Accessibility

We are committed to making our website as accessible as possible for all our website visitors, including those with disabilities.

We try to adhere to the most stringent standards set by the World Wide Web Consortium, which is an international group responsible for setting standards for web technologies.  The Consortium has set up a specialist task group, the Web Accessibility Initiative (WAI), to define standards on web accessibility for disabled users.

The WAI produces varying levels of standards and grades them in order of importance.  Organisations can use these grades to decide what level of accessibility to aim for.  Pinetree aims to stick to all of the WAI’s standards.

The standards are designed to ensure that all users can access the content on our website, including:

* Blind users
* Partially sighted and
* Deaf users
* Hearing-impaired users
* Users with limited mobility
* Users with cognitive disabilities or learning difficulties
* Users with photo-sensitive epilepsy.

How This Benefits Visitors
To illustrate how compliancy has made this site accessible, we have listed representative disabilities below and explained how this site meets the users’ needs.

Visual (Impaired)
Those with visual impairments (e.g. myopia) can scale on all pages on the site to suit their own requirement.

Hearing
There is no content on this site that cannot be accessed by deaf or hard of hearing people. To put this into context:

Physical
For those that have difficulty using a mouse, keyboard access is supported by using standard shortcut techniques. This site can be fully navigated without the use of a mouse.

Cognitive
The layout of this site is uniform on all pages. The main (horizontal) menu is structured identically on all pages (i.e. any page can be accessed from anywhere in the site). Additionally, section or page navigation is always included in the panel to the top of each page.

Neurological
There are no animated images or flashing text on this site which could – in extreme cases – cause difficulty for people who have particular neurological disorders.

Features for the Visually Impaired
This website incorporates several features to support blind and poor-sighted people.

Text Scaling