



BUILTH WELLS TOWN COUNCIL CYNGOR TREF LLANFAIR-YM-MUALLT

Mayor: Councillor Gwyn Davies
Town Clerk: Louise Hammond

Web Accessibility Statement for Builtth Wells Town Council

Summary

This website was constructed using the “Squarespace” web building platform. Squarespace has ADA compliance and accessibility features coded into many of their templates; in the case of “<https://www.builthwellstowncouncil.org.uk/>” the template being used is “Rover”.

Like all templates, Rover offers responsive design options, resizable text, and multiple colour and structure options to maintain compliance with web accessibility which were implemented during the design and development process of the website.

Quick review

As this website is run by Builtth Wells Town council, we want as many people as possible to be able to access and use the site as possible; the site is partially compliant with Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.1.

>As page titles are very important for orientation, every page title on the site has a title which introduces its purpose and aims to differentiate itself from other pages

WCAG 2.4.2

>Compliant Heading hierarchy/structure was implemented to allow users to quickly navigate between sections

WCAG 2.4

>Correct spacing was used to help identify correct groups of related content

>**PLEASE NOTE:** on some accessibility tools certain links are coming through as “redundant”; these are buttons that are displayed on banners. However, Squarespace does not allow certain HTML attributes to be modified. Where available, “aria-hidden=true” role=”presentation” has been applied to HTML anchor tags.

>Images have been given meaningful “alt” tags to make a distinction between whether an image’s purpose is to convey information, or whether it is purely decorative.

WCAG 1.1

>**PLEASE NOTE:** due to the colour scheme of the site and it’s branding, some evaluation tools have identified contrast errors, but contextual information such as *alt text* has been applied where necessary.

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How this website was tested:

The website was evaluated using three different web accessibility evaluation tools:

- >WAVE (Web Accessibility Evaluation Tool)
- >webaccessibility.com
- >aXe (The Accessibility Engine)

The former of the list are recommended by the *World Wide Web Consortium*, an international community dedicated to developing Web standards; the latter is very highly recommended for accessibility testing.

The website is 74% compliant (according to web accessibility); next to the analysis given by WAVE, the deficit is found with contrast errors, but contextual information such as *alt text* has been applied where necessary and certain colours have been darkened to provide more of a contrast throughout the site.

As well as this, WAVE identified suspicious “alt” text, upon further investigation this was identified as incorrect filename naming conventions, which have since been rectified.

Non-Accessible Features:

Under the “Meetings” page, all of the Minutes and Agendas open externally as PDF’s, which may not be structured to be accessible on a screen reader, which doesn’t meet all the criteria for **WCAG 2.4** .

As well as this, the contrast issues outlined by the evaluation tools may be affecting the **WCAG 1.4** success criterion.

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

If you require information on this website in a different format, for example: Accessible PDF, Large print (Easy read), or you are reporting accessibility problems with the site, or if there are any problems that aren’t listed in this document or you think we’re not reaching the correct accessibility standards, please contact us at:

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