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### **HouseMark**

HouseMark Website Accessibility Report

May 2021

## 1 / Executive Summary

This report describes the conformance of the HouseMark Website website with W3C's Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG). The review process is described in Section 5 below and is based on evaluation described in Accessibility Evaluation Resources.

Based on this evaluation, the HouseMark website is close to meeting WCAG 2.1, Conformance Level AA. Review results are available in Section 6 below. Resources for follow-up study are listed in Section 7 below. Feedback on this evaluation is welcome.

## 2/ Background about Evaluation

Conformance evaluation of web accessibility requires a combination of semi-automated evaluation tools and manual evaluation by an experienced reviewer. The evaluation results in this report are based on evaluation conducted on the following dates: 24th May - 28th May using a development version of the website. The website may have changed since that time.

# 3/ Scope of Review

- HouseMark
- https://www.housemark.co.uk/
  - https://www.housemark.co.uk/about
  - https://www.housemark.co.uk/work-with-us/
  - o <a href="https://www.housemark.co.uk/events-listing/">https://www.housemark.co.uk/events-listing/</a>
  - https://www.housemark.co.uk/news-listing/
  - https://www.housemark.co.uk/contact/
- Review conducted 24th May 28th May
- During development we reviewed templates for news posts, events posts and product pages. These have not been reviewed with current content and should be evaluated over time by content editors.
- All pages reviewed by manual and automated evaluation tools
- Natural Language English

#### 4. Reviewer

- Bloom Digital
- Natural Language English

#### 5. Review Process

- Level for which conformance WCAG 2.1 Level A, AA
- Evaluation tools used:
  - o Lighthouse 7.2.0
  - o WAVE Evaluation Tool 3.1.3
- Manual review process included checks for the following:
  - o Screen Reader Testing Mac OS Voice Over
  - Interactive controls are keyboard focusable
  - o Interactive elements indicate their purpose and state
  - User focus is not accidentally trapped in a region
  - o Custom controls have associated labels
  - o Custom controls have ARIA roles
  - Visual order on the page follows DOM order
  - o Offscreen content is hidden from assistive technology
  - o HTML5 landmark elements are used to improve navigation

### Results and Recommended Actions

- This website appears close to meeting WCAG 2.1 A, AA
- Accessibility features in which this site is strong include: Interactive controls are keyboard focusable, interactive elements indicate their purpose and state, custom controls have associated labels, custom controls have ARIA roles, HTML5 landmark elements are used to improve navigation
- Recommended priorities for addressing inaccessible features of the site -
  - We suggest content editors at HouseMark should constantly evaluate new content that is populated by checking for all tags and correct use of headings.
  - Some videos may not have subtitles and captions because these videos were published before 23 September 2020 and are exempt. Please email us at info@housemark.co.uk if you require further assistance.
  - Implement keyboard tabbing of submenus in main navigation.
  - Links to PDFs should be marked with (opens PDF) where appropriate.

#### 7. References

Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) Overview <a href="https://www.w3.org/WAI/intro/wcag">https://www.w3.org/WAI/intro/wcag</a>

Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.1 <a href="https://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG21/">https://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG21/</a>

Techniques for WCAG 2.1 <a href="https://www.w3.org/WAI/WCAG21/Techniques/">https://www.w3.org/WAI/WCAG21/Techniques/</a>

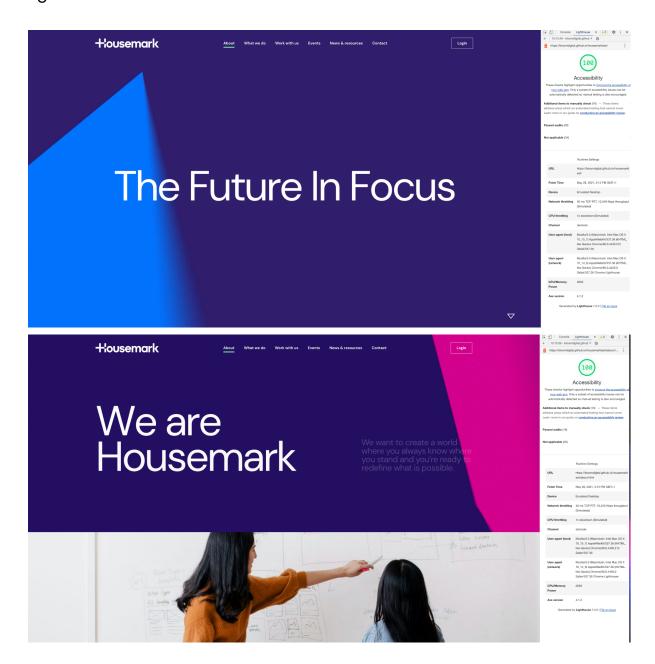
Accessibility Evaluation Resources <a href="http://www.w3.org/WAI/eval/">http://www.w3.org/WAI/eval/</a>

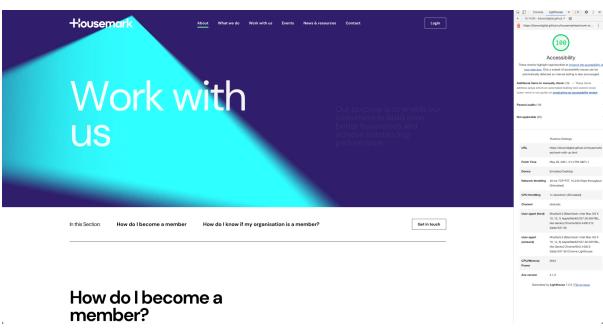
Web Accessibility Evaluation Tools List <a href="https://www.w3.org/WAI/ER/tools/">https://www.w3.org/WAI/ER/tools/</a>

Using Combined Expertise to Evaluate Web Accessibility <a href="https://www.w3.org/WAI/eval/reviewteams">https://www.w3.org/WAI/eval/reviewteams</a>

# 8. Appendices

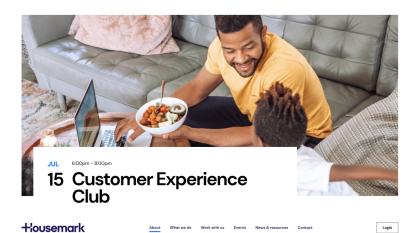
Lighthouse Results:





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