

Accessibility statement for Revitalising Redesdale

This accessibility statement applies to the Revitalising Redesdale service on the revitalisingredesdale.org.uk subdomain.

This website will be managed by Natural England until December 2023.

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 200% without the text spilling off the screen

[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:

- * For people using only a keyboard, on the home page, when entering the social media widgets, it can take a large number of key presses to get out. There are no skip links to bypass this content. The focus highlight is very hard to spot in some areas of the site, such as when navigating through interactive images.
- * People who need larger text size or to zoom in will find that when resizing their browser's text to 200%, several parts of the page may overflow or hide text due to the elements not scaling up alongside the increased font size.
- * People who use screen readers may find that the options to manage cookie preferences may announce content that is not represented visually.

Work is underway to resolve these issues.

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:

* email the Revitalising Redesdale team at info@revitalisingredesdale.org.uk or the Defra Content team at contentteam@defra.gov.uk.

We will consider your request and get back to you in 10 working 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: the Revitalising Redesdale team at info@revitalisingredesdale.org.uk or the Defra Content team at contentteam@defra.gov.uk.

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)](<https://www.equalityadvisoryservice.com/>).

Contacting us by phone or visiting us in person

Please view the Contact Us page on our website for details. Please note that the Revitalising Redesdale team work remotely and in-person visits must be arranged separately.

Technical information about this website's accessibility

Natural England 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 not compliant with the [Web Content Accessibility Guidelines version 2.1](https://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG21/) AA standard, due to 'the non-compliances' listed below.

Non-accessible content

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

Non-compliance with the accessibility regulations

The map page has several instances of missing alternate text, other pages also contain images with missing alternate text. This fails WCAG 2.1 success criterion 1.1.1. Non-text Content (A). People who are blind or have visual disabilities may not be able to perceive the content.

The cookie tool on the homepage may be presenting content that is visually hidden, this is due to the element not correctly using ARIA attributes. This fails WCAG 2.1 success criterion 1.3.1 Info and Relationships (A). People using a screen reader may not be able to understand the context behind the information that they are accessing and may be unable to use the service.

This service has a number of colour contrast issues, for example the contrast between the red text, somewhat transparent container background colour and the photos used in the carousel can be difficult to read. Elsewhere, the colour used for the copy within the Twitter widget does not meet the necessary colour ratio. This fails WCAG 2.1 success criterion 1.4.3 Contrast (Minimum) (AA). People who have visual impairments may encounter difficulty trying to read the content on the website.

When viewing the service using narrow displays, the social media feeds on the homepage clip some of the content, making it difficult to perceive that information. This fails WCAG 2.1 success criterion 1.4.10 Reflow (AA). People with low vision who need enlarged text will have to scroll to see the whole page or will not be able to read it if the text overlaps other text.

There are no bypass blocks to skip recurring content within the social media widgets. This fails WCAG 2.1 success criterion 2.4.1 Bypass Blocks (A). People may not be able

to reach the main content of the service quickly and the lack of bypass blocks may mean numerous keystrokes (or similar actions) to navigate past this repeating content.

What we're doing to improve accessibility

We plan to improve accessibility on this website by addressing the following:

- Missing alternate text.
- Cookie tool error – incorrect use of ARIA attributes.
- Colour contrast issues.
- Clipped social media feeds on homepage.
- Missing bypass blocks to skip content in social media widgets.

Work is underway to resolve these issues.

Preparation of this accessibility statement

This statement was prepared on 30 March 2022 following a quick check of the service which was reviewed on 10 March 2022. This website was last tested on 3 December 2021. The quick check was carried out by the Defra Accessibility Team. We chose a sample of 4 pages to test as examples of the main pages types used and conducted this quick check in order to gain an understanding as to whether the service may contain accessibility issues.

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