

Pontesbury Parish Council Annual Governance Statement 2025-26

Explanation for No Response to Assertion 10

During the annual internal audit review, it was noted that the parish council website accessibility statement stated the website was partially conformant with WCAG 2.1 level AA.

The Practitioners Guide states that since Oct 2024 'All websites must meet the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.2 AA and the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No.2) Accessibility Regulations 2018 (where applicable).

As a follow up action, the Council has taken steps to ensure that the website is compliant with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.2AA and updated the accessibility statement, however these actions were not completed within the audited year. Fixes completed in April included an update of colours to meet WCAG 2.2, updated fonts, contrast improvements and table header fixes. This website now offers no critical accessibility barriers to prevent users from accessing core content or functionality and is now partially compliant with WCAG 2.2 level A and AA due to the remaining "Needs review" and "Recommendations" items identified in automated testing.

The Council is working to replace the website with a fully compliant website within the current financial year.