# Accessibility statement

Accessibility statement for Stroud Valleys Project website

(https://www.stroudvalleysproject.org/)

This accessibility statement applies to Stroud Valleys Project website and all internal web pages contained therein.

This website is run by Stroud Valleys Project, 8 Threadneedle Street, Stroud, GL5 1AF. 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 300% without the text spilling off the screen
- navigate most of the website using just a keyboard
- navigate most of the website using speech recognition software
- listen to most of the website using a screen reader (including the most recent versions of JAWS, NVDA and VoiceOver)

We have also made the website text as straightforward as possible to enable the best understanding.

AbilityNet 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:

- icons linking to external social media channels do not contain a text alternative
- some links to external sites are difficult to highlight as such (i.e. they may open in a new browser window or tab without warning)

## Feedback and contact information

If you need information on this website in a different format, please let us know your preferred format by:

- email info@stroudvalleysproject.org
- call 01453 753358

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

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## 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 are not meeting accessibility requirements, contact us at info@stroudvalleysproject.org or on 01453 753358.

## 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 are not happy with how we respond to your complaint, <u>contact the Equality Advisory and Support Service (EASS)</u>.

## Contacting us by phone or visiting us in person

Stroud Valleys Project offers close, level access to the building. To discuss any access needs when visiting our site, please contact <u>info@stroudvalleysproject.org</u> or 01453 753358.

## Technical information about this website's accessibility

Stroud Valleys Project is committed to making its website accessible, in accordance with <u>Web Content Accessibility Guidelines version 2.1</u>.

## **Compliance status**

This website is partially compliant with the <u>Web Content Accessibility Guidelines</u> <u>version 2.1</u> 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

Some images do not have a text alternative, so people using a screen reader cannot access the information. This fails WCAG 2.1 success criterion 1.1.1 (non-text content).

We have written to the developer providing the service upon which this website is built (<u>https://www.squarespace.com/</u>) requesting they allow all clients to add text alternatives for all images. When we publish new content, we will make sure our use of images meets accessibility standards.

#### **Disproportionate burden**

#### Navigation and accessing information

There is currently no way to skip the repeated content in the page header (for example, a 'skip to main content' option).

#### Interactive tools and transactions

Our surveys are built and hosted through third party software (Google forms) and 'skinned' to look like our website.

We have assessed the cost of fixing the issues with navigation and accessing information. We believe that doing so now would be a disproportionate burden within the meaning of the accessibility regulations. We will make another assessment when the supplier contract is up for renewal.

Preparation of this accessibility statement This statement was prepared on 05/07/21. It was last reviewed on 13/02/2023. This website was last tested on 05/07/21. The test was carried out by <u>https://www.designwithpurpose.co.uk/</u>. We tested all pages within the website.