

Accessibility

Website accessibility help and guidance

We are committed to providing a website that is accessible to the widest possible audience, regardless of technology or ability.

We use a common design throughout the site so that everyone gets a good experience. The site is designed to work effectively on mobile and tablet devices.

Read more below about the specific functions available and advice on how to get the most from the website.

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Images

We ensure that all images used as links or that give extra information are given appropriate alternative text descriptions (“ALT texts”), as required by web accessibility guidelines. Images that are purely decorative are not tagged.

Changeable text size and colours

For more information on changing text sizes and colours on a wide variety of platforms, the [BBC's 'My Web My Way'](#) resource is very helpful (the following links will take you to the BBC website):

- .[How to change the text and background colours](#)
- .[How to magnify your screen](#)
- .[How to make the text larger](#)

Sensible use of file formats and technologies

This site uses PDF (Portable Document Format) files for the publication of large and complex documents

To view and print PDF files, you must have a PDF reader installed. One of the most popular is Adobe® Acrobat® Reader which can be downloaded from Adobe's website. [Click here to download Adobe Acrobat Reader.](#)

Opening pages in new windows

As you browse the website and click on navigation links or links within pages, they will usually open in the same window to allow you to move through the site easily.

Links to PDF documents that appear under 'Find out more' will open in a new window as these are usually downloadable documents. External links will also open in a new window as they take you to another website.

If you want to open any link in a new window, you can hold down the shift key and then click the link. If you want to open a link in a new tab in

your browser, hold down the CTRL key and then click the link.