

Accessibility Information

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St Helens Now acknowledges and accepts it's duties under the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (DDA) and the rights conferred under Part III (Discrimination in Other Areas).

Under the Act, anyone who is considered a disabled person can claim protection from alleged discrimination. The definition of 'disability' is set out under ss.1-2 and sch.1-2 of the Act and is defined as 'someone who has a physical or mental impairment which has an effect on his or her ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities'. It is therefore clear that the majority of disabilities related with Web accessibility (i.e. hearing and visual impairments, motor problems and mental impairments) come within the scope of the Act.

We understand that St Helens Now is a service website and that we must make it accessible in every possible way to disabled persons just as equally as we do for everyone else.

St Helens Now offers the following accessibility features on this website:-

Using Internet Explorer

Select the 'View' menu to enable or disable the following features: -

- * Change the text size from Smallest through to Largest
- * Zoom in or out from 50% - 400%
- * Switch from the default style sheet to no style sheet

Using Mozilla Firefox

Select the 'View' menu to enable or disable the following features: -

- * To zoom in or out
- * To zoom the text only
- * Select 'page style' to switch from the default style sheet to no style sheet

St Helens Now's website has a consistent layout with the main menus at the top, sub menus to the left, additional items in the centre and other information at the bottom.

Themes

We also offer several alternative themes (with different styles and colours) in the hope that you can find one that suits you if the default theme is not helping you to view the site.

Browsealoud

Our website is speech enabled which means that we provide free access to a screen-reader for those visitors who have reading difficulties.

Reading large amounts of text on screen can be difficult for those with literacy and visual impairments. Browsealoud reads web pages aloud for people who find it difficult to read online.

You can download Browsealoud for free by clicking [Browsealoud](#)

Once the software has been installed on your computer you will be able to listen to any website that has subscribed to the Browsealoud service.

Images

All images used on this site include descriptive ALT attributes, which explain the significance of each image to non-visual readers.

Spell Checkers

As an aid to people with learning difficulties, spelling problems, dyslexia, autism etc., we have built in Spell Checkers whenever you post to this site. It will alert you to any mis-spellings. Any mis-spellings will be highlighted by underlining the word in red.

There are some things we cannot offer to disabled persons

Please accept our apologies but there are some things that are external to this site such as the video tube and music that are beyond our control. We would love to add text transcribes to external video and audio but it is just not reasonably possible. If you have any problems with this website, please [contact us](#) and we will try our best to accommodate you.

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External links

AbilityNet

<http://www.abilitynet.org.uk/>

AbilityNet provides free information and advice, individual assessment of technology needs, the supply of assistive technology with free support, a programme of awareness education, and consultancy for employers on system and workstation adaptations.

Skill

<http://www.skill.org.uk/>

The National Bureau for Students With Disabilities. Skill is a national charity promoting opportunities for young people and adults with any kind of disability in post-16 education, training and employment across the UK.

National Federation of ACCESS Centres

<http://www.nfac.org.uk/>

A network of specialist services that facilitate access for disabled people to education, training, employment and personal development. Services include quality assessment and support in the use of assistive technology and/or specialised learning strategies.

Royal National Institute for the Blind (RNIB)

<http://www.rnib.org.uk/>

Charity offering general information, advice and guidance for people with sight problems.

Royal National Institute for the Deaf (RNID)

<http://www.rnid.org.uk/>

Charity representing deaf and hard of hearing people.

SCOPE

<http://www.scope.org.uk/>

Scope runs a wide range of services for people with cerebral palsy, their families and carers.

British Dyslexia Association

<http://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/>

Aims to influence government and other institutions to promote a dyslexia friendly society.

Action for Blind People

<http://www.actionforblindpeople.org.uk>

Lots of information about issues relating to sight loss and accessibility