Montgomery Town Website Accessibility

Montgomery Council are keen that the town website https://montgomery-wales.co.uk is as accessible as possible to all members of the public. Please read through this document which outlines our current tests of accessibility and what we plan to do about aspects that we feel can be improved. If you, a friend or a relative has had any difficult in accessing information on the site please let us know via:

https://montgomery-wales.co.uk/contact.html
(select the "This Website" option in the Subject Area dropdown)

Tips

The main tip we would like to emphasize is that using Control [PC] / Command [MAC] and the + key increases the size of all elements on a website. You can make things smaller with Control [PC] / Command [MAC] and the - key.

Current Site Status

Using Google's Lighthouse system, available in the Chrome browser, our site (as of 22nd Sept 2020) receives a score of 84%.

Currently: September 2020	Previously: August 2020
84 Accessibility	83 Accessibility

Our target is to increase this to over 90% and we are keen to find similar sites that achieve such a value. Please do let us know if you know of any town or parish sites that achieve a rating above 90%.

We also use a tool called "Wave". You can see the results for Montgomery Town here:
https://wave.webaim.org/report#/montgomery-wales.co.uk
the main area that we are currently examining is related to:

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Contrast Errors

these are where a foreground text does not appear to contrast enough with the background and therefore visually impared users may have difficulty in seeing the text.

Actions Taken

At the April 2020 Town Council meeting the Council decided that they would like to be proactive in improving website accessibility. The Council have supported the Town Clerk in attending a training session related to Website Accessibility and have also setup a working party comprising of:

Town Clerk (Glenys Smith)
Website Manager (Adam Cusack)
Councillor (Gwil Stephenson)

The working party met in August and the results were to:

- to decide what objective criteria could be used;
- decide which tools should be use;
- to place a document on, or linked to, the website explaining what progress was being made
- to ask users to feed back information about any issues that were causing difficulties
- report back to the September 2020 meeting of the Council
- to meet regular to review progress

The working party was keen that the Accessibility Document (this document) should also be accessible! Not too long and clear in what the current state of our website is and what our aspirations are for the future.