

Accessibility Statement for aiereriverstrust.org.uk

The Aire Rivers Trust is committed to ensuring digital accessibility for as many people as possible. We are actively working to improve the accessibility and usability of our website and aim to achieve compliance with the [Web Content Accessibility Guidelines \(WCAG\) 2.1 AA standard](#).

Current State of Accessibility

We are aware that our website does not currently meet all of these standards. Our goal is to resolve the known issues and make this site accessible for everyone as soon as reasonably practicable.

We have listed the main issues below.

Non-accessible Content

In various parts of the site, the issues listed below are not fully accessible for the following reasons.

Table 1 - parts of website needing attention

Issue	WCAG 2.1 reference	What this means for users	Planned fix	Target fix date
Images without meaningful alt text	1.1.1 Non-text Content	Screen reader users cannot understand the content of these images.	Add descriptive alt text to all relevant images.	Jun 2026 Done Jan 26
Insufficient colour contrast between text and background	1.4.3 Contrast (Minimum)	Some users with low vision or colour blindness may not be able to read text easily.	Adjust colour palette to meet contrast ratios of at least 4.5:1.	Dec 2025
Incorrect heading structure	1.3.1 Info and Relationships	Screen reader users may find it difficult to navigate page content.	Reorder headings to follow a logical structure (H1-H6).	Nov 2025 Done Jan 26
Use of block capitals	No formal reference but 2.5.3 is relevant	Some text is not fully accessible to readers with visual challenges	Render any text in allcaps in CSS to improve accessibility	Mar 2026
Form fields without labels	1.3.1 Info and Relationships, 3.3.2 Labels or Instructions	Screen reader users cannot identify the purpose of some form fields.	Add programmatic labels and instructions.	Apr 2026

Issue	WCAG 2.1 reference	What this means for users	Planned fix	Target fix date
Interactive elements not fully usable by keyboard	2.1.1 Keyboard	Users who cannot use a mouse cannot access some features.	Improve focus states and keyboard navigation for all interactive elements.	Apr 2026
PDFs and other documents not accessible	1.1.1, 1.3.1, 1.4.3	Some documents are not tagged or structured for assistive technologies.	Replace or remediate inaccessible documents.	Aug 2026

What We're Doing

We are carrying out an ongoing accessibility review and making gradual improvements to address these issues. If additional issues are discovered during our work, we will add those to the list above and prioritise them appropriately. Updates are being implemented in stages, with priority given to the most significant barriers to access.

Timeline

We expect to make significant improvements over the next 12 months, with the aim of full WCAG 2.1 AA compliance by **August 2026**. Progress will be reviewed regularly.

Feedback and Contact Information

If you find any problems not listed on this page, or if you need information in a different format (such as accessible PDF, large print, easy read, audio recording or braille), [please email us](#).

We will consider your request and get back to you within 14 working days.

Enforcement Procedure

If you are not happy with our response, you can contact the [Equality Advisory and Support Service \(EASS\)](#) for advice and support.

Statement Preparation

This statement was prepared on 20th August 2025 and is due for review on 1st April 2026

Testing was carried out using both automated testing tools and manual checks.