**Reporting accessibility problems with this website**
We’re always looking to improve the accessibility of this website. If you find any problems not listed on this page or think we’re not meeting accessibility requirements, contact Rocket Sites Ltd (matt@rocketsites.co.uk, 01228 808 123).

**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, contact the Equality Advisory and Support Service (EASS).

**Disproportionate burden**

**Navigation and accessing information**
There’s no way to skip the repeated content in the page header (for example, a ‘skip to main content’ option). This fails WCAG 2.1 success criterion 2.4.1.

We’ve assessed the cost of fixing the issues with navigation and accessing information, and with interactive tools and transactions. We believe that doing so now would be a disproportionate burden within the meaning of the accessibility regulations.

**Content that’s not within the scope of the accessibility regulations**
Many of our older PDFs and Word documents do not meet accessibility standards – for example, they may not be structured so they’re accessible to a screen reader. This does not meet WCAG 2.1 success criterion 4.1.2.

The accessibility regulations do not require us to fix PDFs or other documents published before 23 September 2018 if they’re not essential to providing our services.

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

**Preparation of this Accessibility Statement**

This statement was prepared on 23rd September 2020. It will be reviewed on 17th September 2021.

This website was last tested on 17th September 2020. The test was carried out by the Clerk.

## Accessibility statement for www.burtholmeparish.org.uk

This accessibility statement applies to Burtholme Parish Council website.

This website is run by Burtholme 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:

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[AbilityNet](https://mcmw.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 this website are not fully accessible:

* the text will not reflow in a single column when you change the size of the browser window
* you cannot modify the line height or spacing of text
* most older PDF documents are not fully accessible to screen reader software
* you cannot skip to the main content when using a screen reader
* there’s a limit to how far you can magnify the map on our ‘contact us’ page

### Feedback and contact information

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* email **burtholmepc@gmail.com**
* call **016977-3841**

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### Reporting accessibility problems with this website

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### Enforcement procedure

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## Technical information about this website’s accessibility

Burtholme 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

This website is partially compliant with the [Web Content Accessibility Guidelines version 2.1](https://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG21/) AA standard, due to an exemption – it would be disproportionate burden to make it fully accessible. Our website provider has been working on making existing sites compliant with the new Regulations.

## Non-accessible content

[Note: if the website is fully compliant with the WCAG 2.1 AA standard, you can leave the ‘Non-accessible content’ section out.

Otherwise, do not change the ‘Non-accessible content’ heading or the ‘The content listed below is non-accessible for the following reasons’ sentence - they’re legally required.

Do not change the ‘Non-compliance with the accessibility regulations’, ‘Disproportionate burden’ and ‘Content that’s not within the scope of the accessibility regulations’ subheadings: they’re also legally required.

But if you need to list a lot of problems, you can break these subsections up with further subheadings - for example, ‘Navigation and accessing information’ or ‘Interactive tools and transactions’.]

The content listed below is non-accessible for the following reasons.

### Disproportionate burden

We’ve assessed the cost of fixing the issues with navigation and accessing information, and with interactive tools and transactions. We believe that doing so now would be a [disproportionate burden](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2018/952/regulation/7/made) within the meaning of the accessibility regulations. We will make another assessment when the supplier contract is up for renewal.

### Content that’s not within the scope of the accessibility regulations

#### PDFs and other documents

Some of our PDFs and Word documents are essential to providing our services. For example, we have PDFs with information on how users can access our services, and forms published as Word documents. By September 2020, we plan to either fix these or replace them with accessible HTML pages.

The accessibility regulations [do not require us to fix PDFs or other documents published before 23 September 2018](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2018/952/regulation/4/made) if they’re not essential to providing our services

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

## Preparation of this accessibility statement

[Note: the wording about when the statement was prepared is legally required, so do not change it.]

This statement was prepared on 23rd September 2020. It was last reviewed on 17th September 2020.

This website was last tested on 17th September 2020. The test was carried out by the Clerk.

We used this approach to deciding on a sample of pages to test. [