



South Swindon Parish Council

Website Accessibility Statement

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This accessibility statement applies to www.southswindon-pc.gov.uk. This website is run by South Swindon Parish Council. We want as many people as possible to be able to use this website. Users of the website should be able to use the below functions to improve accessibility:

- 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

To assist with the accessibility of the Parish Council's website, the Parish Council has installed the UserWay Accessibility Widget. Located at right of the website, this widget offers a broad selection of functions that users can mix and match to meet their individual accessibility needs. The functions include, but are not limited, to:

- **Keyboard Navigation:** Navigate most of the website using just a keyboard.
- **Contrast:** Change contrast levels. Choose from the following: normal contrast, invert colours, dark contrast, light contrast and desaturate.
- **Highlight Links**
- **Bigger Text:** Choose from four increasing font sizes without the text spilling off the screen.
- **Text Spacing:** Modify line spacing for improved readability for dyslexic and visually impaired users.
- **Pause Animations**
- **Dyslexia Friendly:** converts to more accessible fonts and layout for dyslexic users of the website.
- **Reading Guide:** Converts the cursor into a high contrast horizontal reading guide. Focuses and guides the eyes to reduce eye strain for users who are visually impaired, dyslexic and users with Presbyopia.
- **Tooltips:** Shows alternative text and aria labels for on-screen elements with a simple mouse hover. Tooltips are prominent, high contrast and easy to read for low vision users with accessibility needs.

Reporting accessibility problems with this website:

The Parish Council is always looking to improve the accessibility of this website. If a resident finds any problems not listed in this statement or think the Parish Council is not meeting accessibility requirements, contact:

- The Parish CEO, Jake Mee via email at ceo@southswindon-pc.gov.uk

- Call the Parish Council on 01793 312006
- Via our website contact form: www.southswindon-pc.gov.uk/contact-us

Compliance Status:

This website is partially compliant with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) version 2.1 AA standard due to the non-compliances listed below:

- Older PDF files such as Meeting Minutes and Agendas published before 23rd September 2018.
- Scanned documents posted on the website such as the Annual Governance and Accountability Return.
- Videos.
- Parish Council content stored and produced by third parties or using third party software.

Disproportionate Burden

Nothing is cited as being a disproportionate burden.

Content that's not within the scope of the accessibility regulations:

PDF and Other Documents

Many of our older PDF documents do not meet accessibility standards – for example, they may not be structured so they're accessible to a screen reader. The accessibility regulations do not require the Parish Council to fix PDFs or other documents published before 23rd September 2018 so long as they're not essential to providing our services.

The Parish Council is required, by law, to upload a number of new documents that have been approved and signed. This is done by scanning the document and uploading as a PDF filetype. The nature of a scanned document is not accessible and often Optical Character Recognition (OCR) conversion of the document is not perfect.

What we're doing to improve accessibility:

We will be running regular accessibility checks and ensure that new content added to the website meets accessibility requirements where possible.

Preparation of this accessibility statement

This statement was agreed by the Parish Council on 24.05.2022

An accessibility test will be carried out annually by South Swindon Parish Council (self-evaluation) using the Government accessibility checklist and the Wave Accessibility Evaluation Tool.

Policy Review

This Website Accessibility Statement will be reviewed annually by the Parish Council. Details of the review and/or amendment will be recorded below.

Date	Description	Page Number	Who
May 2024	Issue	All	JM/CEO
May 2025	Annual Review	All	JM/CEO
May 2026	Annual Review	All	MT/GSL