

EDLESBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL <u>Accessibility Statement</u>

Accessibility statement

This statement applies to content published on:

www.edlesborough-pc.gov.uk

As a minimum, you should be able to:

- zoom in up to 400% without problems
- navigate most of the website using just a keyboard
- operate most of the website using a screen reader

We've also tried to make the website text as simple as possible to understand.

For advice on making your device easier to use if you have a disability, visit AbilityNet.

How accessible this website is

<u>Edlesborough-pc.gov.uk</u> is partially compliant with WCAG 2.2 AA standards. However, we are constantly working to improve both our compliance and the experience of our users.

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

- some pages and documents are not clearly written or structured
- some content such as images do not have good text alternatives
- some documents published before 23 September 2018 are not accessible but can be requested in an accessible format.

How accessible our documents are

New documents we publish and documents you need to download or fill in to access one of the services we provide should be fully accessible.

However, we know that some of our older documents are not accessible. For example, some of them:

- are in a PDF format that not all assistive technologies are able to read
- are in an image format (a scan or photocopy, for example) that cannot be understood through a screen reader
- are not tagged up properly for example, they do not contain proper headings
- are not written in plain English.

Feedback and contact information

If you need information on this website in a different format like accessible PDF, large print, easy read, audio recording or braille contact the council via

- email clerk@edlesborough-pc.gov.uk
- call 01525 229358
- write to us or visit us (by appointment) at: Edlesborough Parish Council, 15 Summerleys,
 Edlesborough, LU6 2HR

We will consider your request and get back to you within 20 working days.

Contacting us

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 Edlesborough, LU6 2HR

Reporting accessibility problems with this website

We are 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 the Clerk via clerk@edlesborough-pc.gov.uk or 01525 229358

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 contact us with a complaint and you're not happy with our response contact the Equality Advisory and Support Service (EASS).

Technical Information about this website's accessibility

Edlesborough 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 <u>Web Content Accessibility Guidelines version 2.2</u> AA standard, due to the following issues:

Non-accessible content

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

Non-compliance with the accessibility regulations

PDFs and non-HTML documents

Some documents are not accessible in a number of ways including missing text alternatives and missing document structure.

Issues on Edlesborough-pc.gov.uk

- 1. Text not included in an ARIA landmark
 Landmark roles provide information about page structure and can help assistive technology users
 with in-page navigation. Having text outside of the landmarks will make it more difficult to navigate
 to for some visitors.
- 2. Skip to main content link is missing

The first item reached by keyboard should be a link to the main content of the page. This link should be visible when receiving focus from the keyboard. Updated 02/12/25 as skip to main content link is now working.

Disproportionate burden

Not applicable.

Content that is not within the scope of the accessibility regulations

Documents published before 23 September 2018

Non-HTML documents published before September 2018 do not need to be accessible - unless users need them to use a service.

Third party content

Where we choose to feature third party content or functionality on our website, we are responsible for ensuring it meets accessibility standards. However, we are not responsible for the accessibility of third party platforms or content that is neither funded nor developed by us, or under our control. This includes:

- third party websites that we link to from this website and any of our other digital channels
- social media platforms
- data we supply to national databases
- third party content we are legally required to publish but is not in the control of Edlesborough Parish Council

What we are doing to improve accessibility

How we tested this website

This website was last tested on 18th August 2025.

We tested a sample of pages:

- our main website platform, available at www.edlesborough-pc.gov.uk
- our contact details at www.edlesborough-pc.gov.uk/parish-council/councillors/
- our Council meeting agendas page at www.edlesborough-pc.gov.uk/parish-council/meetings-minutes/

What we are doing to improve accessibility

We plan to improve accessibility on this website by addressing non-compliance issues (where possible). We also run quarterly reports to identify and address accessibility issues.

Preparation of this accessibility statement

This statement was prepared on 18th August 2025.

Signed for and on behalf of Edlesborough Parish Council	
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Signature	
Position	Chair
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